

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 6
HOUSE BILL 7

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF AHOSKIE IN
HERTFORD COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO TOWN ELECTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 202 of the Public-Local Laws of 1939 is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. The said election shall be held under the general law governing town elections, as set forth in the chapter on Municipal Corporations in the General Statutes.

"Any qualified elector of the Town of Ahoskie may file as a candidate for Mayor or Commissioner by written notice of candidacy in substantially the following form:

"I, _____, hereby give notice that I am a candidate for election to the office of _____, to be voted on at the election to be held on the _____ day of May, 19 _____, and I hereby request that my name be printed on the official ballot for such office. I also certify that I am a resident and qualified elector of the Town of Ahoskie, residing at _____ in said Town.

Candidate

Date

Witness:

_____."

"The notice of candidacy prescribed herein must be filed with the Town Clerk not earlier than sixty (60) days nor later than ten (10) days before the date of election. The Town Clerk shall preserve all such notices until expiration of the term of the office for which the candidate filed. Any candidate may withdraw his notice of candidacy not later than the last day for filing by submitting written notice of withdrawal with the Town Clerk. At the time of filing notice of candidacy, each candidate so filing shall pay to the Town Clerk a filing fee of five dollars (\$5.00). The proceeds from filing fees shall be used to defray the costs of printing ballots and other election costs. Should any candidate withdraw as provided in this Section, his filing fee shall be forfeited.

"Nothing in this Section shall prevent write-in votes for any person otherwise qualified whose name does not appear on the official printed ballot because of failure to comply with the provisions of this Section."

Sec. 2. The purpose and intent of this Act is to abolish the procedure of nomination of candidates for municipal office and, in lieu thereof, to prescribe a

reasonable and orderly method of filing for office and the holding of nonpartisan elections.

Sec. 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 21st day of February, 1961.