

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**HOUSE BILL 1551
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT RELATING TO THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL
SERVICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 757 of the 1953 Session Laws, as amended by Section 1 of S.L. 1999-303, reads as rewritten:

"Section 2. The Civil Service Board shall consist of five members as follows: (i) two members who shall be chosen by the City Council at a meeting of the Council and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Council; (ii) two members who shall be elected by the members of the classified service of the City, as defined in this Act, at an election held for that purpose and on a normal City workday not less than 10 nor more than 30 days after written notice of the date of the election is provided to each member of the classified service; and (iii) one member who shall be selected by majority vote of the four other members already selected or elected at a meeting held within 30 days after the members elected by the classified service have taken office. If a member is not elected by majority vote of the four other members, the City Council shall appoint a member to the Board. Members of the Board shall serve two-year terms. All members of the Board shall be eligible for successive terms, in the same manner in which they were initially selected or elected and may serve beyond the end of their respective terms until their successors take office. The chair of the Civil Service Board shall be appointed annually by the City Council, or more often as needed, from among the membership of the Board. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses pursuant to policies adopted by the City.

The City Council shall, by ordinance not inconsistent with this act, establish the procedure for the election of the representatives of the employees in the classified service, and provide for meeting the expense for such elections. The members of the Civil Service Board must all be qualified voters of the City of Asheville, not employed by the city or serving on the City Council. In the event of a vacancy on the Board, such vacancy shall be filled by the body or group, choosing the member, a successor to whom is to be chosen, and in the manner herein provided for the selection of such member."

SECTION 2. This act applies to the City of Asheville only.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of
June, 2004.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives