

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2001-3
HOUSE BILL 86**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR THE MAYOR OF RENNERT
AND PROVIDE THAT THE MAYOR MAY ONLY VOTE TO BREAK TIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 3.2 of the Charter of the Town of Rennert, being Chapter 300, Session Laws of 1977, as amended by Chapter 342 of the Session Laws of 1987 reads as rewritten:

"Section 3.2. Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. The Mayor shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Town and his term shall be for ~~two~~ four years. In case of a vacancy in the office of the Mayor, the remaining members shall elect his successor for the unexpired term. The duties of the Mayor shall be to preside at all meetings of the Town Board of Commissioners; to be the official head of the Town for the service of process, for ceremonial purposes, and shall be so recognized by the Governor of the State in connection with the military law; shall have power to administer oaths and take affidavits; shall sign all written contracts entered into by the Commission on behalf of the Town and all other contracts and instruments executed by the Town, which by law required the Mayor's signature. The Mayor ~~shall have the same power as other members of the Board of Commissioners to vote on any question, or upon the appointment of officers, but he shall have no power to veto.~~ may vote only when there are equal numbers of votes in the affirmative and in the negative. The Mayor shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as are or may be conferred upon him by the general laws of North Carolina, by this Charter, and by the Ordinances of the Town. At the January Board of Commissioners meeting each year, the Commission shall elect one of its members to be Mayor Pro Tempore, to preside in absence of or during the disability of the Mayor until a Mayor is elected by the Board of Commissioners pursuant to G.S. 160A-63 and this section."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective beginning with the Mayor elected in the 2001 municipal election.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of March, 2001.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives