

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1979 SESSION

CHAPTER 311
HOUSE BILL 709

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR STAGGERED FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR THE
WHITAKERS TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND A FOUR-YEAR
TERM FOR THE MAYOR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article IV of the Charter of the Town of Whitakers as found in Chapter 996, Session Laws of 1965, is amended to read:

"Article IV.

"Election Procedure.

"Sec. 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.

Sec. 4.2. Mayor and Board of Commissioners. All powers conferred upon the Town of Whitakers and the administration of the government thereof shall be exercised by and vested in a principal executive office styled the Mayor, and five commissioners, who shall serve in a legislative capacity and who are designated the Board of Town Commissioners. The Mayor and five Commissioners shall be residents of the Town of Whitakers, and shall be elected for four-year terms.

Sec. 4.3. Election of Mayor. In the regular municipal election of 1979 and quadrennially thereafter, the Mayor shall be elected for a four-year term.

Sec. 4.4. Election of Board. In the regular municipal election of 1979, the two candidates for Commissioner receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for four-year terms, and the three candidates for Commissioner receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for two-year terms. In 1981 and quadrennially thereafter, three Commissioners shall be elected for four-year terms. In 1983 and quadrennially thereafter, two Commissioners shall be elected for four-year terms.

Sec. 4.5. Manner of election. The elections for Mayor and Board of Town Commissioners shall be conducted according to the nonpartisan plurality method, and the results determined in accordance with G.S. 163-292.

Sec. 4.6. Conduct of Elections. All municipal elections in the town shall be conducted in accordance with Subchapter IX of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, except as otherwise provided herein."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of April, 1979.