

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2017

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SENATE BILL 813

Short Title: Asheville City Council Districts. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Edwards (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

June 15, 2018

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REVISE THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO PROVIDE FOR
3 THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM DISTRICTS AND TO
4 PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THOSE DISTRICTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Asheville, being Chapter 121
7 of the Private Laws of 1931, as amended by Ordinance No. 1501 of the City of Asheville, adopted
8 March 19, 1985, and Ordinance No. 2385, adopted June 24, 1997, reads as rewritten:

9 "**Sec. 6. Composition; qualifications and terms of members.**

10 (a) Except as otherwise herein provided in this Charter, all powers of the city shall be
11 vested in a council of a mayor and six councilmembers, all nominated and elected ~~from the city~~
12 ~~at large~~ in the manner hereinafter provided. The mayor and members of the council, and all other
13 officers, elected under the provisions of this Charter, shall at the time of their election be qualified
14 electors of the City of Asheville.

15 (b) The term of the mayor and councilmembers shall begin at the first regular meeting of
16 the city council next following their election as set forth hereinafter. The term of office of the
17 mayor and six councilmembers shall be four years, and shall be so staggered that the terms of
18 office of three councilmembers shall expire every two years. Said staggered terms shall begin
19 following the election of ~~1997, 2019,~~ with those three persons elected to council ~~who receive the~~
20 ~~highest number of votes of the entire council from District 1, District 2, and from the City at-large~~
21 to serve four year terms to expire in ~~2001, 2023,~~ and the other three persons elected to council
22 ~~from District 3, District 4, and District 5 to serve two year terms to expire in 1999, 2021.~~
23 Commencing with the ~~1999-2021~~ election, all terms of office for council members shall be four
24 years.

25 (c) One council member shall be nominated and elected from the City at-large. Five
26 council members shall reside in and be elected from five separate districts, as set forth in this
27 section. If this section does not specifically assign any area within the City to a district, and the
28 area is entirely surrounded by a single district, the area shall be deemed to have been assigned to
29 that district. If this section does not specifically assign any area within the City to a district, and
30 the area is contiguous to one or more districts, the area shall be deemed to have been assigned to
31 that district which contains the least population according to the most recent federal decennial
32 census. If this section specifically assigns to a district any area that is not in the corporate limits
33 of the City, that area outside the corporate limits is not added to the corporate limits and no voter
34 that resides in that area outside the corporate limits may vote in the City election. The names and
35 boundaries of voting tabulation districts, tracts, block groups, and blocks specified in this section
36 are as shown on the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles. If any voting tabulation



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1 district boundary is changed, that change shall not change the boundary of a district, which shall
2 remain the same as it is depicted by the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles.

3 (d) The districts are as follows:

4 **District 1:** Buncombe County: VTD 105.1: Block(s) 0210014005001, 0210014005005,
5 0210014005006, 0210014005007, 0210014005010, 0210014005013, 0210014005021,
6 0210014005022; VTD 106.1: Block(s) 0210011001021, 0210011001022, 0210011001024,
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22 0210013002040, 0210014005002, 0210014005023, 0210014005024, 0210014005025,
23 0210025063001, 0210025063006, 0210026052055, 0210026052057; VTD 13.1: Block(s)
24 0210010001007, 0210010002002, 0210010002003, 0210010002004, 0210010002005,
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33 0210011003014, 0210011003015, 0210011003016, 0210011003017, 0210011003018,
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36 0210011003030, 0210023024000, 0210023024001, 0210023024002; VTD 15.1, VTD 24.1:
37 Block(s) 0210012005002, 0210012005003, 0210012005007, 0210012005008,
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8 0210025061026, 0210025061027, 0210025061030, 0210025061032, 0210025061033,
9 0210025061035, 0210025061036, 0210025061037, 0210025061038, 0210025061039,
10 0210025061041, 0210025061042, 0210025061043; VTD 26.1, VTD 44.1: Block(s)
11 0210012005000, 0210012005037, 0210012005038, 0210012005042, 0210012005043,
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21 0210023024113, 0210025061029; VTD 45.1: Block(s) 0210013001031, 0210013001032,
22 0210025061008, 0210025061009, 0210025061010, 0210025061040; VTD 46.1: Block(s)
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24 0210023024099; VTD 68.1: Block(s) 0210026052056.
25 **District 2: Buncombe County: VTD 01.1, VTD 02.1, VTD 10.1, VTD 101.1: Block(s)**
26 0210021011018; VTD 105.1: Block(s) 0210012001000, 0210012001002, 0210013002000,
27 0210013002001, 0210014003006, 0210014003017, 0210014003023, 0210014003024,
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29 0210014004024, 0210014005008, 0210014005009, 0210014005011, 0210014005014,
30 0210014005018, 0210014005020, 0210014005027, 0210014005028; VTD 11.1, VTD 12.1,
31 VTD 14.2: Block(s) 0210002001019, 0210002001020, 0210002001035, 0210003001031,
32 0210003001032, 0210009002023, 0210010001000, 0210010001001, 0210010001002,
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49 0210014003031, 0210014003032; VTD 70.1: Block(s) 0210003001022, 0210003001023,
50 0210004001044, 0210015001044, 0210015001045.

1 **District 3: Buncombe County: VTD 03.1, VTD 04.1, VTD 05.1: Block(s) 0210016001000,**
2 0210016001001, 0210016001002, 0210016001003, 0210016001004, 0210016001005,
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23 0210005001000, 0210005001001, 0210005001002, 0210005001003, 0210005001004,
24 0210005001005, 0210005001006, 0210005001015, 0210005001016, 0210005001019,
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39 71.1: Block(s) 0210016003001, 0210016003002, 0210016003012, 0210016003015,
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43 0210016003075, 0210016003082, 0210016003107, 0210016003111.
44 **District 4: Buncombe County: VTD 06.1, VTD 07.1, VTD 09.1, VTD 100.1: Block(s)**
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30 0210032033009; VTD 62.1: Block(s) 0210018023028, 0210018023029, 0210018023031,
31 0210018023032, 0210030014022, 0210030014023, 0210030014024; VTD 64.1: Block(s)
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33 **District 5: Buncombe County: VTD 100.1: Block(s)** 0210020003040, 0210020003041,
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44 (e) The person elected as mayor at the 1997 election shall serve a four year term of office
 45 commencing in 1997 and expiring in 2001. Thereafter, all terms of office for the mayor shall be
 46 four years. The mayor shall be nominated and elected from the City at-large.

47 (f) A mayor or member of council ceasing to possess any of the qualifications specified
 48 in this section shall immediately forfeit office."

49 **SECTION 1.(b)** Chapter 165 of the 1969 Session Laws is repealed.

50 **SECTION 1.(c)** Nothing in this act shall affect the authority of the City of Asheville
 51 to annex any property pursuant to Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes and any

1 local act of the General Assembly. Annexed property shall be assigned in accordance with
2 Section 6(c) of the Charter of the City of Asheville.

3 **SECTION 1.(d)** The Legislative Services Officer shall certify a true copy of the
4 block assignment file associated with any mapping software used to generate the language in
5 subsection (a) of this section. The certified true copy of the block assignment file shall be
6 delivered by the Legislative Services Officer to the Clerk of the City of Asheville.

7 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held
8 on or after that date.