

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2017**

**HOUSE BILL 779**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN SMALL MUNICIPALITIES WITH DECREASING POPULATIONS TO ATTRACT BUSINESS THROUGH A MALT BEVERAGE AND UNFORTIFIED WINE ELECTION, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 18B-600(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) City Malt Beverage and Unfortified Wine Elections. – A city may hold a malt beverage or unfortified wine election only if the county in which the city is located has already held such an election, the vote in the last county election was against the sale of that kind of alcoholic beverage, ~~and~~ and one or more of the following apply:

- (1) The city has a population of 500 or ~~more~~; or more according to the most recent federal decennial census.
- (2) The city operates an ABC store.
- (3) The city has a population of 400 or more but less than 500 according to the most recent federal decennial census and had a population of 500 or more according to the prior federal decennial census."

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

s/ Philip E. Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

