

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

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HOUSE BILL 561*

Short Title: Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Board. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Carney; Alexander, Samuelson, and Saunders.

Referred to: Local Government II.

March 12, 2007

1 `A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR TRUSTEES OF THE
3 PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Subsection (a) of Section 2 of Chapter 710 of the Session
6 Laws of 1965, as rewritten by Section 1 of Chapter 368 of the 1979 Session Laws, reads
7 as rewritten:

8 "(a) The ~~said~~ Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County shall be
9 governed by a board of ~~seven~~11 trustees. ~~Six~~Ten trustees shall be appointed by the
10 Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County and one shall be appointed by
11 the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education. No person shall be eligible to serve as a
12 trustee during the time he holds any elective public office. The ~~four~~ trustees currently in
13 office ~~who were selected by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of~~
14 ~~Mecklenburg County and the Mayor of the City of Charlotte pursuant to Chapter 710 of~~
15 ~~the Session Laws of 1965~~ shall serve the remainders of the terms for which they were
16 appointed. ~~Two additional trustees shall be appointed by the board of county~~
17 ~~commissioners for terms to expire on January 1, 1980, and one additional trustee shall~~
18 ~~be appointed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education for a term to expire on~~
19 ~~January 1, 1982.~~ Thereafter, all terms of office for trustees shall be four years, except
20 that an appointment to fill a vacancy of an unexpired term shall be for the remainder of
21 the unexpired term only, and provided that all trustees shall continue in office until their
22 successors are qualified and appointed. Any trustee appointed by the board of county
23 commissioners may be removed with or without cause at any time by a four-fifths vote
24 of the board of county commissioners. The trustee appointed by the
25 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education may be removed with or without cause at
26 any time by a two-thirds vote of the members of that board. A trustee shall be removed
27 upon missing three consecutive meetings of the board of trustees without good cause.
28 All trustees shall serve without compensation."

1 **SECTION 2.** The Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners
2 shall appoint two of the additional members authorized by this act within 12 months of
3 the effective date of this act. The remaining two appointments shall be made within 24
4 months of the effective date of this act.

5 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.