

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1963 SESSION

CHAPTER 94
HOUSE BILL 182

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 366, PUBLIC-LOCAL LAWS OF 1939, AS AMENDED, BEING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Chapter 366, Public-Local Laws of the General Assembly of North Carolina of 1939, as amended, being the Charter of the City of Charlotte, is hereby further amended as follows:

(a) Section 21 is hereby amended by striking out all of the proviso beginning at line eight thereof and running to the end of said Section, and by replacing the semicolon at the end of line seven thereof with a period.

(b) Said Chapter 366 is hereby further amended by adding after Section 35 a new Section to be numbered 35.1 to read as follows:

"DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

"Section 35.1. The city council shall appoint a director of finance who shall serve at the pleasure of the city council, who shall give such bond as may be required by the city council, whose compensation shall be fixed by the city council. Such powers and duties as may now or hereafter be vested by law in any other officer or employee of the city relating to the financial affairs of the city, may be vested by the city council in the director of finance."

(c) Section 48 is hereby amended by striking out all of the subsection (2) thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(2) Said board shall establish and fix requirements for applicants for employment in the fire and police departments and all applicants shall be subjected to examination by or at the direction of the board, which shall be competitive and free to all persons meeting the requirements of the board subject to reasonable limitations as to residence, age, health and moral character; Provided, (a) that applicants for employment in the fire department shall be at least 21 years of age and shall not have attained their 30th birthday, and (b) that applicants for employment in the police department shall be at least 21 years of age and shall not have attained their 35th birthday; provided further, that the city council may, by ordinance, at any time and from time to time, fix and establish such lesser maximum age limits for applicants as may be consistent with the needs of the respective departments. The examination for applicants shall be practical in character and shall be limited to matters which fairly test the relative ability of the applicant to discharge the duties of the position applied for, and shall include tests of

physical qualifications and health, but no applicant shall be examined concerning his political or religious opinions or affiliations."

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. 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 26th day of March, 1963.