

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1963 SESSION

CHAPTER 1055
SENATE BILL 671

AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE XXI, "CIVIL SERVICE BOARD", OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF STATESVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Sections 1 and 2 of Article XXI of Chapter 667 of the Session Laws of 1959 are rewritten to read as follows:

"Section 1. Created; Terms of Office. There is hereby created a Civil Service Board of the City of Statesville, to consist of three members who shall serve for terms expiring on June 30 of the third calendar year after their appointment.

"Sec. 2. Present Members to Continue to Serve. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1, the present and future members of the Civil Service Board shall continue to serve after the expiration of their terms of office until their successors are duly appointed and qualified as hereinafter provided."

Sec. 2. Section 8 of Article XXI of Chapter 667 of the Session Laws of 1959 is rewritten to read as follows:

"Sec. 8. Rooms, Clerical Help, etc., to be Provided by the City. The city shall provide suitable rooms for the Civil Service Board and shall provide all necessary clerical and stenographic help and all stationery, forms, and other supplies needed by the Civil Service Board, and shall allow such reasonable use of the facilities of the city for the holding of examinations and such other use as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its affairs."

Sec. 3. Section 9 of Article XXI "Civil Service Board" is amended by adding the following at the end of said Section:

"Provided the requirements set out in this Section relating to residency and qualification to vote may be waived by the Civil Service Board when the top six ranking officers in the Police Department have been examined by the Civil Service Board and all six either have been declared ineligible by failure to make a sufficiently high grade on the examination given to them by the Board or have disqualified themselves by choice. In such event, the Civil Service Board may employ any person as Chief of Police who is qualified except in regard to residency and qualification to vote, who is a bona fide resident of North Carolina, and who has at least ten years' experience in law enforcement and law enforcement training and education."

The provisions of this Section shall expire on July 1, 1966.

Sec. 4. Section 10 of Article XXI of Chapter 667 of the Session Laws of 1959 is rewritten to read as follows:

"Sec. 10. Notice of Time and Place of Examinations. Notice of the time and place of every examination shall be given by the Civil Service Board by advertisement in some newspaper published in the City of Statesville."

Sec. 5. Section 19 of Article XXI of Chapter 667 of the Session Laws of 1959 is rewritten to read as follows:

"Sec. 19. Chief of Each Department to Make Monthly Report. During each and every calendar month the Chief of the Police Department and the Chief of the Fire Department shall prepare and submit to the City Council and to the Civil Service Board a statement of the conduct of the affairs of their respective departments, and said report shall contain any suggestions for improvement in the service or personnel of said departments, provided, however, that the chief of each of said departments shall submit his report to the City Council, in person, at least once during each quarter of the calendar year. Said reports shall be kept in the files of the Civil Service Board and in the files of the City Council and shall constitute an official record."

Sec. 6. Section 23 of Article XXI of Chapter 667 of the Session Laws of 1959 is amended by adding at the end of said Section a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Provided further that no employee of the Police Department or Fire Department shall seek a political office while a member of either department and shall not be granted a leave of absence prior to offering for election, and said employee shall automatically be dropped from the payroll of the city on the date the filing fee is paid to the Election Board."

Sec. 7. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 20th day of June, 1963.