

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1967 SESSION

CHAPTER 3
SENATE BILL 7

AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE IN
ONSLOW COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 540 of the Session Laws of 1953, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 145 of the Session Laws of 1959, is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"Section 1. At the general election to be held in the City of Jacksonville on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in May, 1967, and biennially thereafter, there shall be elected a mayor and four councilmen, all of whom shall be elected by the electors of the city at large. The four candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the offices of councilmen shall be declared elected as councilmen, and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the office of mayor shall be declared elected mayor. The mayor and councilmen elected at the May, 1967 election, and biennially thereafter, shall serve for terms of two years each and until their successors are elected and qualified. In the event of a vacancy in the office of mayor caused by resignation, death or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled by the city council for the unexpired term.

"Any person, desiring to become a candidate for election as a mayor or councilman shall file, not later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. 30 days prior to any municipal election, a statement with the city clerk in substantially the following form:

'I, hereby give notice that I reside in the City of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and am a registered voter in said city; that I am a candidate for election to the office of, to be voted upon at the general election to be held on theday of, 19 and request that my name be placed on the official ballot for election to such office.

(Witness)

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"At the time of filing his notice of candidacy, the candidate shall pay to the city clerk, to be turned over to the city treasurer, the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for councilman and twenty dollars (\$20.00) for mayor to be credited to the general fund of the city.

"At the election to be held in May, 1967, and biennially thereafter, those electors voting in said election shall vote for the total number of councilmen to be elected, and the failure of any elector to do so shall void his or her ballot and the same shall not be counted.

"Vacancies occurring on the council by reason of resignation, death or otherwise, shall be filled by the mayor and city council. In the event of a tie vote in filling a vacancy in the office of mayor or a city councilman, the candidate selected shall be determined by lot."

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 28th day of February, 1967.