GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 45 HOUSE BILL 115

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HALIFAX ABC BOARD AND TO PROVIDE THAT DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE SHALL BE ACCORDING TO GENERAL STATUTE.

Whereas, the 1959 Session of the General Assembly passed a local law providing for proposed alternative structures for a Halifax County Board of Alcoholic Control and provided that the voters of Halifax County could elect which structure would be implemented; and

Whereas, in an election in 1960, the electors of Halifax County approved the "Crew Proposal" in Chapter 1257 of the 1959 Session Laws; and

Whereas, at the regular meeting of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners on December 5, 1994, a motion was adopted providing the Board of County Commissioners make appointments, set compensations, etc.; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 18B-700(a) reads as rewritten:

- "(a) Membership. —A local ABC board shall consist of three members appointed for three-year terms, unless a different membership or term is provided by a local act enacted before the effective date of this Chapter, or unless the board is a board for a merged ABC system under G.S. 18B-703 and a different size membership has been provided for as part of the negotiated merger. One member of the initial board of a newly created ABC system shall be appointed for a three-year term, one member for a two-year term, and one member for a one-year term.—The Halifax County Board of Alcoholic Control shall consist of three members appointed for three-year terms. The three members appointed prior to the effective date of this act shall complete their terms as appointed. As the terms of initial board members expire, their successors shall each be appointed for three-year terms. The appointing authority shall designate one member of the local board as chairman."
- Sec. 2. Section 4 of Chapter 1257 of the 1959 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 448 of the 1977 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:
- "Sec. 4. If a majority of the voters in said special election favor the Crew Proposal, then the following provisions of this Section shall be adopted for Halifax County and become effective following approval by the voters:
- (a) Chapter 433 of the Session Laws of 1943, Chapter 558 of the Session Laws of 1945, Chapter 33 of the Session Laws of 1947, Chapter 148 of the Session Laws of 1947, Chapter 824 of the Session Laws of 1947, Chapter 1114 of the Session Laws of

- 1949, Chapter 721 of the Session Laws of 1951, Chapter 1033 of the Session Laws of 1951 and all other laws and clauses of laws relating to the Halifax County Board of Alcoholic Control in conflict with Article III, of Chapter 18 of the General Statutes of North Carolina are hereby repealed.
- (b) The present Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of Halifax County, and their agent or agents, shall turn over to the new Board of Alcoholic Control created by G.S. 18-41, on or before July 1, 1960, all monies, bank credits, stocks of merchandise, equipment, equity in contracts, books of record, bills receivable, accounts payable and all other property and effects of any kind or nature used in or incident to the operation of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of Halifax County. On June 29 and June 30, 1960, all alcoholic beverage control stores in Halifax County shall be closed and an inventory of all stocks, property and other effects belonging to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of Halifax County shall be taken jointly by the outgoing and incoming Boards, or their agents. Such inventory shall be in writing and shall include the quantity and cost price of the stocks of merchandise and the number of articles and value of other property. The inventory herein provided for shall be available to the auditor who shall make a complete audit of the affairs of said Alcoholic Beverage Control System as on June 30, 1960. The profits heretofore accrued or hereafter accrued shall be distributed as follows:

After necessary deductions are made to provide for a proper reserve and to provide for operating expenses, all profits which accrue from the operation of the alcoholic beverage control stores in Halifax County, commencing July 1, 1960, and quarterly thereafter, shall be distributed in the following manner:

- (1) Not less than five per cent (5%) nor more than ten per cent (10%) of the total profits shall be allocated to law enforcement and expended by the Halifax County Board of Alcoholic Control in the manner and for the purposes set out in G.S. 18-45, as it appears in the 1957 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 1C of the General Statutes.
- (2) Not more than five per cent (5%) of the total profits may be allocated for education as to the use of alcoholic beverages and for the rehabilitation of alcoholics by the Halifax County Board of Alcoholic Control in the manner and for the purposes set out in G.S. 18-45, as it appears in the 1957 Cumulative Supplement to Volume 1C of the General Statutes.
 - (4) After subsections (1) and (2) of this Section have been complied with:
- (a) Twenty-five per cent (25%) of the remaining profits shall be allocated and paid to the several municipal corporations within Halifax County where alcoholic beverage control stores are operated; such profits shall be allocated proportionately on the basis of the ratio of profits derived from the operation of the store or stores in any one municipality to the profits derived from the operation of all stores in all of the municipalities in the county in which stores are operated; and
- (b) Seventy-five percent (75%) of the profits shall be paid to the Board of Commissioners of Halifax County; forty percent (40%) shall be used by the county commissioners for general county purposes; sixty per cent (60%) of said seventy-five per cent (75%) shall be allocated by the county board of commissioners and distributed to the Halifax County Board of Education, the Weldon City Administrative Unit and the

Roanoke Rapids City Administrative Unit proportionately on a per capita school enrollment basis and expended by the governing boards of the several school units for necessary expenses in their respective units.

- (c) The books and records of the Halifax County Board of Alcoholic Control shall be audited quarterly by the auditor or auditing firm employed to do the regular county auditing and said quarterly audits shall be made available to the Board of County Commissioners of Halifax County and to the public for inspection and review.
- (c1) Commencing July 1, 1995, the distribution of revenue and fiscal operations of the Halifax County Board of Alcoholic Control shall be conducted pursuant to the general law.
- (d) The Halifax County Board of Commissioners, the Halifax County Board of Health and the Halifax County Board of Education shall hold a joint meeting within fourteen (14) days after adoption of this proposal, and at such meeting they shall elect the three members of the new Halifax County Board of Alcoholic Control in the manner provided in G.S. 18-41 and shall arrange for the audit directed by this Section."
 - Sec. 3. This act applies to Halifax County only.
 - Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of April, 1995.

Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives