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CHAPTER 1

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 67 OF THE PRIVATE LAWS OF 1911, WHICH IS AN AMENDMENT TO THE ACT INCORPORATING THE REGENTS OF THE ORPHAN’S HOME OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter sixty-seven of the Private Laws of North Carolina of one thousand nine hundred and eleven be amended by striking out the word “sixteen” and the figures “16” in said act and insert in lieu thereof the word “twenty” and the figures “20.”

Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 14th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 2

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WILSON TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE FOR DISCOUNTS AND PENALTIES ON TAXES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That subsection three of section thirty-eight, chapter four hundred and eight, Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and seven, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: “If the board of commissioners of the town of Wilson deem it wise so to do, it may by resolution duly passed at a regular or special called meeting of said board prescribe discounts and penalties for the payment or nonpayment of taxes not in excess of the following schedule, to wit: discount of one per cent per month Discounts.
Penalties. on all taxes paid in the months of October and November, and a penalty of one per cent per month for the months of January, February, and March. In case such resolution is passed, it shall not be repealed as to the taxes for the year referred to in such resolution. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent or interfere with the tax collector levying and selling after the first day of January as now provided for in the town charter."

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 14th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 3

AN ACT TO VALIDATE A BOND ISSUE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WILSON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WILSON COUNTY.

Whereas at a special election held in Wilson Graded School District in Wilson County, on the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, on the question of issuing thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000) bonds of said board and levying a sufficient annual tax to pay the same in accordance with the provisions of chapter one hundred thirty-six of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three of North Carolina, the said bonds to be issued for the purpose of completing the high school building in said school district and acquiring additional funds for said school, a majority of the qualified voters of said school district voted in favor of issuing said bonds and levying said tax as required by section seven of article seven of the Constitution of North Carolina; and

Whereas the said election and the proceedings leading up to said election may not have been held and taken in all respects in conformity with the requirements of law: Now, therefore.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The said election held in said Wilson Graded School District in Wilson County on the twenty-seventh day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and all acts and proceedings done or taken in or about the calling, holding, or determining of the result of said election, or in or about the registration of voters for said election, are hereby legalized and validated, notwithstanding any defect in said acts or proceedings. The board of trustees of Wilson Graded School District is hereby authorized to issue bonds of the aggregate amount of $35,000, pursuant to said election, and the board of county commissioners of Wilson County is hereby authorized and directed to levy annually a sufficient
special tax ad valorem on all taxable property in said school district for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds in accordance with the provisions of chapter one hundred thirty-six of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and in accordance with the proposition adopted by the voters of said school district at said election; and no further election shall be necessary in order to authorize the issuance of said bonds or the levying of taxes to pay the same.

SEC. 2. Said bonds may be issued pursuant to the award made by the board of trustees of said district on the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, or in the discretion of said board of trustees said bonds may be sold in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 15th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 4

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF CHERRYVILLE TO DISPOSE OF THE CITY HALL PROPERTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the board of commissioners of the town of Cherryville be and are hereby authorized and fully empowered to sell and convey, as hereinafter provided, the lands, together with all buildings erected thereon, conveyed to the said town of Cherryville by M. E. Rudisill, and D. W. Aderholdt, by deed recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Gaston County, North Carolina, in book number eighty-six, on page twenty, and all moneys derived from such sale be reinvested in the purchase of land for and the erection of a new city hall for the use of the town of Cherryville.

Sec. 2. That the sale or sales of the property hereinbefore mentioned shall be made at public auction by the mayor of said town, after first giving thirty (30) days notice of such sale by publication of the same in a newspaper published in the town of Cherryville, and such other advertisement of the sale as the said board may deem necessary or advisable. The sale of said property shall be made at the front door of the said city hall, and the said board of commissioners may sell the same for cash, or one-fourth cash and the balance payable in three equal annual installments, or should the said board deem it advisable, and to the advantage of the citizens of said town, the property may be sold
for one-fifty cash, and the balance in four equal annual installments, with interest on the installments at six per cent, payable to the town semi-annually, such balance of the purchase price to be secured by a deed of trust on the land and premises: Provided, however, that after the public sale of said property the board of commissioners of the town of Cherryville may reject any and all bids and readvertise the same, as hereinbefore provided, or may sell the same at any time within six months thereafter at private sale, but in no instance shall the same be sold at private sale at a less price than the highest bid received at the public sale thereof, and if said property is not sold within a period of six months after the first public sale thereof the same may be offered at public auction sale in the same manner as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 3. That upon the sale of the property hereinbefore mentioned, all of the proceeds of such sale, after deducting the cost of the sale, shall be set apart to be used for the sole and exclusive purpose of the purchase of land on which to erect a city hall, and the erection and construction of a modern city hall for the use of the town of Cherryville.

Sec. 4. That all laws or clauses of laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 15th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 5

AN ACT TO PROVIDE A BOXING COMMISSION AND REGULATE BOXING IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the mayor of the city of Charlotte is hereby empowered and authorized to appoint a boxing commission, to consist of three citizens, who shall serve for a period not to exceed that of the mayor appointing said commissioners, and who shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 2. That it shall be lawful to engage in, manage, or promote boxing exhibitions in the city of Charlotte which do not exceed twelve rounds in length: Provided, the boxing commission shall have full power to make such rules and regulations as in its discretion may be necessary for the proper regulation of such boxing exhibitions, even after consent has been given for the holding of such boxing exhibition.

Sec. 3. That any person or persons guilty of engaging in or promoting, aiding, or abetting such sparring matches without first having the written consent of said boxing commission, and any
person or persons violating the rules and regulations of said commission, or refusing to obey the orders of said commission controlling a sparring match, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed: Provided, that this act shall only apply to the city of Charlotte.

Sec. 5. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 15th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 6
AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 181 OF THE PRIVATE LAWS OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF 1921, RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHERRYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter one hundred and eighty-one of the Law amended. Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one be and the same is hereby amended as follows, to wit: that in line one of section two of said act the word “second” after the word Time changed. “the” and before the word “Tuesday” be stricken out and the word “first” be inserted in lieu thereof.

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 15th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 7
AN ACT TO VALIDATE A BOND ISSUE OF CHINA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE, IN ROWAN COUNTY.

Whereas on July second, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, at a special election held in China Grove School District Number Three, in Rowan County, on the question of issuing fifty thousand dollars of bonds for the purpose of building new and additional school buildings for the said school district and levying a tax upon Tax. the property in said school district to the amount of thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of such property for the purpose of creating a fund for the payment of the interest on
said bonds, and creating a sinking fund for the payment of said bonds as they become due, in accordance with the provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty-two of the Private Laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three of North Carolina, a majority of the qualified voters of the said school district voted in favor of issuing said bonds and levying said tax, as required by section seven of article seven of the Constitution of North Carolina: Now, therefore:

*The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:*

**Section 1.** The said election held in the said China Grove School District Number Three, in Rowan County, on July second, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and all acts and proceedings done or taken in or about the calling, holding, or determining of the result of said election, or in or about the registration of voters for said election, are hereby legalized and validated, notwithstanding any defect in said acts or proceedings. The school committee or board of trustees of the said China Grove School District Number Three is hereby authorized to issue fifty thousand dollars of bonds of the said school district, pursuant to the said chapter two hundred and sixty-two of the Private Laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three. The board of county commissioners of Rowan County is hereby authorized and directed to levy annually a special tax at the rate of thirty-five cents per one hundred dollars valuation of property on all taxable property in the said school district for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and providing a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of the said bonds as they become due, in accordance with the proposition adopted by the voters of the said school district at the said election.

**Sec. 2.** For all purposes relating to the issuance or payment of the said bonds, the inhabitants of the said China Grove School District Number Three are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of China Grove School District Number Three; and the said bonds shall be issued in the name of the said corporation. The said corporation is hereby authorized to sue or be sued in any matter concerning the issuance or payment of the said bonds in the name of the said corporation, and to adopt a corporate seal. The powers and duties of the said corporation shall be exercised by the school committee or board of trustees of the said China Grove School District Number Three.

**Sec. 3.** The said bonds shall be signed by a majority of the members of the school committee or board of trustees of the said China Grove School District Number Three, and the interest coupons to be attached to said bonds shall be authenticated by a facsimile signature of the chairman of the said school committee or board of trustees.
Sec. 4. The said bonds shall be sold in the manner provided by the Municipal Finance Act, 1921, for the sale of municipal bonds.

Sec. 5. The powers conferred by this act are not subject to any limitation or restriction contained in any other act.

Sec. 6. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 16th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 8


The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter fifty-six of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, not inconsistent with the charter of the town of Landis, is hereby made a part of the charter of said town, and that in issuing bonds, borrowing money, and passing ordinances, rules, and regulations for said town, said chapter shall be applicable, except as herein provided otherwise.

Sec. 2. No action shall be instituted or maintained against said town upon any claim or demand whatsoever, of any kind or character, until the claimant shall have first presented his or her claim or demand in writing to said board of aldermen, or for ten days after such presentation neglected to enter or cause to be entered upon its minutes its determination in regard thereto; the statute of limitations shall not begin to run until the expiration of the ten days from such demand or until refusal by said board to pay such claim: Provided, such demand shall be made in thirty days from the time the cause of action arose.

Sec. 3. No action for damages against said town of any character whatever, to either person or property, shall be instituted against said town, unless within ninety days after the happening or infliction of the injury complained of by complainant or his executors or administrators shall have given notice to the board of aldermen of said town of such injury, in writing, stating in such notice the date and place of the happening or infliction of such injury, the manner of such infliction, the character of the injury, and the amount of damages claimed therefor; but this shall not prevent any time of limitation prescribed by law from commencing to run at the date of the happening or infliction of such injury, or in any manner interfere with its running.

