

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 56
HOUSE BILL 96

AN ACT TO REDEFINE THE WARDS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION
AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF
SOUTHPORT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The City of Southport shall be divided into two wards as follows:

Ward No. 1 shall be that portion of the city lying to the eastward of the center line of Howe Street from the point where this line, projected, intersects the channel of the Cape Fear River, to the intersection of said Howe Street with Cape Fear Road; thence along the center line of Cape Fear Road to the northern line of the limits of the City of Southport.

Ward No. 2 shall be all that portion of the city lying to the westward of the above described line.

Sec. 2. Three aldermen shall be elected from each of the two wards of the City of Southport and the person, or persons, filing as a candidate from either ward shall be a resident and qualified elector of such ward.

Sec. 3. The members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Southport shall be voted upon in the general municipal election by the qualified electors of the city as a whole and not by just the qualified electors of the ward from which the candidate has filed. The candidates for the board of aldermen from each ward who receive the highest number of votes in the town at large shall be declared duly elected to the office for which such candidate has filed.

Sec. 4. At the municipal election to be held in May, 1961, two members of the board of aldermen shall be elected for a term of four years from Ward No. 1, as described in Section 1 above, and one member from Ward No. 2, as above described, shall be elected for a term of four years. Biennially thereafter, one member of said board from one ward and two members from the other ward shall be elected, alternately, for terms of four years each.

Sec. 5. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Southport shall prepare, or cause to be prepared under its supervision, new voter registration books for each of the two wards above described and said board is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the names of all qualified electors, in alphabetical sequence, from the registration books of each of the present three wards in the city to the two new registration books.

Sec. 6. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 17th day of March, 1961.