

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**SENATE BILL 1351
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STAGGERED FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR THE MORVEN TOWN COUNCIL AND FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MORVEN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of Morven, being Chapter 71, Private Laws of 1897, as rewritten by Chapter 765 of the Session Laws of 1947, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 3. The officers of said town shall consist of a mayor and five ~~commissioners, council members, and the present mayor and commissioners shall continue until their successors are elected on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1947, and have qualified.~~ In 2007 and quadrennially thereafter, the mayor shall be elected for a four-year term. In 2007, the two council members receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected to four-year terms, and the three council members receiving the next highest numbers of votes shall be elected to two-year terms. In 2009 and quadrennially thereafter, three council members shall be elected to four-year terms. In 2011 and quadrennially thereafter, two council members shall be elected to four-year terms."

SECTION 2. Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Morven, being Chapter 71, Private Laws of 1897, as rewritten by Chapter 765 of the Session Laws of 1947, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 4. The election for mayor and ~~commissioners~~council members shall be held ~~on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May and biennially thereafter, and shall be conducted in accordance with the General Municipal Election laws as set out in Article 3 of Chapter 160~~ 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. Elections shall be decided under the plurality method set out in G.S. 163-292.

SECTION 3. Section 7 of the Charter of the Town of Morven, being Chapter 71, Private Laws of 1897, as rewritten by Chapter 765 of the Session Laws of 1947, is repealed.

SECTION 4. The Charter of the Town of Morven, being Chapter 71, Private Laws of 1897, as amended, is further amended by deleting "board of commissioners" wherever it appears and substituting "town council" and by deleting "commissioner" wherever it appears and substituting "town council member".

SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of
July, 2006.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives