

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 353  
HOUSE BILL 743

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MERGER OF THE TOWNS OF HAZELWOOD  
AND WAYNESVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Towns of Hazelwood and Waynesville may, by ordinance approved by the governing board of both towns, adopt a charter merging or consolidating the two towns. The ordinance may provide that the charter is effective only if approved by the qualified voters of each town. The merger or consolidation is effective only with the approval of the Local Government Commission. The Local Government Commission may approve the merger or consolidation if it finds that it adequately deals with the assets, liabilities, and financial management of both towns and the successor consolidated or merged town.

Sec. 2. If a referendum is held on the proposed merger or consolidation, it may be held on the same day as any other referendum or election in the county or counties involved, but may not otherwise be held during the period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the day of any other referendum or election to be conducted by the board or boards of elections conducting the referendum and already validly called or scheduled by law.

The proposition submitted to the voters shall be substantially in the following form:

- "[ ] FOR merging or consolidating the Town of Hazelwood and the Town of Waynesville and the assumption of their obligations by the merged or consolidated entity.
- [ ] AGAINST merging or consolidating the Town of Hazelwood and the Town of Waynesville and the assumption of their obligations by the merged or consolidated entity."

Sec. 3. The charter of the consolidated or merged town may not contain any material that is not within the charter of at least one of the consolidating or merging towns, except that the charter may provide for:

- (1) Transitional provisions; and
- (2) Any form of government authorized by G.S. 160A-101.

Sec. 4. Upon approval, the Local Government Commission shall file the adopted charter with the Secretary of State, the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, and with the Legislative Library.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective January 1, 1996.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of July, 1993.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives