

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1999

HOUSE BILL 1695
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW BERN
RELATING TO THE MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 6 of the Charter of the City of New Bern, being Chapter 1281 of the 1957 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 266 of the 1983 Session Laws and Section 4 of Chapter 64 of the 1985 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 6. Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. At its first meeting in the month of ~~July~~ following a regular municipal election ~~December~~ the board of aldermen shall choose one of its members as mayor pro tem. ~~tem to serve for a term of one year.~~ The mayor pro tem shall act as mayor whenever the mayor shall be absent from the city or be prevented by sickness or other cause from attending to the duties of his office and he shall possess all the rights and powers of the mayor during the continuance of such vacancy, absence or disability. The mayor shall preside at meetings of the board of aldermen and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are or may be conferred and imposed upon him by the general laws of North Carolina, by this Charter and the ordinances of the city. The Mayor shall have the right to vote on ~~any a~~ question before the board of ~~aldermen, and shall do so as if he were a member of the~~ board. aldermen only in the case of a tie. He shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes, by the courts for serving civil processes, and by the Governor for purposes of military law. ~~For the purposes of Sections 8, 9, and 10 of this act, the mayor shall be considered to be an elected member of the board of aldermen."~~

Section 2. Section 19 of the Charter of the City of New Bern, being Chapter 1281 of the 1957 Session Laws, as amended by Section 10 of Chapter 1111 of the 1961 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 19. Eligibility of Candidates for Mayor; ~~One Year~~ Residence and Certain Other Qualifications Required; ~~No Third Term in Succession Required.~~ That no person shall be eligible as mayor unless he shall be a qualified voter for a member of the General Assembly of this State, and shall have been a resident of the City of New Bern for thirty (30) days immediately preceding his election, ~~and no person who has been elected mayor for two full terms shall be eligible as his own immediate successor.~~ election."

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of June, 2000.

Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives