GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 40 HOUSE BILL 244

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF HIGH POINT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the next election for Mayor and members of the City Council of High Point, North Carolina, shall be held as follows:

- (1) The election shall be conducted according to the nonpartisan primary and election method of G.S. 163-294.
- (2) The election shall be held on November 3, 1992, and the primary on September 1, 1992. Notices of candidacy shall be filed no earlier than 12:00 noon on the third Friday in June and no later than 12:00 noon on the third Friday in July preceding the election.
- (3) For the purpose of implementing staggered terms, the terms of those elected in 1992 shall be:

Mayor three years Candidate for at-large seat receiving highest number of votes five years Candidate for at-large receiving second highest number of votes three years Ward 1 five years Ward 2 five years Ward 3 five years Ward 4 three years Ward 5 three years Ward 6 three years.

Sec. 2. Elections shall be held in 1995 and thereafter to fill the expiring term for the office of Mayor, and future terms for the office of Mayor shall be for two years. In order to continue staggered terms for all city council seats, elections shall be held in 1995 and thereafter to fill expiring terms, and future terms shall be four years for all city council seats.

Sec. 3. The Charter of the City of High Point, being Chapter 501, Session Laws of 1979, as amended, is amended by adding a new sentence at the end of Article II, Section 2.2 to read:

"Each council member to be elected by the qualified voters of the city in the 1995 election and every election year thereafter shall serve for a term of four (4) years."

- Sec. 4. The election procedure provided in this act shall only be effective upon adoption by the High Point City Council after a public hearing held after 14 days published notice.
- Sec. 5. All provisions of the General Statutes and the High Point City Charter pertaining to High Point municipal elections not in conflict herewith shall remain effective.
 - Sec. 6. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of April, 1991.

James C. Gardner President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr. Speaker of the House of Representatives