

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1965 SESSION

CHAPTER 502
HOUSE BILL 693

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF KINSTON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Chapter 92 of the Session Laws of 1961, the same being the Charter of the City of Kinston in Lenoir County, is hereby amended in the following respects:

(a) Section 4-1 is amended by adding a proviso at the end thereof to read as follows:

"Provided, that the city of Kinston may install and utilize a system of full-time registration, together with the county of Lenoir and as provided in Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and nothing under this proviso shall limit the previous authority of said city and county to install and maintain a system of joint registration."

(b) Section 4-3 is amended by adding at the end thereof a proviso to read as follows:

"Provided, that if the city installs and uses a full-time registration system, registrars and registration and opening of the books for challenge at the polling places shall not be required, and the provision of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina shall apply with respect to such full-time registration and challenge as long as the city shall retain such full-time registration."

(c) Section 4-4 is amended by adding at the end thereof a proviso to read as follows:

"Provided, that when the city of Kinston is maintaining a system of full-time registration, then the statement of candidacy shall be filed during a period beginning at 9:00 A. M., on the sixth Friday next before the primary election date and ending at noon on the fourth Friday before such election."

(d) Section 4-13 is amended by adding at the end thereof a proviso to read as follows:

"Provided, further, that if the city shall have full-time registration, then the notice shall be posted and published not more than eighty-five (85) days nor less than forty (40) days before the date of the primary election, and shall include the date of the closing of the books for registration."

(e) Section 4-16 is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection to read as follows:

"(e) That there shall be no absentee voting allowed in any city primary or general election."

(f) Section 5-11 is amended by substituting a period for the comma following the word "title" in the fifth line, striking the remainder of the Section, and inserting in lieu of the stricken portion of the Section the following:

"Upon such office of mayor being so vacated, the mayor pro tem shall automatically become mayor and be sworn into said office and the council may then appoint a member of the council to fill the vacancy in the office formerly held by the mayor pro tem as provided in Section 5-7. Upon being so installed, the mayor shall serve until the next regular city election and if the remaining term extends longer than the date of such election, then an election for the office of mayor shall be conducted at such election with the elected candidate to serve the balance of the unexpired term."

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of May, 1965.