Sec. 4. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to violate, do, or commit any of the following acts or
things, to wit: It shall be unlawful for persons to assemble in any house or a public highway or streets of said town to the annoyance and disturbance of others or passersby; that persons shall not assemble along the streets of said town for the purpose of preventing others from using the streets or sidewalks, and no persons shall congregate on the streets or sidewalks for the purpose of preventing others from going to or from their respective places of business or work, and it shall further be unlawful for any persons to congregate and use abusive or insulting language or attempt to intimidate others from using the streets or sidewalks in going to or from their homes, places of business, or work; it shall be unlawful for any person to act disorderly on the streets or sidewalks of the town, or curse or use profane or indecent language in the hearing of two or more persons; it shall be unlawful for any person or firm to display in any street or alley, store or shop, or public place any vulgar or obscene pictures, marks, words, or representations of any kind; it shall be unlawful for any person to be in a state of intoxication on the streets or sidewalks of said town, or in any public place or upon the premises of another than himself, and it shall be unlawful for any person to act disorderly on his own premises or be in a state of intoxication on his own premises to the annoyance or disturbance of any other person; it shall be unlawful to ride any bicycle, motorcycle, or automobile on the sidewalks of said town, or to operate the same within the corporate limits in a reckless or careless or dangerous manner; it shall be unlawful for any person to permit his or her dog, male or female, to run at large on the streets of said town without first paying the town license tax; it shall be unlawful for any person to discharge any firearm or other explosive within the city unless it is done by an officer in the discharge of his duty, or by some person to give an alarm of fire or burglary, or to cause an intruder to leave his premises; it shall be unlawful to feed any livestock, horses, or mules in the streets of said town; it shall be unlawful for any railroad to blockade any public street or thoroughfare for a longer period than ten minutes at any one time, and the engineer and other train crew causing the same to be done shall be liable to prosecution; it shall be unlawful for any person to create any disturbance at any public gathering, school entertainment or molest or disturb the speaker of any gathering for any legal cause, or interfere with any person at any gathering, picnic, school meeting, prayer meeting, church, or political meeting; it shall be unlawful for any person to injure or deface any of the property of the town, buildings, fences, lights, or other property; it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to engage in any business upon which the town places a license tax without first having paid said tax and obtained a license; it shall be unlawful for any person who is not an officer to assume to act or attempt to act as an officer unless he has been duly summoned by an officer to act as such.
Sec. 5. No person, firm, or corporation in the town of Landis, or within a radius of one and one-half miles from the corporate limits of said town, in any direction, shall expose for sale, sell, or offer for sale on Sunday, commonly called the Lord's Day, any goods, wares, or merchandise, and no store, shop, or other place of business in which goods, wares, and merchandise of any kind are kept for sale shall keep open doors from twelve o'clock Saturday night until twelve o'clock Sunday night: Provided, that this shall not be construed to apply to hotels or boarding houses, restaurants, or cafes furnishing meals to bona fide guests where the same are not otherwise prohibited by law from keeping open on Sunday: Provided further, that drug stores with licensed pharmacists may be kept open for the sale of goods to be used for medical or surgical purposes, and cafes, restaurants may keep open from six-thirty o'clock a.m. to nine o'clock a.m. and from twelve o'clock noon to two o'clock p.m., and from seven o'clock p.m. until nine o'clock p.m. on Sundays for the purpose of serving meals or selling lunches, for the purpose of satisfying hunger, and hotels may be kept open during the same hours for the purpose of serving meals to their guests, but no restaurant, cafe, or other place of business shall sell, or offer for sale, during said hours or at any other time on Sunday, any soft drinks, including coca-cola, chero-cola, ice-cream, or other drinks except coffee, tea, milk, or water, and neither shall said soft drinks be given, purchased, or provided with meals or lunches served guests or others at said cafes or restaurants, neither shall said restaurants, cafes, or other places from which meals are served sell or dispose of any cigars, tobacco, cigarettes, ice-cream, canned goods, or other goods: Provided further, that this act shall not prohibit ice dealers from serving ice, garage dealers to furnish gasoline, oil, or other things for the operation of automobiles, neither shall it prohibit the sale of any goods, wares, or merchandise from stores in cases of death, such as burial clothes, coffins, caskets, or other things of necessity, and by permitting restaurants, cafes, and hotels to open during certain hours. this shall not be construed to authorize them to expose for sale, sell, or offer for sale, or serve with food, any soft drinks of any kind, except coffee, tea, milk, and water.

Sec. 6. Any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of the two preceding sections shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars ($50) or imprisoned not more than thirty days for each offense.

Sec. 7. Sections five and six shall not only apply to the town of Landis, but shall apply to any person, firm, or corporation residing within one and one-half miles of the corporate limits of said town, in any direction.

Sec. 8. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 16th day of August, A.D. 1924.
CHAPTER 9

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 OF THE PRIVATE LAWS OF 1923, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CITY OF GREENSBORO."

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter thirty-seven of the Private Laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Greensboro, etc.," be amended as follows:

(a) By striking out all of section nineteen of said act and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 19. That except as provided in the Municipal Finance Act, the council shall not have power to create or contract any indebtedness in any amounts which cannot be paid off and discharged out of the current revenues to accrue during the term of office of said council."

(b) By adding at the end of section thirty-eight the following, to wit: "Provided, that any election held pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of said act."

(c) That section seventy-one be amended by inserting therein after the words "unsafe and dangerous" in line ten on page two hundred and thirty of the act as printed the following, to wit:

"Or if any street or portion of street is necessary to connect other paved streets or provide the approaches to any railroad underpass, and in the opinion of the city council it will be to the advantage of the abutting property to pave or repair, or otherwise improve such street or portion of street."

(d) By inserting a new section after section seventy-nine and before section eighty, as follows:

"Sec. 79-a. That whenever the city has purchased property instead of taking same by condemnation, for any public purpose, and in the opinion of the council it is desirable to sell any excess of such property, i. e., such of said property as is not needed for the particular improvement or public purpose, the council may sell the same at either private or public sale, or by receiving sealed bids, or by exchanging the same for other property, as in the opinion of the council is for the best interest of the city."

(e) That section one hundred be and the same is hereby repealed, and in lieu of said section the following is enacted:

"Sec. 100. That no officer of the city, and no corporation or firm in which any such officer has an interest, shall enter into any contract or agreement with the city, or sell any goods or property to the city, or buy any goods or property from the city; and any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished in the discretion of the court; Provided, that nothing contained in this section or any
other law of the State shall be construed to prevent the city from taking by condemnation property or any councilman or other officer of the city, or of any corporation of which any councilman or city officer has an interest, or to prevent the city from reimbursing any of the class named in this section for money actually advanced and expended on behalf of the city for any governmental purpose, or purpose which the council may determine is proper for the city to pay; but any such payment must not include any profit to any one in the class enumerated above. Any councilman interested in any such matter shall not vote thereon: Provided further, that until such time as other provision is made, the council is authorized and directed to contract with the owners of property in District Number One to provide street lighting, street repairs, sanitary advantages, health and social work, and other governmental services and facilities in said district, or for the residents thereof, and to pay therefor a sum not exceeding the actual cost thereof, and not exceeding a fair proportion of the tax revenue derived from said district for such purposes.

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its ratification.

Ratified this the 19th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 10

AN ACT TO CREATE A BOXING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF RALEIGH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the board of commissioners of the city of Raleigh, Wake County, are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a boxing commission, to consist of three citizens of good character, who shall serve for a period not exceeding that of the city commissioners, appointing said boxing commission, and who shall serve without compensation.

Sec. 2. That it shall be lawful to engage in, manage, or promote boxing exhibitions which shall not exceed ten rounds in length, and in which no decision shall be rendered: Provided, said boxing commission shall have full power and authority to make and prescribe such rules and regulations as in its discretion may be necessary for the proper regulation of such boxing exhibitions: Provided further, that the rules and regulations prescribed by said boxing commission shall not become effective until approved by the board of commissioners of the city of Raleigh.

Sec. 3. Any person or persons engaging in, promoting, aiding, or abetting any sparring or boxing match in the city of Raleigh
AN ACT TO RATIFY AN ELECTION HELD IN DUKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE, HARNETT COUNTY, SO FAR AS THE SAME RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF $70,000 BONDS FOR SAID DISTRICT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That a special election held in Duke School District Number One, Harnett County, on May fourteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, at which was submitted to the qualified voters and ratified by a majority thereof a proposition to issue not exceeding ninety thousand dollars ($90,000) bonds for and in behalf of said district, be and the same is hereby ratified so far as the same relates to the issuance of bonds not exceeding seventy thousand dollars ($70,000) in amount.

Sec. 2. That the board of county commissioners of Harnett County is hereby authorized to issue said seventy thousand dollars ($70,000) bonds, and the same, after a sale pursuant to law and delivery thereof, and payment therefor at not less than par and accrued interest, shall be the valid and binding obligation of said county for and in behalf of said school district, payable from an annual tax of sufficient amount to be levied upon all the taxable property within said district.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 19th day of August, A.D. 1924.
CHAPTER 12

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 87, PRIVATE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, SESSION 1917, TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN OF REIDSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter eighty-seven of the Private Laws of North Carolina, ratified at the session of nineteen hundred and seventeen, being entitled “An act to aid in the development of the town of Reidsville,” be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2. That the proviso in section one of said act be stricken out and the following be inserted in lieu thereof: “Provided, that said appropriation shall not be made by said mayor and board of commissioners of said town, until the same shall have been approved by a majority of the qualified voters of said town at an election to be held for that purpose.”

Sec. 3. That the mayor and board of commissioners of the town of Reidsville are hereby authorized and empowered to call an election for said purpose whenever they deem it advisable, and shall for said election have a new registration of the voters of said town. said registration as to notices, time and place for same shall be as provided for registration of voters in elections for city officers elected by the voters of the town of Reidsville.

Sec. 4. That said election be held under the same general rules, laws, and regulations of elections for town officers in the town of Reidsville. The ballots to be voted reading “for appropriation” and “against appropriation.”

Sec. 5. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 19th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 13

AN ACT TO VALIDATE AN ISSUE OF $20,000 GOOD ROADS BONDS OF DUNN’S TOWNSHIP, IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF A TAX FOR THEIR PAYMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The good roads bonds of Dunn’s Township, in Franklin County, of the face amount of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000), dated July first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, Date.
maturing July first, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and bearing interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, heretofore issued by the board of road trustees of Dunn’s Township pursuant to chapter one hundred and forty of the Public-Local Laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, for the purpose of constructing and improving the public roads in said township, and now outstanding and unpaid, and all acts and proceedings done or taken in or about the authorization, issuance, and sale of said bonds are hereby legalized and validated, notwithstanding any defect in said acts or proceedings, and said bonds are hereby declared to be binding and valid obligations of said board and township.

Sec. 2. The board of county commissioners of Franklin County shall levy annually a special tax ad valorem upon all the taxable property in said township for the special purpose of paying the interest on said bonds, and of creating a sinking fund for their retirement at maturity, and for no other purpose: Provided, however, that the tax to be levied for said purpose shall not exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of such taxable property.

Sec. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 19th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 14

AN ACT TO LEGALIZE AND VALIDATE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN BONDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The ordinance adopted by the board of aldermen of the town of Smithfield on April eighth, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, authorizing the issuance of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) of bonds for the purpose of enlarging and improving the waterworks system of said town, the resolution adopted on the same date, providing for the issuance of said bonds pursuant to said ordinance, the resolution adopted by said board of aldermen on June twenty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, awarding the said bonds, and all other acts and proceedings done or taken by the said town of Smithfield, or by any of its officers, relating to the issuance or sale of the said bonds, are hereby legalized and validated and determined to have been done and taken sufficiently in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, nineteen hundred and twenty-one; and the said bonds, when executed and delivered pursuant to the said proceedings, shall constitute valid and binding
obligations of the said town of Smithfield. The board of aldermen of said town shall levy an annual tax on all taxable property in the said town sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the said bonds as provided by the Municipal Finance Act, nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

Sec. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 19th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 15

AN ACT TO FIX THE TITLE TO CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, AND MAKE PROVISION FOR THE SALE OF THE SAME.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the title to and estate in the following described real estate lying in the county of Guilford and city of Greensboro, on the south side of Lindsay Street and adjacent to the First Presbyterian Church property, and originally conveyed to James Sloan, Andrew Weatherly, and Jed H. Lindsay, school committee for Common School District Number Thirty-eight, in Guilford County, which property has been held and used for more than fifty years by the city of Greensboro and the Greensboro School District for school purposes, to wit: "Beginning at the northeast corner of the graveyard of the Presbyterian Church, running thence north seven (7) poles thirteen (13) links to a stone; thence west seven (7) poles to a stone; thence south seven (7) poles thirteen (13) links to a stone on the line of said graveyard; thence east seven (7) poles to the beginning, containing fifty (50) poles of land, more or less," is declared to be now vested in the city of Greensboro, and shall from and after the ratification of this act be vested in and held by the "city of Greensboro," as defined in chapter thirty-seven of the Private Laws of North Carolina, session nineteen hundred and twenty-three, as owner thereof in fee.

Sec. 2. That the said city of Greensboro is hereby authorized and empowered, through its mayor and city council, to sell privately and convey in fee, for the sum of seventy-one thousand five hundred dollars ($71,500), to the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church, and their successors, for the use and benefit of the said church, its successor or successors and assigns, the land hereinbefore described, together with one other parcel described and bounded as follows: "Beginning on the northeast corner of the Presbyterian Church burying ground; thence north eighty-six and one-half (86½) degrees east about two hundred and forty-eight
Deed of conveyance.

(248) feet to Forbis Street; thence with the west line of Forbis Street two and one-half (2½) degrees west about seventy-two (72) feet to a stake; thence south eighty-six and one-half (86½) degrees west about two hundred and forty-eight (248) feet to a stake; thence north two and one-half (2½) degrees east about seventy (70) feet to the beginning, being known as the Catholic Church property."

Sec. 3. That any deed to be executed by the city of Greensboro under the provisions of this act shall be sufficient to convey said property in fee if the same shall be signed in the corporate name of said city by its mayor, attested by the city clerk, and sealed with the corporate seal of said city.

Sec. 4. That the said sum of seventy-one thousand five hundred dollars ($71,500) to be paid to the city of Greensboro for said land shall be placed by the city treasurer to the credit of the school fund of the Greensboro School District, and shall be used for such public purpose or purposes as the board of education of Greensboro may determine.

Sec. 5. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 19th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 16

AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE ACTS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLNTON IN LAYING OUT AND ASSESSING A TAX FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That all acts, resolutions, and ordinances passed and enacted by the board of aldermen of the town of Lincolnton relative to street and sidewalk improvements within the corporate limits of said town are hereby ratified and approved.

Sec. 2. That all street and sidewalk assessments made and enacted by the board of aldermen are hereby ratified and approved.

Sec. 3. That said assessments as adopted by the board of aldermen be and they are hereby a lien upon the property abutting said improvement according to the amount as charged by the board of aldermen.

Sec. 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 19th day of August, A.D. 1924.
CHAPTER 17

AN ACT TO VALIDATE $17,500 NOTES OF THE TOWN OF WILSON FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That seventeen thousand five hundred dollars ($17,500) face value notes issued by the town of Wilson, and now outstanding, for the purpose of securing funds with which to acquire land for cemetery purposes, be and the same are hereby validated and declared to be valid obligations of said town, for the funding of which bonds may be issued as provided by the Municipal Finance Act.

Sec. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 20th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 18

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE HIGGS ROANOKE INSTITUTE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That an educational corporation, without any capital stock, to be known and designated as Higgs Roanoke Institute, now located at Parmele, Martin County, with the privilege of removing to any other place designated by its board of trustees, be and the same is hereby created, and as such corporation it is authorized and empowered to accept and use donations and appropriations and to do all that is necessary and requisite to be done in the furtherance of the purposes of its organization and existence as hereinafter set forth.

Sec. 2. That said corporation shall be the property of the Middle Ground Baptist Association of the colored race of Eastern North Carolina, and it shall be controlled by a board of trustees named by the said association as hereinafter set forth, and the said corporation shall have the right to buy, sell, and own real and personal property, to sue and to be sued, to adopt and use a common seal, to execute mortgages and liens, and enter contracts of all kinds, and in general to do any and all acts necessary and proper in the conduct and management of an educational institution for the education and training of the colored youth in manual, industrial, agricultural, classic, and religious education.

Sec. 3. That the said institution shall be under the control and management of the following fifteen named, constituting a board of trustees: Spencer Burnett, N. S. Hargraves, P. T. Everett, Trustees named. J. H. McNair, and H. B. Moore shall hold for a term of one year;
successors, how named.

Officers of board.

Executive committee.

Secretary.

Annual meeting of board.

Institution as reformatory.

Discipline of youths committed to institution.

C. N. Brown, S. R. Riddick, N. G. Edmond, J. A. G. McNair, and Ed. R. Cooper shall hold for a term of two years; J. W. Williams, T. W. C. Moore, A. J. Wynn, J. A. Taylor, and I. S. Riddick shall hold for a term of three years; and the successors for each above respective class shall be named by the Middle Ground Baptist Association at its regular annual meetings for terms of three years each, and in addition to the said trustees, there may be an advisory membership of said board of trustees, composed of three members appointed for a term of three years by the Roanoke Baptist Association for the white people; the latter class of trustees have no voting power and cannot hold any office in or under the said board.

Sec. 4. That the said board of trustees shall have authority to name a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer from among its members, each of whose term of office shall be one year beginning with the date of organization under this act and until their successors are named. The board of trustees shall name an executive committee of five from its members, two of whom shall be the president and treasurer, and the other three shall be named one from each the above designated classes, and shall serve for the respective terms of one, two, and three years (their successors to be chosen for three-year terms each). The secretary of the board shall be clerk to the executive committee, to keep a complete record of all their proceedings, but shall have no power to vote in said executive committee.

Sec. 5. That the board of trustees shall meet annually to elect its officers and fill vacancies in the executive committee, and to elect a principal, superintendent, or managing officer of the said institution, and pass upon the purchase and sale of all real estate and building programs for the said institution, but all other matters pertaining to the management and the handling of the institution and its affairs shall be under the entire control of said executive committee created as above provided.

Sec. 6. That all the judges of the State and counties shall have the power to commit to said institution as a reformatory such youth of the black race, within the ages of juvenile jurisdiction, for such time and on such terms as to discipline, training, education and reformation as in their discretion they deem wise, and with the power of modifying any such commitment at any time and in any way as may find necessary.

Sec. 7. That the said institution shall have the power and authority necessary to the control, management, and discipline of any youth of the colored race that may be assigned to it by the judges or juvenile court of any county in this State; the principal and superintendent thereof, having such power of discipline and control of such youth as will be necessary to the proper correction, training, reformation, and control of the black race as should be committed it by the juvenile courts of the State as is hereinafter provided for.
Sec. 8. That the said institution shall have the power and authority to make arrangements with the respective boards of commissioners or juvenile court judges of the counties of the State for taking care of any of the black race as may be committed to it by the juvenile courts, and upon such arrangements being made as to compensation, the said institution and respective board of commissioners shall have authority to arrange and provide for an inspection of the said institution, by the respective welfare officers and grand juries in reference to the proper care, training, and protection of such of the youth of the black race as shall be committed to it as a reformatory. Such terms of arrangement shall include compensation, character of training, control and discipline, length of time, and such other matters as shall be necessary for the proper reformation of such youth placed under the care of such institution for the purpose of reforming, training, and disciplining said youth.

Sec. 9. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 19th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 19

AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND THE REVISED AND CONSOLIDATED CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter two hundred and nine of the Private Law amended. Laws of nineteen hundred and seven, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the charter of the town of Rocky Mount, to be hereafter known as the city of Rocky Mount," shall be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

1. By striking out section three of said act and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 3. That the city shall be divided into seven (7) wards, with territorial limits and boundaries as follows:

"First Ward: That part of the territory of the city embraced by the eastern boundary line of the city; thence in a general westerly direction with the western boundary line of the city to a point where the same is intersected by the center line of the Rocky Mount Mills Railroad; thence in a general southeasterly direction..."
with the various courses of the center line of the Rocky Mount Mills Railroad to a point where the same is intersected by the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad; and thence in a southerly direction with the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to the point of beginning.

"Second Ward: That part of the territory of the city embraced with the following boundaries shall constitute the Second Ward.
	on wit:

"Beginning at a point where the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad is intersected by the center line of Tarboro Street; thence in a northeasterly and then a southeasterly direction with the center line of Tarboro Street to a point where the same is intersected by the eastern boundary line of the city; thence in a general northerly direction with the eastern boundary line of the city to a point where the same is intersected by the center line of an extension of Virginia Street; thence in a westerly direction with the center line of an extension of Virginia Street and with the center line of said street to a point where the same is intersected by the center line of Atlantic Avenue; thence in a northerly direction with the center line of Atlantic Avenue to a point where the same is intersected by the southern line of Tar River; thence in a general westerly direction with the various courses of the southern line of Tar River to a point where the same is intersected by the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad; and thence in a southerly direction with the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to the point of beginning.

"Third Ward: That part of the territory of said city embraced within the following boundaries shall constitute the Third Ward.
	on wit:

"Beginning at a point where the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad is intersected by the center line of Tarboro Street; thence in a northeasterly and then in a southeasterly direction with the center line of Tarboro Street to a point where the same is intersected by the eastern boundary line of the city; thence in a southerly direction with the eastern boundary line of the city to a point where the same is intersected by the center line of Redgate Avenue; thence in a southwesterly direction with the center line of Redgate Avenue to a point where the same is intersected by the center line of Cokey Road; thence in a general northerly direction with the center line of Cokey Road to a point where the same is intersected by the center line of Marigold Street; thence in a northwesterly direction with the center line of Marigold Street to a point where the same is intersected by the center line of Edgecombe Street; thence in a southwesterly and then in a westerly direction with the center line of Edgecombe Street to a point where the same is intersected by the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad; and thence in a
northerly direction with the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to the point of beginning.

"Fourth Ward: That part of the territory of the city embraced Fourth ward, within the following boundaries shall constitute the Fourth Ward, to wit:

"Beginning at a point where the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad is intersected by the center line of Sunset Avenue; thence in a westerly direction with the center line of Sunset Avenue to a point where the same is intersected by the western boundary line of the city; thence in a southwesterly direction with the western boundary line of the city to a point where the same is intersected by the center line of the Nashville or Spring Hope Branch Railroad; thence in a general southeasterly direction with the center line of the Nashville or Spring Hope Branch Railroad and an extension thereof through the "Y" to a point where the same intersects the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad; and thence in a northerly direction with the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad to the point of beginning.

"Fifth Ward: That part of the territory of the city embraced Fifth ward, within the following boundaries shall constitute the Fifth Ward, to wit:

"Lying west of the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Boundaries, Line Railroad and north and east of the center line of the Rocky Mount Mills Railroad, and embracing all that part of the territory of the city lying west of the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and north of the First Ward.

"Sixth Ward: That part of the territory of the city embraced Sixth ward, within the following boundaries shall constitute the Sixth Ward, to wit:

"Lying west of the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Boundaries, Line Railroad and south of the center line of the Nashville or Spring Hope Branch Railroad and an extension thereof through the "Y" to the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and embracing all that part of the territory of the city lying west of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and south of the Fourth Ward.

"Seventh Ward: That part of the territory of the city embraced Seventh ward, within the following boundaries shall constitute the Seventh Ward, to wit:

"Lying east of the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Boundaries, Line Railroad and south and west of the southern line of the Third Ward, which begins at a point where the center line of Redgate Avenue is intersected by the eastern boundary line of the city; thence in a southwesterly direction with the center line of Redgate Avenue to a point where the same is intersected by the center line of Cokey Road; thence in a northerly direction with the center line of Cokey Road to a point where the same is intersected
by the center line of Marigold Street; and thence in a south-westernly and then in a westerly direction with the center line of Edgecombe Street to a point where the same is intersected by the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad; and embracing all that part of the territory of the city lying east of the center of the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and south of the Third Ward."

2. By striking out sections five and six of said act and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 5. That T. T. Thorne shall be mayor of the city, and L. R. Gorham and J. L. Suiter of the First Ward, S. S. Toler and R. C. Brake of the Second Ward. R. B. Davis and W. L. Thurston of the Third Ward, W. B. Barrow and M. D. Munn of the Fourth Ward. F. F. Fagan of the Fifth Ward. R. E. Boon of the Sixth Ward, and two additional aldermen from the Seventh Ward, to be forthwith elected by the board of aldermen for terms of office expiring, as to the one, at the regular time for the expiration of the terms of office of aldermen in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and, as to the other, at the regular time for the expiration of the terms of office of aldermen in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, shall, except as in the revised and consolidated charter of the city of Rocky Mount otherwise provided, constitute the board of aldermen of the city, until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. And the successors of the said T. T. Thorne, L. R. Gorham, S. S. Toler, R. B. Davis, W. B. Darrow, and the additional aldermen from the Seventh Ward, to be elected as hereinbefore provided for the short term of office expiring in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, shall be chosen at the election of mayor and aldermen, to be held on the first Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five; and the successors of the said J. L. Suiter, R. C. Brake, W. L. Thurston, M. D. Munn, F. F. Fagan, R. E. Boon, and the additional alderman from the Seventh Ward, to be elected as hereinbefore provided for the long term expiring in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six, shall be chosen at the election of aldermen, to be held on the first Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

ELECTIONS.

"Sec. 6. That an election shall be held in the several wards and voting precincts of the city on the first Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and on the first Monday in May annually thereafter. At the election to be held on the first Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and bi-annually thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city a mayor, and by the qualified voters of the respective wards one alderman from each of the several wards of the city,
except the Fifth Ward and Sixth Ward; and at an election to be
held on the first Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and
twenty-six, and bi-annually thereafter, there shall be elected by
the qualified voters of the respective wards one alderman from
each of the several wards of the city. And all of said officers shall
hold their said offices for a term of two years from the date of
their election and until their successors shall have been duly
elected and qualified."

3. By adding at the end of section sixteen of said act the follow-
ing other words:

"And the city clerk may, with the consent and approval of the
board of aldermen, appoint a deputy city clerk, who shall, at any
and all times when the city clerk shall be absent from the city, or
while he shall, on account of sickness or for other sufficient cause,
labor under such disabilities as shall unfit him for the discharge
of the duties of his said office, perform the duties imposed upon the
city clerk by virtue of his said office. And the city clerk may
likewise, with the consent and approval of the board of aldermen,
require the said deputy city clerk to discharge any and all duties
imposed upon him by virtue of his said office, as and when the said
city clerk and board of aldermen shall deem it necessary or proper
to do so."

4. By changing the period after the word "twenty-two," at the
end of section sixty-four of said act, as amended by subsection
three of chapter forty-six of the Private Laws of nineteen hundred
and twenty-three, into a comma, and adding thereunto the follow-
ing other words: "but it shall apply to all other paving assessments
and charges which became due and payable on or after the said
first day of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two."

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this
act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratifi-
cation.

Ratified this the 20th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 20

AN ACT RELATING TO SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE
CITY OF SALISBURY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. The city of Salisbury is hereby authorized to make
sidewalk improvements and to assess the whole or any part of the
cost thereof upon the lots and parcels of land abutting on that
side of the street upon which the improvement is made, and
directly on the improvement, according to their respective front-
No petition necessary.

Law to be followed.

Term "sidewalk improvement" defined.

Powers conferred by act.

Repealing clause.

ages thereon, by an equal rate per foot of such frontage. No petition of property owners shall be necessary for the making of such sidewalk improvements or the levying of such special assessments. All of the provisions of article nine of subchapter one of chapter fifty-six of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall apply to the making of the said improvements and the levying of the said assessments. The term "sidewalk improvement" as used in this act includes the grading, construction, reconstruction, and altering of sidewalks in any public street, alley or square in the city of Salisbury, and also includes the construction of curbs and gutters where the work is done at the same time as the construction of a sidewalk.

Sec. 2. The powers conferred by this act are conferred in addition to and not in substitution for the existing powers of the city of Salisbury, and are not subject to any limitation or restriction prescribed by any other act, except as herein otherwise provided.

