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SENATE DRS35051-MK-28A\* (01/29)

Short Title: Carrboro Office of Alderman. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Kinnaird (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO TO PROVIDE  
3 THAT VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF ALDERMAN SHALL BE FILLED BY  
4 APPOINTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL  
5 STATUTES OR MAY BE FILLED THROUGH A SPECIAL ELECTION PROCESS  
6 UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 2-2 of the Charter of the Town of Carrboro, being Chapter  
9 476 of the 1987 Session Laws, as amended by S.L. 2007-270, reads as rewritten:

10 "**Section 2-2. Election of Mayor and Aldermen.** (a) The mayor and the aldermen shall be  
11 elected by the voters of the entire town. The mayor shall be elected for a term of two years and  
12 the aldermen shall be elected for staggered terms of four years.

13 (b) The municipal elections in the Town of Carrboro shall be nonpartisan and decided  
14 by a simple plurality. No primary elections shall be held. The municipal elections shall be  
15 conducted pursuant to the applicable provisions of Chapter 163 of the North Carolina General  
16 Statutes, particularly Articles 23 and 24 thereof.

17 (c) In the municipal elections to be held in 1987, and every two years thereafter, the  
18 mayor shall be elected for a term of two years. In the 1987 election (and the municipal elections  
19 held every four years thereafter), three aldermen shall be elected to fill the seats of the aldermen  
20 whose terms expire in 1987 (and every four years thereafter). In the municipal elections to be  
21 held in 1989 (and every four years thereafter), three aldermen shall be elected to fill the seats of  
22 the aldermen whose terms expire in 1989 (and every four years thereafter).

23 (d) In the general municipal election the candidate receiving the highest number of  
24 votes for mayor shall be elected. The three candidates in such election receiving the highest  
25 number of votes for the office of alderman shall be elected for full four-year terms.

26 (e) Vacancies that occur in the office of mayor shall be filled by appointment of the  
27 board of aldermen in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160A-63.

28 (f) ~~Notwithstanding the first four sentences of G.S. 160A-63, but subject to this~~  
29 ~~subsection and subsection (g) of this section,~~ Vacancies that occur on the board of aldermen  
30 (other than vacancies in the office of mayor) shall be filled by appointment of the board of  
31 aldermen in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160A-63, except that whenever a seat on  
32 the board of aldermen (other than that of the mayor) becomes vacant at a time when one year or  
33 more of the term of office of that seat remains unexpired, such seat shall be filled by a special  
34 election. Such special election shall be called by unexpired, the board of aldermen by the  
35 adoption of may instead adopt a resolution pursuant to G.S. 163-287 at the next regular or  
36 special meeting of the board held after the vacancy occurs, calling for a special election to fill



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1 ~~such vacancy. Such resolution shall not schedule an election~~ an election shall not be scheduled  
2 during the time period beginning on the first Monday in July and ending on the last Monday in  
3 August in any calendar year. ~~Vacancies that occur in the office of alderman at a time when less~~  
4 ~~than one year of that alderman's term of office remains unexpired shall be filled by appointment~~  
5 ~~of the board of aldermen in accordance with G.S. 160A-63.~~

6 (g) If the board of aldermen adopts a resolution calling for a special election to fill one  
7 or more vacant ~~board~~ seats as provided in subsection (f) of this section, and the resolution sets  
8 as the date of such election the same date as a regular municipal election, then ~~(i)~~ the resolution  
9 shall provide that the same filing period, filing fee, and absentee voting period that are  
10 applicable to the three seats on the board whose terms are expiring shall also apply to the  
11 special election for the vacant seat or ~~seats;~~ (ii) seats.

12 (h) Whenever a vacancy on the board of aldermen is to be filled at a general municipal  
13 election (for the remaining two years of the unexpired term of the vacant seat), then (i)  
14 candidates who seek to fill either the expiring seats or the vacant seats for the office of  
15 alderman shall file and appear on the ballot simply as candidates for election to the board of  
16 aldermen (i.e. they shall not be allowed to file or appear on the ballot as a candidate for either a  
17 particular vacant seat or an expiring for a four-year term or for the unexpired term of a vacant  
18 seat); and ~~(iii)~~ (ii) the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office of  
19 alderman shall be elected to full four-year terms, and the person receiving the fourth highest  
20 number of votes for aldermen (and, if necessary, the fifth and the sixth highest number of  
21 votes) shall be elected for the remaining two years of the unexpired term of the vacant seat or  
22 seats."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to any vacancy  
24 on the board of aldermen occurring on or after the date.