GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023

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SENATE BILL 766
State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 5/7/24

Short Title: Southern Pines/Ordinances Voting Requirements. (Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 25, 2024

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES TO PROVIDE THAT A TOWN ORDINANCE MAY BE FINALLY ADOPTED ON THE DATE INTRODUCED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 2.8 of the Charter of the Town of Southern Pines, being Chapter 352 of the Session Laws of 1981, as amended by Town Ordinance No. SP05.502 (adopted August 12, 1989), reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 2.8. Voting Requirements; Quorum.–Official action of the Town Council shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be by majority vote, provided that a quorum, consisting of a majority of the actual membership of the Council, is present. Vacant seats are to be subtracted from the normal Council membership to determine the actual membership. All final votes of the Town Council involving an ordinance, resolution or the expenditure of fifty dollars ($50.00) or more shall be by ayes and noes and shall be entered on the records. ~~Three~~ At least three affirmative votes ~~at least~~ shall be necessary for the passage of any order, ordinance, or resolution. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 160A-75, an ordinance or any action having the effect of an ordinance may be finally adopted on the date on which it is introduced by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Town Council. For the purposes of this Section on voting requirements, the Mayor of the Town of Southern Pines shall be considered as a voting member of the Council, and that should be taken into consideration in establishing the requirements for a quorum."

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