

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 271
SENATE BILL 231

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY POLICE FORCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Rutherford County Board of Commissioners is authorized to establish a county police force, to appoint a police chief, to employ other police officers, and to establish the jurisdiction of the county police force within Rutherford County, effective on or after the first Monday in December of 1986.

Sec. 2. Pursuant to this act and other provisions of law, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners shall adopt and promulgate rules governing the establishment and operation of the Rutherford County police force. Such rules shall be filed with the clerk to the Board of County Commissioners and shall be made available for public inspection at reasonable times.

Sec. 3. (a) The Rutherford County Board of Commissioners may put the question of establishing a county police force to a referendum of the qualified voters of Rutherford County. The referendum shall be conducted by the Rutherford County Board of Elections under the provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

(b) The questions on the ballot shall be:

"@ FOR establishment of a county police force. @ AGAINST establishment of a county police force."

(c) If the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners chooses to hold a referendum under this section and a majority of the voters vote "FOR establishment of a county police force", then the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners shall appoint a county police force under Sections 1 and 2 of this act.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 6th day of May, 1983.