

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1524

Short Title: Morganton Mayor.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Church, Buchanan, Thompson; and Hill.

Referred to: Local and Regional Government II.

May 27, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A FOUR-YEAR TERM FOR THE MAYOR OF
2 MORGANTON AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS CONCERNING
3 THAT OFFICE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. (a) Section 2.11 of the Charter of the City of Morganton, being
7 Chapter 180, Session Laws of 1975 reads as rewritten:

8 **"CHAPTER 2. MAYOR.**

9 "Sec. 2.11. Election and term of office.—The Mayor shall be elected as provided in this
10 Charter for a term of ~~two (2) years.~~ four years. The term of office of the Mayor shall
11 commence on the day and hour of the organizational meeting held at the first regular
12 meeting of the Council in December after the results of the election have been certified,
13 and he shall serve until his successor has taken office."

14 (b) This section becomes effective beginning with the Mayor elected in the
15 1999 municipal election.

16 Section 2. Section 2.14(b) of the Charter of the City of Morganton, being
17 Chapter 180, Session Laws of 1975 reads as rewritten:

18 "Sec. 2.14. Vacancy; absence or disability.—(a) A vacancy in the office of Mayor shall
19 exist when a duly elected person fails to qualify or when a person who has been elected
20 and has qualified dies, resigns, or no longer meets the requirements of Section 2.11 of

1 this Charter, or is recalled. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor, the Council shall
2 by majority vote appoint some qualified person to fill the office for the remainder of the
3 unexpired term. The Mayor Pro Tempore shall discharge the powers and duties of the
4 office of Mayor until the office is filled, and he shall receive the same compensation as
5 received by the office of Mayor during such period of service. The council seat of Mayor
6 Pro Tempore is not vacant during any period in which the Mayor Pro Tempore discharges
7 powers and duties of the office of Mayor.

8 (b) During the absence or disability of the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tempore shall
9 perform the powers and duties of the Mayor during the period that such absence or
10 disability exists. The inability of the Mayor to perform the duties of his office shall be
11 determined by the Council in accordance with the provisions of ~~G.S. 160A-70.~~ G.S. 160A-
12 70, except that the vote of the Mayor is not required in any such determination."

13 Section 3. Section 2.22(b) of the Charter of the City of Morganton, being
14 Chapter 180, Session Laws of 1975, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Session Laws of
15 1985 reads as rewritten:

16 "(b) Except where a greater number is required by law, an affirmative vote equal to a
17 majority of all the voting members of the council present and not excused from voting on
18 a question (~~including the mayor's vote in case of equal division~~) shall be required to adopt
19 any ordinance or any resolution or motion having the effect of an ordinance; provided,
20 however, that no ordinance shall be finally adopted on the date it is introduced unless
21 adopted by an affirmative vote equal to or greater than two thirds of all the council
22 members, not including the mayor and any member excused from voting on the ~~question~~
23 (~~but including the mayor's vote in case of equal division~~). question. No member of the
24 Council shall be excused from voting except on matters involving the consideration of his
25 own official conduct or involving his financial interest. The question of compensation
26 and allowances of members of the Council or the Mayor shall not be considered to
27 involve a member's own financial interest or official conduct. In all other cases, a failure
28 to vote by a member who is physically present in the council chamber, or who has
29 withdrawn without being excused by a majority vote of the remaining members present,
30 shall be recorded as an affirmative vote."

31 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.