AN ACT TO PERMIT AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF LUMBERTON ON THE QUESTION OF OFF-PREMISE SALE OF BEER AND WINE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. If there is filed with the governing body of the City of Lumberton on or before April 1, 1963, a petition therefore, signed by a number of registered voters of said city equal to fifteen percent (15%) of those voting in the last municipal election, the said governing body shall submit to the voters, at the same time the primary election in the City of Lumberton is held on April 23, 1963, the question as to whether or not sales of beer and wine in the City of Lumberton, for consumption off the premises on which they are sold, shall be permitted. If such referendum is held, those favoring such sales shall vote a ballot reading, "For off-premise sale of beer and wine" and those opposing shall vote a ballot reading, "Against off-premise sale of beer and wine". If a majority of those voting in said election shall vote for off-premise sale of beer and wine then such sale shall be lawful under the same terms and subject to the same conditions as are set forth in Chapter 18 of the General Statutes relating to the sale of beer and wine.

The election herein provided for shall be conducted by the same officials who conduct the city election, and subject, insofar as practicable, to the laws governing municipal elections.

The holding of the elections permitted by this Act within sixty days of the holding of any county or special school district bond election shall not render ineffectual the results of the elections herein provided for nor shall the holding of the elections herein provided for render ineffectual or affect the validity of any election held upon the question of issuing school building bonds in Robeson County, North Carolina, or any school district therein.

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 All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.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 19th day of March, 1963.