

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 546

Short Title: City Vote.

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Sponsors: Senators Gulley, Martin of Guilford, Hoyle, Plexico, Blackmon, Odom, Dannelly, Lucas, and McKoy.

Referred to: Local Government and Regional Affairs

April 3, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW CITIES TO PROVIDE FOR A NONBINDING PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AT THE TIME OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION SO AS TO FOCUS NATIONAL ATTENTION AND AT LEAST A PART OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE ON URBAN ISSUES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 18A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 163-213.12. City vote.

A city may provide, at the time of its municipal general election or runoff election, for a nonbinding presidential primary in the year immediately preceding the presidential preference primary held under this Article.

The nonbinding presidential primary:

(1) Is optional for the city;

(2) Shall be conducted by the board of elections conducting elections for the city;

(3) Shall be at the expense of the city; and

(4) Shall be conducted under rules of the State Board of Elections."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.