

May 23, 2000

H 1667. CHARLOTTE CHARTER CONSOLIDATION(=S 1391). TO REVISE AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE. As title indicates. Provides for election of mayor and 11 council members (seven from single-member districts and four at-large) to two-year terms by the partisan election method. Specifies provisions for meetings, voting, and quorums. Calls for council-manager form of government, prohibiting the mayor and council members from directing the conduct or activities of city employees except through the manager. Directs the council to establish a system of personnel administration and sets up a civil service board to set certain employment qualifications and examinations and to review the dismissals of employees in specified positions. Authorizes the council to create authorities as necessary or appropriate to the administration of the city. Specifies the operation of an auditorium-coliseum-civic center authority, a housing authority, and a board of adjustment, along with the civil service board, with the mayor appointing one-third of the members and the council appointing two-thirds. Sets out procedures for operation of the auditorium-coliseum-civic center authority. Sets out provisions for regulation of parking and traffic, unsafe buildings, fire protection, drainage and sanitation, utilities, fair housing, zoning, subdivision, trees, water and sewer, refuse disposal, spaying/neutering, uptown development projects, and eminent domain. Provides alternative procedures for assessments upon petitions by property owners. Sets out provisions for sale of property, contracts and purchases (including rules regarding minority and/or women's business enterprise participation). Specifies that in general the manager may award contracts in amounts up to \$50,000. Repeals numerous outdated session laws and session law provisions incorporated into this consolidation.

Intro. by Alexander.

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H 1667. CHARLOTTE CHARTER CONSOLIDATION. Intro. 5/23/00. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes provision that would have amended GS 143-129 (as it applies to City of Charlotte) by raising from \$30,000 to \$50,000 the threshold with respect to purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment. Repeals additional local acts that are now obsolete. Provides that enactment of bill does not repeal by implication other local acts applicable to Charlotte. Makes additional technical changes.