

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 644
HOUSE BILL 906

AN ACT TO SET AN EARLIER FILING DEADLINE FOR CITIES THAT USE THE
NONPARTISAN PLURALITY METHOD OF ELECTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-294.2(c) is rewritten to read:

"(c) The filing periods for candidates seeking municipal offices shall be:

- (1) In those municipalities which conduct primaries and elections in accordance with provisions in G.S. 163-291 candidates may file their notices of candidacy with the board of elections at any time after 12:00 noon on the eighth Friday and before 12:00 noon on the fifth Friday preceding the date on which the primary, if one is necessary, would be conducted;
- (2) In those municipalities which conduct plurality elections in accordance with provisions in G.S. 163-292 candidates may file their notices of candidacy with the board of elections at any time after 12:00 noon on the tenth Friday and before 12:00 noon on the seventh Friday preceding the election;
- (3) In those municipalities which conduct an election and runoff method in accordance with provisions in G.S. 163-293 candidates may file their notices of candidacy with the board of elections at any time after 12:00 noon on the eighth Friday and before 12:00 noon on the fifth Friday preceding the date the election is to be conducted;
- (4) In those municipalities which conduct a nonpartisan primary and election method in accordance with provisions in G.S. 163-294 candidates may file their notices of candidacy with the board of elections at any time after 12:00 noon on the eighth Friday and before 12:00 noon on the fifth Friday preceding the date on which the primary, if one is necessary, would be conducted.

Notices of candidacy which are mailed must be received by the board of elections before the filing deadline regardless of the time they were deposited in the mails."

Sec. 2. G.S. 163-294.2(e) is amended by rewriting the first sentence to read: "The filing fee for the primary or election shall be fixed by the governing board not later than the day before candidates are permitted to begin filing notices of candidacy."

Sec. 3. G.S. 163-280(b) is amended by rewriting the first sentence up through the colon to read: "On the Monday before the filing period opens for elections in that municipality, the newly appointed members of the municipal board of elections

shall meet at the city hall or some other place specified by the city council and shall take the following oath of office:".

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective January 1, 1984.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 30th day of June, 1983.