TABLE 26. STATISTICS OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special Funds Individual Income Tax Privilege Tax N.C. Nongame N.C. Public N.C. Public Campaign N.C. Candidates and N.C. Political Parties Campaign Fund **Financing Fund Endangered Wildlife Fund Financing Fund Financing Fund** [Individuals] [Attornevs] [§ 105-269.6] [§ 105-269.5] [§ 105-159.1] [§ 105-159.2] [§ 105-41(a)(1)] **Taxpavers Taxpayers** Income tax For Refund Refund Income tax Attornevs For contribution **Taxpayers** contribution designating contributing **Taxpayers** designated designating designated tax Contribution amount contributing contributing tax amount amount [computed] amount [computed] amount [computed] year [\$] [\$1 [#] [\$1 beginning [#] [\$] vear 1998..... 4,847 27,367 30,611 354,928 327,481 327,481 33,325 380,874 380,874 1999..... 7,256 47,644 383,445 2000..... 6.447 31,574 399,566 399,566 37,317 366,837 2001..... 6,538 49.055 31,445 426,740 499,697 499,697 91,781 22,735 495,743 495,743 July 1, 2003 989 2002..... 6,196 312,269 49,446 2003..... 23,339 343,707 456,120 456,120 324,349 973,046 July 1, 2004 741 37,046 585,101 585,101 July 1, 2005 2004..... 20,840 350.697 375,099 1,125,296 466 23,321 19.031 516,454 1.141.452 2005..... 278,495 516,454 380,484 July 1, 2006 21,980 383,377 515,533 1,546,599 423,485 1,270,455 July 1, 2007 2006..... 2007..... 22,490 386,017 498,455 1,495,365 419,206 1,257,618 July 1, 2008 22,595 1,199,014 2008..... 485,117 514,388 1,543,166 399,671 July 1, 2009 22,500 273,252 2009..... 422,619 1,267,857 368,957 1.106,872 July 1, 2010 2010..... 21,444 317,059 399,316 1,197,948 350,389 1,051,167 July 1, 2011 2011..... 21,141 333,922 384,858 1,154,574 986,230 July 1, 2012 328,743 21,112 353,812 349,412 1,048,236 276,370 829,110 July 1, 2013

Contribution and designated amounts are those reported on tax forms for the designated tax year.

N.C. Candidates Financing Fund [§ 105-269.6] [Repealed effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003.]

A taxpayer entitled to a refund of individual income tax could elect to contribute all or part of the refund to the N.C. Candidates Financing Fund for the use of political campaigns.

N.C. Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund [§ 105-269.5]

A taxpayer entitled to a refund of individual income tax may elect to contribute all or part of the *refund* to the N.C. Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Fund to be used for management, protection, and preservation of wildlife.

N.C. Political Parties Financing Fund [§ 105-159.1] [Repealed by SL 2013-381, s. 38.1(e), effective July 1, 2013.]

Every taxpayer whose individual income tax liability was at least \$1 for a given tax year, could on the D-400 return, elect to designate \$1 to be contributed to the political party of choice. Election to make this contribution did not affect the taxpayer's income tax liability or refund.

[Effective for taxable years beginning on or after <u>January 1, 2006</u>, the designated amount increased. Every taxpayer whose individual income tax liability is at least \$3 for a given year, may on the D-400 return, elect to designate \$3 to be contributed to the political party of choice; for a married couple filing a joint return with an income tax liability of at least \$6, each spouse may designate \$3 to the fund.]

N.C. Public Campaign Fund designation [§ 105-159.2] [Repealed by SL 2013-360, s. 21.1(c), effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013, and SL 2013-381, s. 38.1(f), effective July 1, 2013.] Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2003, an individual is provided the opportunity to agree to allocate \$3 of the individual's tax liability to the N.C. Public Campaign Fund if the individual has an income tax liability of at least \$3. On a joint return, each individual may agree to allocate \$3 to the Fund; agreeing to allocate \$3 to the Fund neither increases the tax nor reduces a refund. The N.C. Public Campaign Fund was established to provide an alternative source of campaign money to qualified candidates who accept strict campaign spending and fund-raising limits; the Fund also helped to finance a Voter Guide with educational materials about voter registration, the role of the appellate courts, and the candidates seeking election as appellate judges in the State.

N.C. Public Campaign Financing Fund contribution [§ 105-41(a)(1)] [Repealed effective for applications for new licenses/license renewals issued on or after January 1, 2006.]

Attorneys were provided the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution of \$50 to the N.C. Public Campaign Financing Fund at the same time the annual \$50 privilege license tax was paid. The contribution was not considered part of the tax owed. [Effective on or after July 1, 2003 (applications for new licenses); effective on or after July 1, 2004 (issuance of license renewals)] Privilege license taxes are imposed annually and are due July 1 of each year; the tax applicable to attorneys is imposed for the privilege of engaging in the practice of law during the fiscal year that begins on the July 1 due date of the tax.