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(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Jarrell; Bowie, Decker, Gist, Jeffus, and Lineberry.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF HIGH POINT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the next election for Mayor and members of the City Council of High Point, North Carolina, shall be held as follows:

(1) The election shall be conducted according to the nonpartisan primary and election method of G.S. 163-294.

(2) The election shall be held on November 3, 1992, and the primary on September 1, 1992. Notices of candidacy shall be filed no earlier than 12:00 noon on the third Friday in June and no later than 12:00 noon on the third Friday in July preceding the election.

(3) For the purpose of implementing staggered terms, the terms of those elected in 1992 shall be:

Mayor- three years

Candidate for at-large seat receiving highest number of votes - five years

Candidate for at-large seat receiving second highest number of votes - three years

Ward 1 - five years

Ward 2 - five years

Ward 3 - five years

1 Ward 4 - three years

2 Ward 5 - three years

3 Ward 6 - three years

4 (4) Elections shall be held in 1995 and thereafter to fill expiring terms, and
5 future terms shall be two years for the office of Mayor and four years for all city council
6 seats.

7 Sec. 2. The Charter of the City of High Point, being Chapter 501, Session
8 Laws of 1979, as amended, is amended by adding a new sentence at the end of Article
9 II, Section 2.2 to read:

10 "Beginning with the 1995 election, each council member shall be elected by the
11 qualified voters of the city to serve for a term of four (4) years."

12 Sec. 3. The election procedure provided in this act shall only be effective
13 upon adoption by the High Point City Council after a public hearing held after 14 days
14 published notice.

15 Sec. 4. All provisions of the General Statutes and the High Point City Charter
16 pertaining to High Point municipal elections not in conflict herewith shall remain
17 effective.

18 Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.