

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1971 SESSION

CHAPTER 181
SENATE BILL 282

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM IN THE TOWN OF NEWTON
GROVE ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL STORES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Governing Body of the Town of Newton Grove may, on its own motion, and shall, upon receipt of petition signed by qualified voters of the Town equal in number to fifteen percent (15%) of the votes cast for Mayor in the most recent regular Town election, call and conduct a special election in the Town upon the question whether alcoholic beverage control stores shall be established in the Town. No new registration of voters shall be necessary for such special election, and all qualified voters of the Town who are registered prior to the registration period for such special election and all who register during such period shall be entitled to vote in such special election. Notice of such special election shall be posted at the Town Hall and at two other public places in the Town at least 15 days preceding the day of election. Except as otherwise provided herein, the special election shall be conducted in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations governing regular Town elections in the Town of Newton Grove. Such special election may be held on the same day as any regular Town election or any other special election.

Sec. 2. At such special election, ballots shall be provided which contain the words "For Town Alcoholic Beverage Control Stores" and "Against Town Alcoholic Beverage Control Stores", with appropriate squares so that each voter may designate by his (X) mark his preference.

Sec. 3. If a majority of the votes cast at such special election shall be cast "For Town Alcoholic Beverage Control Stores", then it shall thereafter be lawful for such stores to be established and operated within the Town and the Governing Body shall immediately create the Town of Newton Grove Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, to be composed of a Chairman and two other members. The Chairman and members shall be appointed by the Governing Body. The member designated as Chairman shall serve for a term of three years, one member shall serve for a term of two years, and one member for a term of one year. After the initial terms, successors shall be appointed for terms of three years. Any vacancy on such Board shall be filled by the Governing Body for the unexpired term. Compensation of the members of the Board shall be fixed by the Governing Body.

Sec. 4. The Town of Newton Grove Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall have all the powers granted to, and duties imposed upon, county alcoholic control boards by G.S. 18-45 and shall be subject to the powers and authority of the State Board

of Alcoholic Control as granted by G.S. 18-39; provided, however, that G.S. 18-45(15) and G.S. 18-39(10) shall not be applicable to the Town of Newton Grove Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Sec. 5. The net annual revenue from the operation of alcoholic beverage control stores remaining after payment of all costs and operating expenses and after retaining sufficient working capital in an amount determined by the Town of Newton Grove Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall be paid to the Town of Newton Grove. The Governing Body of the Town shall appropriate for law enforcement purposes an amount not less than five percent (5%) nor more than ten percent (10%) of such net annual revenue, and shall assign to one of its police officers the additional duty of enforcing the alcoholic beverage control laws, and in performing such duty, such officer shall have county-wide jurisdiction; provided, that in lieu of assigning such additional duty to one of its police officers, the Governing Body may, in its discretion, appropriate such amount for support of a joint alcoholic beverage control law enforcement effort with any other municipalities in Sampson County, upon such terms and conditions as it deems wise. So much of the net annual revenue then remaining, after such appropriation for law enforcement purposes, may be used for any authorized Town purpose or function. The Town Alcoholic Beverage Control Board may, with the approval of the Governing Body of the Town, appropriate or pay out the funds authorized by this section on a quarterly basis after sufficient working capital has initially been set aside.

Sec. 6. If a majority of the votes cast in such special election shall be cast "Against Town Alcoholic Beverage Control Stores", then no Town alcoholic beverage control stores shall be established in the Town of Newton Grove under authority of this act unless authorized by a subsequent election conducted under authority of Section 1 of this act.

Sec. 7. Chapter 617 Session Laws of 1969 is hereby amended by inserting in Section 3, immediately after the word "Rowan" the word "Sampson".

Sec. 8. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of April, 1971.