

CHAPTER 99.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Constitution amended.

SECTION 1. That the Constitution of the State of North Carolina be and the same is hereby amended in manner and form as follows:

New section Article II. Restriction of legislation.

I. By adding at the end of Article II a new section, to wit:

As to local, private or special legislation.

"Sec. 29. The General Assembly shall not pass any local, private or special act or resolution:

As to establishment of courts.

"Relating to the establishment of courts inferior to the superior court:

As to appointment of justices of the peace.

"Relating to the appointment of justices of the peace:

As to health, sanitation and abatement of nuisances.

"Relating to health, sanitation and abatement of nuisances:

As to changing names of municipalities.

"Changing the names of cities, towns and townships;

As to highways, streets and alleys.

"Authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, maintaining or discontinuing highways, streets or alleys;

As to ferries and bridges.

"Relating to ferries or bridges;

As to non-navigable streams.

"Relating to non-navigable streams;

As to cemeteries.

"Relating to cemeteries;

As to pay of jurors.

"Relating to the pay of jurors;

As to erection or changes in townships or school districts.

"Erecting new townships, or changing township lines, or establishing or changing the lines of school districts;

As to remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures and refunding money paid into State treasury.

"Remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the public treasury;

As to regulating labor, trade, mining and manufacturing.

"Regulating labor, trade, mining or manufacturing;

As to extension of time for assessment or collection of taxes or for relief of tax collectors.

"Extending the time for the assessment or collection of taxes or otherwise relieving any collector of taxes from the due performance of his official duties or his sureties from liability;

As to giving effect to informal wills or deeds.

"Giving effect to informal wills and deeds;

Enactment by partial repeal forbidden.

"Nor shall the General Assembly enact any such local, private or special act by the partial repeal of a general law, but the General Assembly may at any time repeal local, private or special laws enacted by it.

Repeal of local, private or special laws.

"Any local, private or special act or resolution passed in violation of the provisions of this section shall be void. Acts or resolutions passed in violation of section void.

"The General Assembly shall have power to pass general laws regulating matters set out in this section." General laws on restricted matters.

II. By adding at the end of section eleven of Article IV the following: "and the General Assembly may by general laws provide for the selection of special or emergency judges to hold the superior courts of any county or district, when the judges assigned thereto by reason of sickness, disability, or other cause, is unable to attend and hold said courts, and when no other judge is available to hold the same. Such special or emergency judges shall have the power and authority of regular judges of the superior courts, in the courts which they are so appointed to hold; and the General Assembly shall provide for their reasonable compensation." Power to provide for special or emergency judges. Power and authority of emergency judges. Compensation.

III. By striking out section one of Article VIII and substituting therefor the following:

"SECTION 1. No corporation shall be created nor shall its charter be extended, altered, or amended by special act, except corporations, for charitable, educational, penal, or reformatory purposes that are to be and remain under the patronage and control of the State; but the General Assembly shall provide by general laws for the chartering and organization of all corporations, and for amending, extending, and forfeiture of all charters, except those above permitted by special act. All such general laws and special acts may be altered from time to time or repealed; and the General Assembly may at any time by special act repeal the charter of any corporation." Restriction of legislative powers as to corporations. General laws for organization of corporations. Alteration or repeal of general or special acts. Special acts for repeal of charter.

IV. By striking out section four of Article VIII, and substituting therefor the following:

"It shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide by general laws for the organization of cities, towns, and incorporated villages, and to restrict their power of taxation, assessment, borrowing money, contracting debts, and loaning their credit, so as to prevent abuses in assessment and in contracting debts by such municipal corporations." General laws for organization and government of municipalities.

SEC. 2. That the several amendments to the Constitution heretofore set forth as numbered from one to four inclusive, respectively, shall be and are hereby submitted to the qualified voters of the whole State at the next general election as separate amendments to the Constitution, all amendments proposed under each number respectively being regarded as one amendment. Amendments to be submitted at election. Submitted as separate amendments. Amendments under one number regarded as one.