Sec. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 20th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 21

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2, CHAPTER 39, PRIVATE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA, SESSION 1907, IN RELATION TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section amended.

City limits changed.

Repealing clause.

Sec. 1. That section two of chapter thirty-nine of the Private Laws of North Carolina, session of one thousand nine hundred and seven, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Beginning at a stake five hundred yards due west of a point one mile due north of the center of the Catawba County courthouse square and runs due west five hundred yards; thence due south thirty-five hundred and twenty yards to an iron pin; thence due east two thousand yards to an iron pin; thence due north forty-four hundred and seventy-seven yards to an iron pin; thence a straight line south about forty-five degrees west about twelve hundred and fifty yards to the beginning."

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 20th day of August, A.D. 1924.
CHAPTER 22

AN ACT TO APPOINT A BOXING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the mayor of the city of Greensboro is hereby empowered and authorized to appoint a boxing commission, to consist of three citizens, who shall serve for a period not to exceed that of the mayor appointing said commissioners, and who shall serve without compensation.

SEC. 2. That it shall be lawful to engage in, manage, or promote boxing exhibitions which do not exceed fifteen rounds in length, and in which no decision shall be rendered: Provided, said commission shall have full power and authority to make such rules and regulations as in its discretion may be necessary for the proper regulation of such boxing exhibition, and shall have power to prohibit or stop a match at any time, even after consent has been given for the holding of such boxing exhibition.

SEC. 3. Any person or persons guilty of engaging in or promoting, aiding or abetting such sparring matches without first having the written consent of said boxing commission, and any person or persons violating the rules and regulations of said commission or refusing to obey orders of said commission controlling a sparring match, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. That the provisions of this act shall also apply to the cities of Thomasville and Lexington.

SEC. 5. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 20th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 23

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL COTTON SOLD ON THE MONROE MARKET TO BE WEIGHED BY THE OFFICIAL COTTON WEIGHER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That all cotton sold in bales in the city of Monroe shall be weighed by the official cotton weigher elected under the provisions of chapter two hundred and sixty-two of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and nine, or his duly appointed assistant or deputy.
Sec. 2. That any cotton buyer who shall buy any cotton in bales on the open market in the city of Monroe from the producers thereof by any other weight than that of the cotton weigher aforesaid shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined or imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

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

Sec. 4. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 20th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 24

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALARY OF THE JUDGE OF THE POLICE COURT OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section amended.

Section 1. That section one, chapter one hundred and thirty-six, Private Laws of North Carolina, session one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "fifteen hundred dollars per annum" in lines eleven and twelve of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the words "twenty-one hundred dollars."

Salary increased.

Sec. 2. That this act shall take effect as of the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

When act becomes effective.

Sec. 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Ratified this the 20th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 25

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE GRADED SCHOOL OF THE TOWN OF ALBEMARLE, AND GIVE TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS OF SAID TOWN THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section amended.

Section 1. That section ten of chapter two hundred and sixty-nine, Public Laws one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, chartering the graded school in the town of Albemarle, be amended by adding to the end of said section ten the following:

"That the board of school commissioners of the town of Albemarle be and said board is hereby authorized and empowered to condemn any and all lands and buildings which said board may deem neces-
sary for use in connection with its present school grounds, buildings and playgrounds, or for the establishment of new schools and playgrounds connected therewith; that the procedure for doing same shall be that prescribed in article two, chapter thirty-three of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, and acts amendatory thereof."

SEC. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed so far as the same relates to the town of Albemarle only.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 20th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 26
AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DURHAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That section thirteen of the charter of the city of Durham is hereby amended by inserting at the end of said section the following: "Regular meetings of the city council shall be held twice a month at such times as may be designated by ordinance of the city council."

SEC. 2. That all laws or clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 27
AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS INCORPORATING WEST ALBEMARLE BAPTIST CHURCH AND FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That sections two and three of chapter two hundred and sixty-seven of the Public Laws of North Carolina, session one thousand nine hundred and seven, and chapter fifty-four of the Public-Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred and nineteen of North Carolina, sections two and three be amended by adding at the end of section three of chapter two hundred and sixty-seven of the Public Laws of North Carolina, session one thousand nine hundred and seven, and by adding at the end of section three, chapter fifty-four, of the Public-Local Laws of North Carolina,
session one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, the following:

"Provided, that nothing in either of the foregoing sections shall prevent any person, firm, or corporation conducting a regularly established cafe or restaurant from keeping open on Sunday for the purpose of selling, in a quiet and orderly manner, food and drink to the patrons of such cafe or restaurant."

Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 20th day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 28

AN ACT TO VALIDATE CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN OF MOCKSVILLE, AND TO AUTHORIZE SAID TOWN TO ISSUE BONDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the town of Mocksville is hereby authorized to issue twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) of bonds of said town to fund a like amount of indebtedness evidenced by notes of the town and created for erecting an electric lighting system, being a necessary purpose, which indebtedness is hereby validated.

Sec. 2. That said town is hereby further authorized to issue thirteen thousand dollars ($13,000) additional bonds of the town for waterworks, extensions, sewerage, and street improvements, all being necessary purposes.

Sec. 3. That said bonds may be issued as one issue or as separate issues, and shall be advertised and sold as required by the Municipal Finance Act for the advertisement and sale of bonds authorized by said act, but shall not be subject to any other limitations or conditions of said Municipal Finance Act, and the issue thereof need not be submitted to the voters of said town.

Sec. 4. Said bonds shall bear interest not exceeding six per cent per annum, and shall mature at such time or times within thirty years from this date and be payable, both principal and interest, at such place and in such medium as the governing body may determine by ordinance or resolution.

Sec. 5. That for the payment of principal and interest of said bonds promptly as the same become payable, the governing body of said town shall annually levy a sufficient tax, over and above all other taxes provided or limited by law.

Sec. 6. The powers hereby conferred are in addition to and not exclusive of the powers conferred by any other general or special act.

Sec. 7. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.
CHAPTER 29

AN ACT TO RATIFY AND VALIDATE THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MINERAL SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT, MOORE
COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
SCHOOL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That all acts and proceedings, including the election
and registration proceeding, heretofore taken for the issuance of
seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000) of school bonds of the
Mineral Springs School District, Moore County, North Carolina,
which were authorized at an election held August seven, one thou-
sand nine hundred and twenty-two, are hereby ratified.

Sec. 2. That said bonds shall be sold by the board of commis-
sioners of Moore County at either public or private sale, and when
said bonds shall have been delivered and paid for at not less than
par and accrued interest, they shall constitute valid and binding
obligations of said school district, and for the payment of the
principal and interest on said bonds a direct annual tax not
exceeding fifteen cents (15c.) on the one hundred dollars ($100)
of value shall be levied by the board of commissioners of Moore
County on all the taxable property within the said district.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its
ratification.

Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 30

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE ASHEBORO GRADED
SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND VALIDATING A BOND ISSUE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. For all purposes relating to the issuance or payment
of bonds under the provisions of chapter one hundred and fifteen
of the Private Laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, the
inhabitants of the Asheboro Graded School District, created by
chapter four hundred and thirteen of the Private Laws of nineteen
hundred and five, are hereby constituted a body politic and corpo-
rate by the name and style of Asheboro Graded School District;
and all bonds issued pursuant to said chapter one hundred and
fifteen of the Private Laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one
shall be issued in the name of the said corporation. The said
corporation is hereby authorized to sue or be sued in any matter
concerning the issuance or payment of bonds issued in the name
of said corporation and to adopt a corporate seal. The powers

Powers and duties.

School district
incorporated.

Bonds issued in
name of corpo-
ration.

All acts author-
izing bond issue
validated.
and duties of said corporation shall be exercised by the board of graded school trustees of Asheboro established by the said chapter four hundred and thirteen of the Private Laws of nineteen hundred and five.

Sec. 2. The election held in the said Asheboro Graded School District on eighteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, on the question of issuing not exceeding fifty thousand ($50,000) of serial bonds of the said school district and levying a sufficient annual tax to pay the same, with interest, is hereby validated, and all other acts and proceedings done or taken relating to the issuance of the said bonds are hereby validated; and the board of graded school trustees of Asheboro are hereby authorized to issue the said bonds pursuant to the provisions of chapter one hundred fifteen of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred twenty-one, and no further election shall be necessary for the issuance of said bonds.

Sec. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 31

AN ACT TO VALIDATE AN ELECTION HELD IN JONESVILLE SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX DISTRICT, YADKIN COUNTY, ON THE 24TH DAY OF JULY, 1923, TO AUTHORIZE AN ISSUE OF SCHOOLHOUSE BONDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the election held in Jonesville Special School Tax District, Yadkin County, on the twenty-fourth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, to authorize an issue of schoolhouse bonds of said school district, to an amount not exceeding twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) par value, be and the same is hereby validated. The said election held in said school district and all proceedings done and taken in or about the calling, holding, or the determination of the results of said election, or in or about the registration of voters for said election, and also all acts and proceedings thereafter done and taken relating to the issuance of the bonds advertised at said election, are hereby legalized and validated, and the board of county commissioners for the county of Yadkin are hereby authorized to issue said bonds in the manner provided for in chapter one hundred and thirty-six, Public Laws one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

Sec. 2. That said election is hereby declared to be legal and valid in all matters relating to the authority for calling and hold-
ing said election, and in all things pertaining to the advertising and sale of said bonds, notwithstanding any noncompliance with article twenty-two, chapter one hundred and thirty-six. Public Laws one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

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 from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 32

AN ACT TO VALIDATE STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That all acts and proceedings of the board of aldermen of the town of Black Mountain leading up to and including the issuing and sale of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) six per cent street improvement bonds, dated July first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, are hereby legalized and validated in all respects; and when said bonds shall have been duly executed, delivered, and paid for at not less than their par value, they shall constitute valid and binding obligations of said town, notwithstanding any irregularities in the proceedings and excess of debt limits.

Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 33

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE TOWN OF CARTHAGE TO PURCHASE THE FRANCHISE, RAILROAD, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER PROPERTY OF THE RANDOLPH AND CUMBERLAND RAILWAY COMPANY, AND TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURCHASE THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the town of Carthage, North Carolina, is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase the franchise, railroad, rolling stock, equipment, and other property of the Randolph and Cumberland Railway Company.
Town may operate railroad.

May sell or lease.

Conveyances.

Officers and employees.

Compensation.

Sec. 2. That the said town of Carthage is hereby authorized and empowered to operate said railroad as a common carrier of freights and passengers, and to extend its lines and to do all and every act and thing necessary to be done to make the said railroad a going concern; and the said town of Carthage is hereby vested with further power to sell and dispose of said franchise, railroad, rolling stock, equipment, and other property, or to lease the same to any person, corporation, railroad company, or common carrier for the purpose of operating the same as a common carrier of freights and passengers, and make all necessary written conveyances or leases therefor, such conveyances or lease to be signed in the name of said town in the same manner hereinafter provided for the signing of bonds provided for in this act.

Sec. 3. That the mayor and board of commissioners of said town are hereby vested with full power and authority to appoint officers and employees to operate said railroad and to fix their compensation, and to do all such other things as may be necessary for the proper operation of said railroad.

Sec. 4. That for the purpose of raising money with which to pay for said franchise, railroad, equipment, rolling stock, and other property, and to repair, maintain, and operate said railroad, the board of commissioners of the town of Carthage is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds of the town of Carthage, North Carolina, to an amount not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000), payable at such time and place as it may designate, which bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, at such time and place as said board may designate, and evidenced by coupons attached to said bonds. Said bonds shall be signed in the name of the town of Carthage by the mayor and attested by the clerk to said board, and its corporate seal affixed thereto; and the coupons attached to said bonds shall bear the printed, lithographed, or engraved facsimile signatures of said mayor and clerk. That said bonds shall mature in not less than ten years or more than thirty years from the date of their issue.

Sec. 5. That said bonds shall not be sold for less than their par value, and the proceeds from the same shall not be used for any other than the purpose mentioned in section four of this act.

Sec. 6. That said bonds, or any part thereof, shall be issued and constitute a valid obligation of said town of Carthage only on approval of a majority of the qualified voters of said town, to be determined at an election as hereinafter directed.

Sec. 7. That for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters the question of issuing said bonds hereinbefore provided for the board of commissioners of the town of Carthage shall, within sixty days from the date of the ratification of this act, order an election to be held in said town, and in such order appoint a time and place for the holding the same as said board may
designate, appoint a registrar and two judges of election, and shall give thirty days notice in some newspaper published in Moore County, and shall order an entire new registration of the voters for said election.

Sec. 8. That at said election those voting for issuing said bonds shall vote a written or printed ballot containing the words "For Bonds," and those voting against issuing said bonds shall vote a written or printed ballot containing the words "Against Bonds." That the qualification of voters, the holding and conduct of said election, canvass of returns, and declaration of results, and all other matters pertaining to said election shall be under the rules and regulations provided for the election of mayor and members of the board of commissioners of the town of Carthage.

Sec. 9. If at the election a majority of the qualified voters of said town of Carthage shall cast their ballots in favor of the issue and sale of said bonds, then the board of commissioners of the town of Carthage shall proceed to issue and sell the bonds, or as much thereof as may be necessary in the judgment and discretion of the board for the purpose aforesaid; and shall thereupon annually levy upon all the taxable property in said town a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof at maturity, which tax shall be in addition to all other taxes levied: Provided, however, instead of selling said bonds as aforesaid, that said board of commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to use said bonds, or so many thereof as may be necessary to purchase said property, if said board in its discretion deems it for the best interest of said town: Provided further, that said board shall not dispose of said bonds at less than par value.

Sec. 10. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed in so far as they affect or relate to the town of Carthage.

Sec. 11. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 34

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 50 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA OF 1897, AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF STAR, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section two of chapter fifty of the Public Laws of North Carolina, session one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, be repealed and the following enacted: "That the corporate
limits of the town of Star shall be one mile square and the center of said square shall be at the center point where Main Street and Bank Street cross."

Section amended. Sec. 2. That the word "marshal" in line three of section three and in lines eleven and twelve of section three of the Public Laws of North Carolina for the year of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven be stricken out and the following added at the end of said section: "That the commissioners of the town of Star shall appoint the town marshal."

Town marshal. Sec. 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause. Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 35

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 26, PRIVATE LAWS 1891, RELATIVE TO THE SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES OR POLICEMEN OF THE TOWN OF WADESBORO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section amended. Section 1. That section ten of chapter twenty-six of the Private Laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one be amended by striking out the period at the end of said section and inserting in lieu thereof a semicolon and adding the following words: "Provided, the board of commissioners of the town of Wadesboro shall have the power and authority to select and appoint as constable or policeman of said town any person, whether such person be a resident or nonresident of said town."

Appointment of peace officers. Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 36

AN ACT RELATING TO STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WAKE FOREST.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Street improvements authorized. Section 1. The town of Wake Forest, in Wake County, shall have power to cause local improvements to be made upon streets and parts of streets, and to defray the expense thereof by local
assessments and by general taxation in all respects as provided by article nine of chapter fifty-six of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, as amended.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of paying the cost of any local improvement or improvements made or to be made as aforesaid, bonds of the town of Wake Forest to an aggregate amount not exceeding sixty-five thousand dollars ($65,000) are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, as said act shall exist at the time the proceedings for the issuance of said bonds are taken, except that it shall not be necessary to file with the clerk of said town the financial statement required by the Municipal Finance Act to be filed prior to the passage of bond ordinances, and it shall not be necessary to recite in any bond ordinance that any such financial statement has been filed; and no limitation or restriction imposed by the Municipal Finance Act upon the amount of bonds a town may issue shall prevent the issuance of the full amount of bonds hereby authorized.

Sec. 3. The powers conferred by this act are conferred in addition to and not in substitution for existing powers of the town of Wake Forest; and nothing herein shall prevent the issuance of bonds of said town under the Municipal Finance Act or other acts applicable to said town.

Sec. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 37

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE RECEIVER OF THE RANDOLPH AND CUMBERLAND RAILWAY COMPANY, OR ANY PERSON WHO MAY PURCHASE THE PROPERTY OF SAID COMPANY, TO DISCONTINUE OPERATION AND TAKE UP CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SAID RAILROAD.

Whereas the Randolph and Cumberland Railway Company is in the hands of a receiver, and that part of the line between Carthage and McConnell cannot be operated at a profit; and

Whereas an effort has been made to sell the property as a going concern under order of the court and no bidder could be secured for that part of the line between Carthage and McConnell if the bidders were required to operate it; "Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the Randolph and Cumberland Railway Company or the receiver thereof or any person who may purchase the property when the same shall be sold by order of court or otherwise shall be henceforth under no obligation or responsibility to operate that part of its line of railroad between Carthage and McConnell, Pursuer need not operate certain section.
McConnell as a common carrier; and that the Randolph and Cumberland Railway Company or the receiver thereof or any person who may purchase its property or any part thereof when the same shall be sold under order of court shall be and are hereby granted permission to dismantle that part of its line of railroad between Carthage and McConnell and take up the track and crossties and sell and dispose of the same for scrap or junk or otherwise as they may desire.

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 21st day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 38

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That chapter ninety-five, section two, of the Private Laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three be amended by adding the following after the words “city of Winston-Salem” at the end of the first paragraph of section two thereof: “Provided, that elections held for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of bonds and elections held for the purpose of annexing territory to said city shall be conducted under the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act.”

Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 39

AN ACT RELATING TO THE CORPORATE POWERS OF THE TOWN OF MOORESVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the erection and equipment of a municipal hospital in the town of Mooresville is hereby declared to be a public purpose within the meaning of article twenty-six, chapter fifty-six, of the Consolidated Statutes, and for which bonds may be issued in accordance with and under the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

Sec. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.
CHAPTER 40

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF DANIEL RHYNE COLLEGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter one hundred and forty of the Private Law amended. Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three be amended by striking from line nine the words “Daniel Rhyne” and substituting therefor the name “Lenoir Rhyne”; also striking out all of said Name changed. section after the words “Daniel Rhyne,” constituting lines ten to twelve inclusive, and substituting therefore the name “Lenoir Rhyne,” in section three, lines eleven and seventeen; also section two, line one, in chapter three of the Private Laws, Extra Session one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one; also section two, line one, so as to substitute the name “Lenoir Rhyne” for said college where the name “Lenoir” occurs in said acts.

Sec. 2. That the board of trustees of said college be and they Diplomas. are hereby authorized to issue diplomas to the graduates of the classes of said college for the years one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three and one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four in the name of “Lenoir Rhyne.”

Sec. 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Repealing clause. act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That this amendatory act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 41

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 37 OF THE PRIVATE LAWS OF 1923, BEING THE CHARTER OF GREENSBORO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section nineteen of chapter thirty-seven of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, entitled “An act to incorporate the city of Greensboro, etc.,” and amendments thereto, be further amended by adding at the end of said section nineteen, as amended, the following, to wit: “Provided, this section shall not apply to the bonds authorized by chapter one hundred and five of Private Laws, Extra Session of nineteen hundred and twenty, and further authorized by section eighty-eight of this act.”

