

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 588
HOUSE BILL 805

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAW RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF BENSON IN JOHNSTON COUNTY AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 539 OF THE SESSION LAWS OF 1943 RELATING TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN SAID TOWN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Section 3 of Chapter 539 of the Session Laws of 1943, as amended by Chapter 404 of the Session Laws of 1947, is amended by striking out the semicolon following the word "qualified", in line six, substituting a period therefor, and by striking out the remainder of said Section.

Sec. 2. Section 4 of Chapter 539 of the Session Laws of 1943, as amended, is rewritten to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. The filing period for all candidates for elective offices of the town shall extend from 10:00 o'clock A.M. the first Monday in April through 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the third Monday in April preceding the town election in May.

"The registration books shall open at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on the third Monday in April and shall close at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the fourth Friday in April preceding the town election. The registrar shall keep the registration book at the polling place for the registration of voters between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the third Saturday, and the fourth Friday in April preceding the town election. The last Saturday in April preceding the town election shall be challenge day.

"Candidates for town office shall file notice of candidacy with the town clerk and shall pay such filing fees as may be determined by the governing body of the town.

"The town election shall be conducted by a registrar and two judges of election to be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the governing body of the Town of Benson. The compensation of the town election officials shall be determined by the governing body of the town.

"The ballots to be used in all town elections shall be prepared by the town clerk, under his signature, and presented by the town clerk to the registrar for use on election day.

Sec. 3. Section 5 of Chapter 539 of the Session Laws of 1943, as amended, is rewritten to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. On Wednesday following the town election, the registrar and judges shall canvass the vote and shall make return thereof, under their hands and seals, to the town clerk, who shall retain said return and make a permanent record thereof in the official

minutes of the town, and said town clerk shall post a copy of said returns upon the premises of the town hall for a period of at least ten (10) days from Wednesday following the town election."

Sec. 4. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of June, 1961.