

February 10, 2003

S 19. TOWNSHIP ABC ELECTIONS. TO PERMIT CERTAIN TOWNSHIP ABC ELECTIONS.

Revises GS 18B-600(f), which currently permits certain counties to call elections related to the sale of alcoholic beverages within townships, to permit counties having townships with specific characteristics to call such elections as well. For an election to be called under this bill, the county calling the election must border on a county eligible for township elections pursuant to subdivision (1), and must be a county where the sales of alcoholic beverages are not authorized county-wide, where six municipalities have authorized the sale of alcoholic beverages, and where one municipality has approved ABC stores but they are currently out of business. Authorizes the county board of commissioners governing the counties that include those townships to establish alternative procedures for township residents to petition for such an election.

Intro. by Albertson.

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S 19. TOWNSHIP ABC ELECTIONS. Intro. 2/10/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. (1) Replaces proposed new subsec. (3) of GS 18B-600(f) with provision permitting ABC election in any township located within a county where the population of all cities in the county that have previously approved the sale of any kind of alcoholic beverages comprises more than twenty percent of the total county population. (2) Deletes proposed reference to subsec. (3) from second paragraph of sec. (f). (3) Adds additional paragraphs to sec. (f) providing that (i) for the purposes of GS 18B-600(f), the name and boundary of a township is as it is shown on the Redistricting Census 2000 TIGER files as amended, and (ii) that the area within any incorporated municipality is excluded from any township election held under sec. (f). (4) Amends GS 18B-604 by (i) replacing the term "City" wherever it occurs with the phrase "City or Township," and (ii) deleting sec. (e) requiring the existence of an ABC store as a condition for the sale of mixed beverages in a city or county (5) Amends GS 18B-404(b) to include townships in which the sale of mixed beverages have been approved.