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith Repealing clause. are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.
CHAPTER 42

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON, SAME BEING CHAPTER 253, PRIVATE LAWS OF 1913.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the charter of the town of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, same being chapter two hundred and fifty-three of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and thirteen be amended by adding at the end of said chapter two hundred and fifty-three and as section nineteen thereof the following:

Sec. 19. (1) The time for the regular meetings of the mayor and town council of the town of Rutherfordton, North Carolina, shall be Tuesday of each week instead of Tuesday night after the first Monday as heretofore provided by the charter of said town, and any regular meeting may be adjourned from time to time and special meetings may be called as provided by said charter.

(2) The mayor and town council may pass any and all ordinances deemed expedient by said council at any regular or special meeting thereof by a majority vote of said council and all ordinances so passed shall take effect upon the passage thereof, unless otherwise provided in said ordinance: Provided, however, that ordinances granting franchises shall lie upon the table for thirty (30) days after the same are introduced before same shall be passed and become effective.

(3) That all ordinances passed by the town council of said town shall be recorded upon the minutes of the proceedings of said town council and the same shall be published by posting a copy of same for one week at the door of the mayor's office of said town on a bulletin board which shall be provided for that purpose and kept at said door, and that said town council may have published any ordinance adopted by them, if they deem it advisable, by having a copy of same inserted in some newspaper published in the town of Rutherfordton for one week.

(4) That the town council of said town shall be authorized to levy a tax upon taxable property within said town as provided by section sixteen, not to exceed three dollars ($3) on every one hundred dollars ($100) appraised valuation of said property, and section sixteen of said charter is hereby amended accordingly by inserting in line twelve of said section the words and figures "three dollars ($3)" instead of the words and figures "two dollars ($2)."

(5) That the mayor of said town shall have the same power and authority to try cases for violation of town ordinances and other violations as is granted under the general law of the State to mayors of municipalities, and that provision of the recorder's bill of Rutherford County in conflict herewith is hereby repealed so
far as the same is in conflict with this act: Provided, however, that the mayor of said town may, in his discretion permit all cases coming within his jurisdiction to be tried by the recorder of Rutherford County.

(6) In addition to the general powers granted by the general law of the State to municipalities and officers thereof, and in addition to those heretofore granted by the charter of said town the officers thereof, are hereby granted the following powers and authority, to wit:

Whenever the chief of the fire department shall recommend in writing that any building within the fire limits of said town is either dangerous to the health of the inhabitants of said town, or is in such condition or is constructed of such material as to endanger adjoining or adjacent property by fire, or is unsightly and obnoxious to the community in which the same is located, or is in any wise a nuisance, and that for said reason the same should be condemned and removed, or whenever the mayor of the town shall make a like recommendation the said town council may at any regular or special meeting thereof pass a resolution declaring said building to be a nuisance and requiring the owner thereof to remove the same within the time specified in said resolution, which shall not be less than three or more than sixty (60) days from the date thereof, at the expense of the owner thereof. And a copy of said resolution shall be served upon the said property owner and said resolution shall provide the length of time within which the said owner shall commence to remove said building. That the owner or owners of any such building who shall fail to comply with the provisions of said ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars ($50) for each day said building is permitted to stand after the time allowed by said ordinance for the removal thereof, or imprisonment for thirty (30) days. And failure to begin to remove said building within the time specified shall likewise constitute an offense under this ordinance for which the defendant shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars ($50), or imprisonment for thirty days.

(7) Whenever the town council of said town shall deem it expedient for the reasons set forth in the preceding subsection of this ordinance to remove any such building as therein specified, or when for any other cause they deem it expedient to cause to be removed any building within the fire limits of said town, in addition to the powers granted in the preceding subsection, they shall have the power and authority upon the recommendation of the chief of the fire department or upon recommendation of the mayor, or upon their own motion, to pass or adopt a resolution or ordinance requiring the owner of any building or buildings to appear before the said town council at a time specified in said ordinance at a regular or special meeting thereof, of which said meeting said owner or owners shall have at least two days notice,
Owner to show cause why building should not be removed. Notice to property owner.

Right to answer notice. Evidence.

Resolution following hearing.

Procedure to condemn. Jury.

Report of jury.

Amount of damages.

Duty of owner to remove property.

If owner fails to remove.

Copy of jury report to property owner.

Exceptions to report may be filed. Council to hear report. Appeal. Damages.

and show cause, if any he has, why said building or buildings should not be condemned and removed from the fire limits of said town. In said notice the town council shall specify the building to be removed and the reasons for removing same, a copy of said notice shall be served upon the said property owner or owners by some marshal or police officer of said town and the said property owners shall have the right to answer said notice at said meeting and be heard, together with any evidence which he may desire to produce, and the said town council, after hearing the same, together with any evidence which may be offered on the part of the town, shall pass a resolution that the said property shall be condemned, or that the same shall not be condemned, as they may determine, and in the event that they shall determine to condemn said property, they shall appoint five (5) disinterested freeholders of said town, who shall view and inspect said building and pass upon the damages to which the owner or said property may be entitled, if any. Said jury shall be notified of their appointment and shall meet and view said property within five (5) days after receipt of said notice, and shall make a written report of their findings to the said town council within five days after viewing said property, and in said report shall specify the amount of damages, if any, to which the owner shall be entitled for the removal of said property and by reason of said condemnation. It shall be the duty of said owner, if the said property is condemned, to remove the same at his own expense within the time specified in subsection six of this act, and in the event that the said owner shall fail to remove the same, or if said owner shall fail to begin to remove the same within the time specified, said town council shall have authority to have the same removed and to deduct the cost of removing same from the amount of damages so awarded, if any. And if no damages are awarded, then in that event the town shall have a lien against the land upon which said building stands for the cost of removing same, which may be sued upon and reduced to judgment and collected by execution as in case of other liens. The said property owner shall be furnished a copy of the report of said jury or appraisers and a time shall be fixed by the said town council, not less than ten (10) days nor more than twenty (20) days after said report has been filed, for a meeting of the council, when said property may file exceptions to the report of said appraisers or jury, and the same may be heard at said meeting. Upon the hearing of said report it shall be the duty of the said town council to either confirm or modify said report or appeal to the Superior Court, and if any damages are awarded, same shall be paid upon the completion of the removal of said building, less the cost of removing same in the event that the owner shall decline or refuse to remove the same and it becomes necessary for the town to so remove the same.
(8) The town may appeal to the Superior Court for trial before a jury from the report of said appraisers if it deems it advisable to do so, and the property owner may likewise appeal from the said report and order of town council approving or modifying the same, to the Superior Court at term time for trial before a jury by giving bond in the sum of two hundred dollars (§200) to cover the costs in said case. The notice and other formalities of appeal shall be the same as in case of appeals in justice of the peace.

Sec. 20. If the owner or owners, or any of them, of any property or buildings to be removed from the fire limits of said town under the provisions of ordinances adopted in conformity with this act shall be nonresidents of the county or for any other cause cannot be served in the county by personal service of the notices specified in this act, in that event it shall be lawful for the said notice, or the substance thereof, to be published for one week in a newspaper published in Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

Sec. 21. No appeal taken from any report or order or resolution passed by the town council of said town under the provisions of this act shall have the effect of hindering or preventing said town from proceeding to move or have removed the property condemned or ordered to be removed and no restraining order or injunction shall lie or issue to prevent the town from proceeding to remove or have removed any of said property.

Sec. 22. In no event shall damages be awarded to the property owner under the provisions of this act or under ordinances passed in conformity therewith which shall exceed the actual value of the property so condemned, less the value of the same after same has been removed from the fire limits of said town.

Sec. 23. That if any part of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it shall not affect other parts of this act.

Sec. 24. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 25. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 43

AN ACT TO VALIDATE BONDS OF THE TOWN OF EVERETTS, IN MARTIN COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. All bonds heretofore issued by the town of Everett, in Martin County, are hereby legalized and validated and made binding obligations of the said town; and the board of commissioners or other governing body of the said town shall levy an-
usually upon all taxable property in the said town a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the said bonds as such principal and interest become due.

Sec. 2. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 44

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MARION, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section two of chapter two hundred ninety-one of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred nine be amended by striking out of said section all that portion after the colon in the second line down to and including the words "Logan Street" at the end of line thirteen and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "Beginning at the northeast corner of the R. L. C. Gibson lot, present northeast corner of the corporate limits of the town of Marion, and runs thence with his line south fifty-five (55) west to the old Marion and Morganton road; thence a direct course to the southeast corner of the Nancy Tolley Hill property, now owned by Morgan, Gilkey and others; thence with the east and north line of said Nancy Tolley Hill property to the east line of the Flemming-Sinclair property, now owned by Morgan, Gilkey and others; thence in a northerly direction with the said east line of said property crossing the present Marion-Halltown highway to the top of the hill where said line intersects with the old road leading from Marion to Halltown; thence on a straight line in a westerly direction to an oak standing on the west side of the road leading from Marion to the residence of T. J. Gibbs at the point where an old ridge road intersected with the said Marion-Gibbs road and being the southeast corner of what was formerly block twenty-two (22) in the Augusta-Marion addition to the town of Marion; thence in a southwesterly direction with the said old ridge road along the top of the ridge to the northwest corner of what was formerly block eleven (11) in said Marion-Augusta addition, and being the northwest corner of lot formerly owned by Robert Smith and now owned by J. Robert Davis; thence continuing in the same course to the west side of Logan Street; thence with the west side of Logan Street to a stake in the intersection of said west line of said Logan Street with the north line of Fern Avenue."

