

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 129**

Short Title: Siler City Election Changes.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Hackney and Barnes.

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Referred to: Government.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT EXPANDING THE SILER CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND  
CHANGING THE METHOD BY WHICH THE BOARD IS ELECTED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 860 of the Session Laws of 1963 is repealed.

Sec. 2. Chapter 88 of the Private Laws of 1887, being the Charter of the  
Town of Siler City, is amended by rewriting Sections 3, 4 and 5 to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. Beginning with the 1989 election the Town of Siler City shall be governed  
by a mayor and seven commissioners elected in the manner provided in Section 4 of this  
act.

Sec. 4. (a) The mayor shall be elected by all the voters of the town every two  
years. The mayor pro tem shall be chosen in the manner provided by State law.

(b) One commissioner shall be elected from each of the five districts described in  
subsection (e) of this section. Only voters residing in a district shall vote for the  
commissioner from that district. The other two commissioners shall be elected by all  
the voters of the town.

(c) Elections shall be according to the nonpartisan plurality method and shall be  
held at the time provided by State law.

(d) Except as provided in Section 5 of this act, commissioners shall be elected for  
four-year terms.

(e) The five election Districts are:

District 1 – The northeastern portion of the town included within the following line  
running counterclockwise from its beginning at the intersection of Siler Mill Road with  
the northern boundary of the town limits to its ending at the intersection of U.S. Route

1 64A with the eastern town limits: Southwest and south on Siler Mill Road to Fifth  
2 Street, west on Fifth Street to Fourth Avenue, south on Fourth Avenue two blocks to  
3 Third Street, east on Third Street two blocks to Sixth Avenue, south on Sixth Avenue to  
4 Raleigh Street, east on Raleigh Street to U.S. Route 64A, east on 64A to the town limits  
5 on the eastern side of the town.

6 District 2 – The north central portion of the town included within the following line  
7 running counterclockwise from its beginning at the intersection of North Chatham  
8 Avenue with the northern town limits to its ending at the intersection of Siler Mill Road  
9 with the northern town limits: Southeast on North Chatham Avenue to Sixth Street,  
10 west on Sixth Street two blocks to Dogwood Avenue, south on Dogwood Avenue one  
11 block to Fifth Street, east on Fifth Street three blocks to Second Avenue, south on  
12 Second Avenue one block to Fourth Street, east on Fourth Street three blocks to Fourth  
13 Avenue, north on Fourth Avenue one block to Fifth Street, east on Fifth Street to Siler  
14 Mill Road, north on Siler Mill Road to the northern town limits.

15 District 3 – The northwestern portion of the town included within the following line  
16 running counterclockwise from its beginning at the intersection of Second Street (U.S.  
17 Route 64) with the western town limits to its ending at the intersection of North  
18 Chatham Avenue with the northern town limits: East on Second Street to Second  
19 Avenue, north on Second Avenue three blocks to Fifth Street, west on Fifth Street three  
20 blocks to Dogwood Avenue, north on Dogwood Avenue one block to Sixth Street, east  
21 on Sixth Street two blocks to North Chatham Avenue, north on North Chatham Avenue  
22 to the northern town limits.

23 District 4 – The southwestern and south central portion of the town included within  
24 the following line running counterclockwise from its beginning at the intersection of  
25 Second Avenue with the southern town limits to its ending at the intersection of Second  
26 Street (U.S. Route 64) with the western town limits: Northwest on Second Avenue to  
27 Second Street, west on Second Street to the western town limits.

28 District 5 – The southeastern portion of the town included within the following line  
29 running counterclockwise from the intersection of U.S. Route 64A with the eastern  
30 town limits to the intersection of Second Avenue with the southern town limits: West  
31 on U.S. Route 64A to Raleigh Street, southwest on Raleigh Street to Sixth Avenue,  
32 north on Sixth Avenue to Third Street, west on Third Street two blocks to Fourth  
33 Avenue, north on Fourth Avenue one block to Fourth Street, west on Fourth Street three  
34 blocks to Second Avenue, southeast on Second Avenue to the southern town limits.

35 Sec. 5. (a) At the regularly scheduled election in 1989 one commissioner shall  
36 be elected by the voters of District 1 for a four-year term, one commissioner shall be  
37 elected by the voters of District 2 for a two-year term, one commissioner shall be  
38 elected by the voters of District 5 for a four-year term, and one commissioner shall be  
39 elected by the voters of the entire town for a four-year term.

40 (b) As terms expire for the commissioners elected in 1987 and 1989, successors  
41 shall be elected for four-year terms. Accordingly, in 1991 and every four years  
42 thereafter four commissioners shall be elected, one each from Districts 2, 3 and 4 and  
43 one at-large. In 1993 and every four years thereafter three commissioners shall be  
44 elected, one each from Districts 1 and 5 and one at-large."

1           Sec. 3. The present commissioners are designated as commissioners for the  
2 following seats: William F. Collins – District 3; Sydney D. Farrar – At-large; Adam  
3 Smith – District 5; Guy David Smith – At-large; Charles L. Turner – District 4. Each of  
4 these incumbents shall be entitled to serve the remainder of his term. The terms of  
5 Adam Smith and Guy David Smith expire in 1989; the terms of the other incumbents  
6 expire in 1991. If any of the three commissioners designated as a commissioner for a  
7 numbered district dies, resigns or otherwise leaves office before the end of his term, the  
8 person appointed to replace him must reside in the same district.

9           Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.