GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-92 HOUSE BILL 569

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT IN ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE WENDELL TOWN BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM, THE NEXT HIGHEST VOTE GETTER RECEIVES A TWO-YEAR TERM, RATHER THAN HAVING A SEPARATE ELECTION ON THE BALLOT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 4.2 of the Charter of the Town of Wendell, being Chapter 107 of the 1985 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 4.2. Conduct and Method of Election. Elections for Mayor and Board of Commissioners shall be by the nonpartisan plurality method set out in the General Statutes. All elections and referendums of the Town of Wendell shall be held and conducted as provided by the applicable General Statutes.

If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Commissioners and under G.S. 160A-63 there is an election to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, then the election to fill the remainder of the unexpired term shall be held on the same ballot, the candidates receiving the highest number of votes equal to the number of persons to be elected to four-year terms receive those terms, and the candidate or candidates receiving the next highest numbers of votes equal to the number of persons to be elected to two-year terms receive those terms. There shall be no separate designation on the ballot for the twoyear terms, and each voter shall have as many votes as there are persons to be elected."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of May, 1997.

s/ Marc Basnight

President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives