

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 242

Short Title: Wrightsville Beach Initiative Ordinances. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Davis and Miller (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 2, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH TO
ALLOW PROPOSED ORDINANCES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL
BY PETITION SIGNED BY FORTY PERCENT OF THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF
THE TOWN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 6.1 of the Charter of the Town of Wrightsville Beach, being Chapter 611 of 1989 Session Laws, as amended, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 6.1. **Initiative ordinances generally; petitions.** Any proposed ordinance, which the Board may lawfully adopt, may be submitted to the Board by petition signed by the registered voters of the Town. If the petition accompanying the proposed ordinance is signed by registered voters of the Town equal in number to at least ~~thirty-five percent (35%)~~ forty percent (40%) of the ~~voters voting in the last preceding regular election~~ registered voters of the Town and contains a request that such ordinance be submitted to a vote of the people if not passed by the Board, the Board shall either: (i) adopt the ordinance without alteration within 20 days after the Town Clerk and the New Hanover County Board of Elections have certified the sufficiency of the accompanying petition; or (ii) within 20 days after the Town Clerk and the New Hanover County Board of Elections have certified the sufficiency of the petition, the Board of Aldermen shall call a special election to be held within six months, unless a general election is fixed within six months thereafter. At such special or general election the ordinance shall be submitted without alteration to the registered voters of the Town."

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



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