

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 27  
SENATE BILL 22

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE RELATING  
TO THE ORGANIZATION OF CITY DEPARTMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** Section 26 of Chapter 121, Private Laws of 1931, being the Charter of the City of Asheville, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 791, Session Laws of 1955, is rewritten to read:

"Sec. 26. Departments Generally. The city council, after hearing recommendations by the city manager, shall by resolution establish an designate departments of the city and may, from time to time, upon the recommendation of the city manager, abolish, redesignate, reorganize, restructure, reestablish and otherwise change such departments to promote efficiency in the administration of the city government. Nothing in this section shall prevent the council, by a two-thirds vote of its members, from authorizing and directing the execution of a contract with Buncombe County for the joint performance of similar administrative duties and functions of said county and city by consolidating the agencies thereof by which such functions are, at the time of making such an agreement, being performed and authorizing their subsequent joint operation as one agency at joint expense, or for the performance of said administrative functions for the benefit of both said city and Buncombe County by one of such agencies at joint expense, whenever in the judgement of the council such action is deemed for the best interest of the City of Asheville."

**Sec. 2.** The last sentence of Section 27, Chapter 121, Private Laws of 1931, is repealed.

**Sec. 3.** Sections 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38 and 39, Chapter 121, Private Laws of 1931, are repealed.

**Sec. 4.** Section 2, Chapter 186, Private Laws of 1931, is amended by deleting the words "Department of Public Safety," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Police Department."

**Sec. 5.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 16th day of February, 1981.