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### **Rucho, Lewis Statement on Redistricting Records Request**

**Raleigh, N.C.** – Sen. Bob Rucho (R-Mecklenburg) and Rep. David Lewis (R-Harnett), the chairs of the Senate and House Redistricting Committees, released the following statement today regarding the release of public records pertaining to redistricting litigation:

“Due to the diligent work of our outstanding legal defense team, we have not lost a case, have not had to redraw districts, and have not had expensive disruptions to the election process. Our decision to retain award-winning representation at competitive rates has provided voters with the certainty that was lacking in the last redistricting process. Our legal counsel has led the most efficient and successful North Carolina redistricting effort in modern history, and has saved a considerable amount of tax dollars in the process.”

- A legal defense would not be necessary without plaintiffs bringing baseless lawsuits. An obligation exists to defend the state, and so far, that is being done successfully.
- Republicans in the General Assembly learned from mistakes made during past redistricting processes. As a result, the 2012 elections will take place as promised, with no additional cost to the taxpayers.
- Disruptions to the election process could have cost the state between \$5 million and \$6.5 million per additional election, according to the State Board of Elections. By investing in high-quality legal representation on the front end, we are saving a great deal on the back end.

- During the current process, Republicans in the General Assembly identified nearly \$1 million in savings over what was spent between 1999 and 2003 during the redistricting process.
- It is impossible to quantify the full cost of state resources used in past redistricting processes.
- Outside legal counsel has been engaged in every redistricting suit since 1990.
- Our current contracts were modeled largely on those negotiated by then-Rep. Dan Blue during the 1990 process.
- The Attorney General often partners with outside counsel on cases in the normal course of litigation.

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