H. B. 82 **CHAPTER 1082**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION SO AS TO PROVIDE A UNIFORM METHOD FOR FILLING VACANCIES IN CERTAIN STATE OFFICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Constitution of the State of North Carolina is hereby amended by rewriting the first sentence of Section 25 of Article IV to read as follows:

"All vacancies occurring in the offices provided for by this Article of the Constitution shall be filled by the appointment of the Governor, unless otherwise provided for, and the appointees shall hold their places until the next regular election for members of the General Assembly that is held more than 30 days after such vacancy occurs, when elections shall be held to fill such offices."

Sec. 2. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the whole State at the general election to be held November 4, 1952.

Sec. 3. The electors favoring the adoption of this amendment shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed, "For amendment providing a uniform method for filling vacancies in certain State offices"; those opposed shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words, "Against amendment providing a uniform method for filling vacancies in certain State offices."

Sec. 4. The election upon the amendment shall be conducted in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as provided by the laws governing general elections; and if the majority of the votes cast shall be in favor of the amendment, it shall be the duty of the Governor of the State to certify the amendment under the Seal of the State to the Secretary of the State who shall enroll the said amendment so certified among the permanent records of his office, and the same shall be in force in every part thereof from and after date of such certification.

Sec. 5. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 14th day of April, 1951.