NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 390 SENATE BILL 282

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE TENURE OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE RAPIDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Subject to the approval of the voters of the City of Roanoke Rapids, as hereinafter provided, the City Council of Roanoke Rapids shall consist of four members who shall be qualified voters of the City and who shall be elected for such terms and in the manner provided herein.

At the regular municipal election to be held in May 1969, the four members of the City Council shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the City. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be elected for terms of four years, and the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes cast shall be elected for terms of two years. Thereafter, as the term of each member expires, his successor shall be elected for a term of four years.

- **Sec. 2.** At the regular municipal election to be held in May, 1969, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Roanoke Rapids the question of whether the members of the City Council shall serve four-year staggered terms. The question shall be printed on the ballot as follows: FOR increasing the term of office of City Councilmen from two years to four-year staggered terms. AGAINST increasing the term of office of City Councilmen from two years to four-year staggered terms.
- **Sec. 3.** If a majority of those voting vote FOR increasing the term of office of City Councilmen from two years to four-year staggered terms, then the members of the City Council shall be elected as provided in Section 1 of this Act.
- **Sec. 4.** If a majority of those voting vote AGAINST increasing the term of office of City Councilmen from two years to four-year staggered terms, then this Act shall be null and void, and the members of the City Council shall be elected in the same manner and for a term of two years as now provided by law in the Charter of the City of Roanoke Rapids.
- **Sec. 5.** This Act shall not repeal or affect the election of the Mayor of the City of Roanoke Rapids, as provided in the Act heretofore introduced in this Session of the General Assembly.
- **Sec. 6.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.
 - Sec. 7. 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 5th day of May, 1969.