SEC. 3. That the said several proposed amendments shall be designated on one ballot by their appropriate article and section numbers, and also by their appropriate descriptive titles, and as so designated on said ballot shall be consecutively numbered in the manner and form hereinafter set forth. Designation of amendments on ballots.

Each amendment adopted or rejected in full.

SEC. 4. That the adoption of any amendment by its title by marking the said ballot as hereinafter indicated shall have the effect of adopting the amendment in full as agreed upon by this General Assembly; and the rejection of any amendments by its title, by marking the said ballot as hereinafter indicated, shall have the effect of rejecting the said amendment as a whole, but shall not affect any other amendment.

Form of ballot.

SEC. 5. The said ballot shall be in form substantially as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA AGREED UPON BY THREE-FIFTHS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THEREUPON SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE WHOLE STATE, GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER,, ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN.

Directions to the Voters:

To vote for any amendment, place a cross mark in the blank space in which is the word "Yes," opposite the title of such amendment.

To vote against any amendment, place a cross mark in the blank space in which is the word "No," opposite the title of such amendment.

I.	Yes.	Amendment to Article II (new section).
	No.	Restricting local, private and special legislation.
II.	Yes.	Amendment to Article IV, Section 11.
	No.	To prevent delays in trials by providing emergency judges.
III.	Yes.	Amendment to Article VIII, Section 1.
	No.	To prevent special charters to corporations by the General Assembly.
IV.	Yes.	Amendments to Article VIII, Section 4.
	No.	To prevent special charters to towns, cities and incorporated villages.

And the said ballots shall be cast in boxes specially provided by the election officers charged with this duty in general elections, and said boxes shall be conspicuously labeled, "Ballot box for Constitutional Amendment Election."

Boxes.

Label for boxes.

Law governing election.

SEC. 6. That, except as herein provided, the election upon the several amendments herein designated shall be conducted in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as provided under the laws governing general elections and in force at the time of said general election at which these amendments shall be submitted. The said election shall be held and the votes returned, compared, counted and canvassed, and the result

announced, under the same rules and regulations as are in force at the general election in the year of one thousand nine hundred and sixteen for returning, comparing, counting and canvassing the votes for Governor; and if the majority of the votes cast be in favor of any amendment, it shall be the duty of the Governor of the State to certify said amendment under the seal of the State to the Secretary of State, who shall enroll the said amendment so certified among the permanent records of his office.

Count and return of votes.
Amendment if adopted to be certified by Governor to Secretary of State.
Secretary of State to enroll adopted amendment.

SEC. 7. That at least six months prior to the said election the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed not less than five hundred thousand (500,000) copies of the amendments to be submitted at the said election, in one pamphlet, together with a copy of the Constitution as it now stands, and a form of ballot, including number, title, description, and instructions to voters as shown hereinbefore; and that at least one thousand (1,000) of said pamphlets shall be forwarded within thirty days after publication to the register of deeds of each county in the State for distribution; and that the remainder of said pamphlets shall be distributed under the supervision of the Governor and Secretary of State.

Secretary of State to print and distribute pamphlets.
Details of pamphlets.

Copies sent to counties.

Distribution by Governor and Secretary of State.

SEC. 8. Each amendment on which the number of affirmative votes shall exceed the number of negative votes shall become a part of the Constitution; and any amendment so adopted shall take effect on the second Wednesday after the first Monday in January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen. Any provision of the amendments passed and submitted by this General Assembly and so adopted by the qualified voters inconsistent with or in conflict with any provisions of the present Constitution shall be held to prevail.

Amendments to become part of Constitution.

Date when amendments effective.

Amendments to prevail when conflict with other clauses.

SEC. 9. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 10. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of March, 1915.

CHAPTER 100.

AN ACT TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the following named persons are hereby appointed members of the county boards of education in and for their respective counties for a term of six years, except as otherwise provided herein, from the first Monday of July, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, that is to say:

Appointment.

Term.