

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 674
HOUSE BILL 766

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWN OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN
THE TOWN OF WINTON IN HERTFORD COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. On and after the biennial municipal elections to be held in the Town of Winton in Hertford County in 1963, all powers of the town shall be vested in a board of commissioners of five members and a mayor, nominated and elected from the town at large in the manner hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. The biennial municipal elections in the Town of Winton in Hertford County shall be held under the general laws governing town elections, as set forth in the Chapter on Municipal Corporations in the General Statutes.

Any qualified elector of the Town of Winton may file as a candidate for mayor or commissioner by written notice of candidacy in substantially the following form:

I, _____, hereby give notice that I am a candidate for election to the office _____, to be voted on at the election to be held on the _____ day of May, 19____, and I hereby request that my name be printed on the official ballot for such office. I also certify that I am a resident and qualified elector of the Town of Winton residing at _____ in said town.

Candidate

Date

Witness

The notice of candidacy prescribed herein must be filed with the town clerk not earlier than sixty (60) days nor later than ten (10) days before the date of election. The town clerk shall preserve all such notices until expiration of the term of the office for which the candidate filed. Any candidate may withdraw his notice of candidacy not later than the last day for filing by submitting written notice of withdrawal with the town clerk. At the time of filing notice of candidacy, each candidate so filing shall pay to the town clerk a filing fee of five dollars (\$5.00). The proceeds from filing fees shall be used to defray the costs of printing ballots and other election costs. Should any candidate withdraw as provided in this Section, his filing fee shall be forfeited.

Nothing in this Section shall prevent write-in votes for any person otherwise qualified whose name does not appear on the official printed ballot because of failure to comply with the provisions of this Section.

Sec. 3. The purpose and intent of this Act is to abolish the procedure of nomination of candidates for municipal office and, in lieu thereof, to prescribe a reasonable and orderly method of filing for office and the holding of nonpartisan elections.

Sec. 4. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 6th day of June, 1961.