

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1959 SESSION

CHAPTER 17
HOUSE BILL 50

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION AND TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ROCKWELL, AND PROVIDING FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO ELECT ONE OF ITS MEMBERS MAYOR AND ONE MAYOR PRO TEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. At the general municipal election held in the Town of Rockwell in the year 1959 and every two years thereafter there shall be elected in the Town of Rockwell by the qualified voters thereof six aldermen who shall serve for a term of two years, beginning on July 1 after their election and until their successors are elected and qualified. The members of the board of aldermen shall be sworn into office at the meeting on the day that their terms begin.

Sec 2. Beginning with the term of office commencing July 1 in the year 1959, the board of aldermen shall at its first meeting elect a mayor and mayor pro tem from its members who shall hold their offices as mayor and mayor pro tem at the pleasure of the board.

Sec. 3. The general municipal election for the Town of Rockwell shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in May in the year 1959, and the primary election for nomination of the members of the board of aldermen in the Town of Rockwell shall be held in said Town of Rockwell on the Tuesday preceding all general municipal elections. The judges and other officers of the general municipal election, appointed by the mayor and board of aldermen shall, whenever practicable, be the judges of the primary election, and it shall be held at the same place and in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations and subject to the same conditions, and the polls to be opened and closed at the same hours as are required for the general election.

Sec. 4. Any person desiring to become a candidate for nomination by the primary for a member of the board of aldermen, shall file not later than five o'clock p. m., on Tuesday before the day of primary, filing with the town clerk, a statement of such candidacy in substantially the following form:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF ROWAN.

I, hereby give notice that I reside in the Town of Rockwell, State of North Carolina, being a registered voter thereof; that I am a candidate for nomination to the office of, to be voted upon at

the primary election to be held on theday of, 1959, and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official ballot for the nomination by such primary election for such office.

Signed:

WITNESS:

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and he shall at the same time pay to the clerk to be turned over to the town treasurer the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) if he is a candidate for the board of aldermen. By noon of the following Wednesday after the time of the expiration for filing the petition of candidates, the town clerk shall cause to be posted in three public places in the Town of Rockwell the names of the persons filing for the offices of board of aldermen.

Sec. 5. The twelve candidates receiving the highest number of votes for members of the board of aldermen shall be the nominees and the only candidates whose names shall be placed upon the ballot for members of the board of aldermen at the next succeeding general municipal election: Provided, however, that if there are only twelve candidates or less for the members of the board of aldermen who have filed their notice of candidacy in the primary, then said candidates are automatically nominated for members of the board of aldermen without the necessity of a primary election and their names will appear on the general municipal election ballot as the sole nominees.

Sec. 6. The registration books for the primary to be held on Tuesday preceding the general municipal election shall be opened on the fourth Saturday preceding the primary, and shall be closed at the end of the time for registration on the second Saturday before the primary. The Saturday before the primary shall be challenge day for the primary.

Sec. 7. During the period the registration book is open for the primary election all qualified voters whose names are not already on the registration books may apply to the registrar for registration between the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and five o'clock p. m., and on each Saturday during the period the registration book is open the registrar shall attend the polling places with the registration book between the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and six o'clock p. m.

On challenge day the election officials will meet at the polling places and hear all challenges, if any, between the hours of nine o'clock a. m. and three o'clock p. m.

Sec. 8. The old town registration books that are now being used shall be considered the registration books for all municipal elections.

Sec. 9. All primary municipal elections and general municipal elections shall be conducted, as far as practicable in all things and in all details, in accordance with the general laws of this State governing State and County primary elections, except where the provisions of same are inconsistent with this Act.

Sec. 10. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 11. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of February, 1959.