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HOUSE BILL DRH30103-LM-50

Short Title: Wrightsville Beach Initiative Ordinances. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Davis.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH TO
3 ALLOW PROPOSED ORDINANCES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL
4 BY PETITION SIGNED BY FORTY PERCENT OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF
5 THE TOWN.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7 **SECTION 1.** Section 6.1 of the Charter of the Town of Wrightsville Beach, being
8 Chapter 611 of 1989 Session Laws, as amended, reads as rewritten:
9 "Sec. 6.1. **Initiative ordinances generally; petitions.** Any proposed ordinance, which the
10 Board may lawfully adopt, may be submitted to the Board by petition signed by the registered
11 voters of the Town. If the petition accompanying the proposed ordinance is signed by registered
12 voters of the Town equal in number to at least ~~thirty five percent (35%)~~ forty percent (40%) of
13 the ~~voters voting in the last preceding regular election~~ registered voters of the Town and contains
14 a request that such ordinance be submitted to a vote of the people if not passed by the Board, the
15 Board shall either: (i) adopt the ordinance without alteration within 20 days after the Town Clerk
16 and the New Hanover County Board of Elections have certified the sufficiency of the
17 accompanying petition; or (ii) within 20 days after the Town Clerk and the New Hanover County
18 Board of Elections have certified the sufficiency of the petition, the Board of Aldermen shall call
19 a special election to be held within six months, unless a general election is fixed within six months
20 thereafter. At such special or general election the ordinance shall be submitted without alteration
21 to the registered voters of the Town."
22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

