

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 174  
HOUSE BILL 734

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE NEW BERN  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND MAYOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of New Bern shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis by the qualified voters of the town, and the results determined by the plurality method under G.S. 163-292.

(b) The five members of the Board of Aldermen shall be elected at large.

Sec. 2. (a) The Mayor of the City of New Bern shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town on a nonpartisan basis, and the results determined by election and run-off election method under G.S. 163-293.

(b) The five members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Bern shall be elected one from each ward, the qualified voters of the ward shall elect the member of the Board of Aldermen from that ward, and the candidate and member must reside in the ward.

(c) The election for Board of Aldermen shall be conducted by the nonpartisan election and run-off election method, and the results determined under G.S. 163-293.

Sec. 3. The Craven County Board of Elections shall hold a special election on June 14, 1983, at which time the qualified voters of the City of New Bern shall vote on the following questions with the first question being question "A", and the second question being question "B":

"@ FOR election of the Board of Aldermen by an at-large system, and by the nonpartisan plurality method.

@ FOR election of Board of Aldermen by a system in which each member of the Board of Aldermen will be elected by the registered voters of the ward in which he or she resides, and by the nonpartisan election and run-off election method."

If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of question A. then Section 1 of this act shall become effective beginning with the 1983 election. Otherwise, Section 1 of this act shall have no effect.

If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of question B. then Section 2 of this act shall become effective beginning with the 1983 election. Otherwise, Section 2 of this act shall have no effect.

Sec. 4. Section 3 of this act is effective upon ratification. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall become effective as prescribed in Section 3 of this act.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of April, 1983.