

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1979 SESSION

CHAPTER 324  
HOUSE BILL 572

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF WOODFIN TO ELECT  
THEIR MAYOR DIRECTLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** The Charter of the Town of Woodfin, as the same is contained in Section 12 of Chapter 271, Session Laws of 1971, is amended as follows, effective with the 1979 regular municipal election:

(1) The first two sentences of Section 3.1 are amended to read:

"The Mayor shall be elected for a two-year term by the qualified voters of the town. In a case of a refusal to qualify or a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the Board of Aldermen shall appoint some qualified voter to be Mayor for the remainder of the unexpired term."

(2) Section 3.2 is amended by deleting the words and figures "seven (7) members", and inserting in lieu thereof the words and figures "six (6) members."

(3) Section 3.3(b) is rewritten to read:

"No person shall be eligible to be elected or appointed as a member of the Board of Aldermen or as Mayor, unless he is a resident and a qualified voter of the town".

(4) Section 3.5 is amended by deleting the words ", elect the Mayor".

(5) Section 3.7(b) is rewritten to read:

"(b) An affirmative vote equal to a majority of all the members of the Board of Aldermen, (including the Mayor's vote in case of an equal division) shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance, or any resolution or motion having the effect of an ordinance. All other matters to be voted on shall be decided by a majority vote."

(6) Article IV is rewritten in its entirety to read:

"Article IV.

"Election Procedure.

"Section 4.1. Regular Municipal Elections. Regular municipal elections shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year, beginning in 1979.

Section 4.2. Filing of Candidacy. Filing of candidacy for the office of Alderman and the office of Mayor shall be as provided in Article 24 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

Section 4.3. Regulation of elections. Municipal elections shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, except as otherwise herein provided.

Section 4.4. Officers to be elected. (a) At the regular municipal election in 1979, and biennially thereafter, a Mayor shall be elected for a two-year term.

(b) At the regular municipal election in 1979, and quadrennially thereafter, three members of the Board of Aldermen shall be elected for four-year terms.

(c) At the regular municipal election in 1981, and quadrennially thereafter, three aldermen shall be elected for four-year terms."

**Sec. 2.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of April, 1979.