

“(6) The incorporation of municipal corporations by the municipal board of control, under Article 17 of Chapter 160 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, which have occurred prior to the enactment of this subsection are hereby in all respects validated, confirmed and declared to be in all respects municipal corporations, and all acts and things done by the duly elected officers of such municipal corporation in the performance of their official duties in accordance with the existing laws are hereby validated and confirmed.”

Sec. 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. 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 27th day of April, 1953.

S. B. 377

CHAPTER 1033

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE III, SECTION 13, AND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 25, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA SO AS TO ABOLISH SHORT TERMS OF OFFICES OCCURRING BETWEEN THE GENERAL ELECTION AND JANUARY FIRST.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Section 13 of Article III of the Constitution of North Carolina be amended by adding the following to the end of said Section:

“Provided, that when the unexpired term of any of the offices named in this Section in which such vacancy has occurred expires on the first day of January succeeding the next General Election, the Governor shall appoint to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term of said office.”

Sec. 2. Section 25 of Article IV of the Constitution of North Carolina be amended by adding the following to the end of the first sentence thereof:

“Provided, that when the unexpired term of any of the offices named in this Article of the Constitution in which such vacancy has occurred, and in which it is herein provided that the Governor shall fill the vacancy, expires on the first day of January succeeding the next General Election, the Governor shall appoint to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term of said office.”

Sec. 3. This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the entire State at the 1954 General Election.

Sec. 4. The electors favoring the adoption of this amendment shall vote a ballot on which shall be printed: “For amendment abolishing the requirement for an election for short term offices occurring between the date of the General Election and the following January first”, and those opposed shall vote a ballot on which shall be printed: “Against amendment abolishing the requirement for an election for short term offices occurring between the date of the General Election and the following January first.”

Sec. 5. 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 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 State, who shall enroll the said amendment so certified among the permanent records of his office, and the same shall be in force, and every part thereof, from and after the date of such certification.

Sec. 6. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. 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 27th day of April, 1953.

S. B. 391

CHAPTER 1034

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT FISHING IN THE PUBLIC INLAND WATERS OF BLADEN COUNTY DURING DARKNESS HOURS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, or attempt to take, by any means, any fish from the public inland waters of Bladen County during that period beginning one hour after sunset, and ending one hour before sunrise; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to persons using properly licensed equipment while attempting to take shad or herring.

Sec. 2. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days for the first offense. Upon conviction of a second violation of this Act within one year, any person so convicted shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or imprisoned for not less than ninety (90) days, in addition to which the equipment being used at the time of the violation shall be seized, and sold by the Sheriff of Bladen County.

Sec. 3. North Carolina Wildlife Protectors are empowered to enforce the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 3½. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to fishing in any State owned lakes.

Sec. 3¾. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to such portions of Black River as form any part of the boundary line between Bladen and Pender Counties. This shall not apply to that portion of South River which is a boundary line to Sampson County.

Sec. 4. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby amended.

Sec. 5. This Act shall become effective thirty days after the date of its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 27th day of April, 1953.