

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1057

Short Title: Red Springs Charter Amendment. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Pierce.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: State and Local Government I

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF RED SPRINGS TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FIX ITS COMPENSATION AND THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR BY GENERAL LAW AND MAKING CONFORMING CHANGES REQUIRED BY PRIOR GENERAL OR LOCAL LAWS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Red Springs, being Chapter 1252 of the Session Laws of 1949, as amended by Chapter 688 of the Session Laws of 1947, Chapter 344 of the Session Laws of 1951, and Chapter 457 of the Session Laws of 1957, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 4. Creation, Salary, and Composition of the Mayor and Commission. – Except as otherwise provided in this charter, all powers of the town shall be vested in a mayor and a board of six commissioners who shall be nominated and elected from the town at large in the manner hereinafter provided. The terms of the members of the first board of commissioners elected after the ratification of this Act shall begin on May 10, 1949 and shall expire on July 1, 1951. Thereafter, the terms of office of members of the board of commissioners shall be for ~~two~~four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified. ~~Except as provided for the members of the first board of commissioners elected after the ratification of this Act, the terms of office of the several commissioners shall begin on the first day of July next following their election. The Mayor shall be elected for a term of two years and shall serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified.~~ The mayor and commissioners shall be qualified electors of the town and shall hold no other public office except that of notary public or member of the National Guard or Naval or Military Reserve. If the mayor or any member of the commission shall cease to possess any of these qualifications or shall be convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, those qualifications set out in Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution, his office shall immediately become vacant. If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor or commission, it shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining members of the commission. The mayor shall receive a salary of \$200.00 per annum and each member of the commission shall receive a salary of \$25.00 per annum until changed by ordinance. No ordinance fixing or changing the salary of the mayor or members of the commission shall become effective during the current term of office of the board of commissioners. The board of commissioners may fix its own compensation and the compensation of the mayor and any other elected officers of the town as authorized by G.S. 160A-64, but the compensation fixed shall not exceed the average compensation for mayors or commissioners, whichever is applicable,



1 included in the most recent annual survey of municipal salaries for towns with a population of
2 2,500 to 5,000 published by the North Carolina League of Municipalities."

3 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.