Section 2. That section two of chapter two hundred ninety-one of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred nine be further amended by striking out all of said section after the words "R. L.
C. Gibson lot.” appearing in the fortieth line of said section, and by striking out the semicolon after the word “lot” and inserting a period.

Sec. 3. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the pro-
visions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratifi-
cation.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 45

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 157 OF THE PRIVATE LAWS
OF 1919, RELATING TO THE FIREMEN’S PENSION FUND
FOR THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, PROVIDING FOR THE
PAYMENT OF PENSIONS TO WIDOWS OF FIREMEN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That section one of chapter one hundred and fifty-
seven of the Private Laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen be
and the same is hereby amended by striking from section one all
of subsection six (6) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
“Six (6) In case of the death of any member of the said fire
department receiving a pension at the time of his death the widow
of the said member shall be entitled to and shall receive said
pension so long as she remains the widow of said deceased member
of the said fire department.”

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the Repealing clause.
provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratifi-
cation.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 46

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 89, PRIVATE LAWS OF 1921,
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ROXBORO TO ISSUE
SCHOOL BONDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That section one of chapter eighty-nine, Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out all of said section following the word “determine” in line seventeen thereof and substituting therefor the following: “Out of the proceeds of sale of said bonds the board of commissioners of Roxboro shall purchase a suitable lot for a high school in said town, causing the title to be made to the said board of commissioners, and the residue of said proceeds

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of such sale shall be placed to the credit of the board of trustees of
the Graded School District of Roxboro and paid out upon warrants
issued by the said board of trustees, and shall be used by it for the
purposes named in this act, and not otherwise: Provided, however,
that the purchaser or purchasers of said bonds shall be in no wise
responsible for the application of said funds."

Sec. 2. That section two of said chapter eighty-nine, Private
Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, be and the
same is hereby repealed and a new section substituted therefor
as follows, to wit:

"Sec. 2. That said bonds shall be sold to the highest bidder or
to the bidder naming the lowest rate of interest, in the discretion
of the board of commissioners, on sealed proposals or at public
auction, after having been advertised for not less than ten days in
some newspaper published in said town, and in such other journal,
newspaper, or periodical as may be designated by the board of
commissioners: Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be
so construed as to prevent said board of commissioners from reject-
ing any or all bids at such sale, and thereafter, within thirty days,
selling the said bonds by private sale."

Sec. 3. That section three of said chapter eighty-nine, Private
Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, be and the
same is hereby repealed and a new section substituted therefor as
follows, to wit:

"Sec. 3. That in order to provide for the payment of said bonds,
principal and interest, the board of commissioners of Roxboro
shall annually at the time of levying other taxes of said town levy
and cause to be collected a sufficient ad valorem tax upon all taxa-
ble property within said town to pay the principal of said bonds as
they severally mature, and to pay the interest thereon as it be-
comes due."

Sec. 4. That section four of said chapter eighty-nine, Private
Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, be and the
same is hereby repealed and a new section substituted therefor as
follows, to wit:

"Sec. 4. The board of trustees of the Roxboro Graded School
District is hereby authorized and empowered to use and employ
the money coming into its hands from the sale of bonds authorized
by this act for the building, furnishing, and equipment of one or
more buildings on the lot acquired by said board of commissioners
under the provisions of this act, to be used by said Roxboro graded
schools: Provided, that said board of trustees may in its discre-
tion employ so much of said money as may be deemed necessary in
the enlargement or improvement of the school buildings now in
use; and Provided further, that said board of trustees may employ
so much of said money as may be deemed necessary in the improve-
ment of school grounds and in the preparation and equipment of
athletic fields."
SEC. 5. That following section six of said chapter eighty-nine, Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, there shall be inserted a new section, as follows:

"Sec. 6-a. That after the qualified voters of said town shall have authorized a sale of bonds at an election held under the provisions of this act the said board of commissioners may borrow on the note or notes of said town, in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, such sums as may be needed, not exceeding the amount of bonds so authorized and unsold, which money shall be used and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of this act, and the sum or sums so borrowed, with interest, shall be repaid out of the proceeds of the sale of said bonds when sold."

SEC. 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 47

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF MARSHAL OF THE TOWN OF SPRUCE PINE, IN MITCHELL COUNTY, AND TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF SAID TOWN, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A POLICE JUDGE OF SAID TOWN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the office of town marshal of the town of Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, created by chapter three hundred and thirty-five of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, be and the same is hereby abolished; that in lieu of said office of town marshal of said town the office of chief of police of said town be and it is hereby created; that the present marshal of said town be and he is hereby appointed and named the chief of police of said town, to serve until his successor is duly appointed and qualified as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. That the chief of police of the town of Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, shall be appointed by the town commissioners of said town, with the approval of the mayor of said town, to hold office and serve for a period of two years, or until his successor is appointed by said commissioners and approved by said mayor and qualified; that the office of the chief of police of said town shall be filled by appointment by the commissioners of said town with the approval of the mayor of said town, and the holder of said office may, for cause, be removed by said commissioners and said mayor; that the salary of the said chief of police of said town shall be fixed and determined by the commissioners and mayor of said town.

SEC. 3. That the mayor of the town of Spruce Pine be and he Police judge.
is hereby authorized and empowered, with the approval of the commissioners of said town, to appoint a police judge, who shall have jurisdiction similar to the present jurisdiction of the mayor of said town, and who shall receive as full compensation for his services as police judge fees similar to those now allowed the mayor of said town as judge of the mayor's court.

Compensation.

Repealing clause. Sec. 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 48

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 207, PRIVATE LAWS OF 1923, AMENDING CHAPTER 55, PRIVATE LAWS OF 1889, RELATING TO THE TOWN OF SPRING HOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF NASH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section amended.  Section 1. That section two of chapter two hundred and seven, Private Laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, amending chapter fifty-five, Private Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, relating to the town of Spring Hope, in the county of Nash, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out that portion of line nine of said section beginning with the word "to" and all of line ten and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and biennially thereafter," and by striking out all of that portion of line thirteen of said section beginning with the word "to" and all of line fourteen and all of line fifteen and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and biennially thereafter."

Terms of office of mayor and commissioners.

Repealing clause. Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 49

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GATESVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section amended.  Section 1. That section six of chapter eighty-eight, Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred twenty-three, be amended by
inserting the word "twenty-five" in lieu of the word "ten" in line six of said section, and the word "ninety" in line seven of said section in lieu of the word "thirty."

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 50

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON, IN RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TO ISSUE BONDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND FOR THE ERECTION OF A CITY HALL AND FIRE STATION, AND TO BUY FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, AND VALIDATING CERTAIN ACTS OF THE OFFICERS OF SAID TOWN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the town of Rutherfordton, in the county of Rutherford, through its mayor and town council, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds of the said town in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for the purpose of erecting a city hall, a fire station, and providing fire-fighting equipment for said town, and one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) for the purpose of grading, paving, and otherwise improving the streets and sidewalks of said town.

Sec. 2. That said bonds shall be coupon bonds and shall be issued in such denomination as may be determined upon by the town council of said town, and shall mature at such time as may be fixed by said town council, not to exceed thirty (30) years from their date, and said bonds may be issued by the board of town council without submitting the question to the voters of said town.

Sec. 3. That said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not greater than six per cent (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of at less than their par value. The town council may fix by resolution the date of said bonds, the place of payment thereof, and may prescribe the form of said bonds, and shall have full authority by resolution to do such other matters and things in relation thereto as may become necessary.

Sec. 4. That said bonds and coupons shall be numbered and the said bonds shall be signed by the mayor of said town and counter-signed by the secretary and treasurer of said town, and the coupons shall bear a facsimile signature of the mayor of said town, and shall be sold in conformity with the Municipal Finance Act of North Carolina.
Sec. 5. That for the purpose of paying said bonds at maturity and the coupons as they become due said town council is hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect each year a special tax on all subjects of taxation within said town sufficient to pay said bonds and the interest thereon as they severally mature, and the taxes so collected shall be used for no other purpose.

Sec. 6. The town council of said town is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase and own a suitable lot upon which to erect a city hall and fire station, and to erect the said city hall and fire station thereon, and to purchase the necessary equipment for a fire department for said town out of the proceeds of the sale of said bonds, and the action of said town council in purchasing the lot known as the C. F. Geer or Bell property on the south side of Second Street and on the east side of Washington Street and bounded on the north by said Second Street and on the west by said Washington Street, same being sixty-six feet by one hundred and six feet, to which lot C. F. Geer has executed a deed to said town, is hereby validated and ratified and in every respect declared to be a valid act upon the part of the said town council and the said C. F. Geer. And the action of the said council in transferring to C. F. Geer a lot on the north side of said Second Street in part payment for said lot hereinbefore described is likewise hereby validated and ratified and in every respect declared to be a valid act upon the part of said town council and the said C. F. Geer.

Sec. 7. That the powers and authority conferred upon the town of Rutherfordton by the Municipal Finance Act of North Carolina shall not be abridged by this act, and the powers and authority herein granted and contained are granted to said town in addition to those given by the Municipal Finance Act of North Carolina.

Sec. 8. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 51

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. The charter of the city of Winston-Salem, it being chapter one hundred and eighty of the Private Laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, be and the same is hereby amended as follows: By striking out the following words in lines twenty-three, twenty-four, and twenty-five in section fifty-seven: "Any special benefit or enhanced value by reason of such proposed improvement which said person may receive thereby," and substituting in lieu thereof "all benefits special to said land, and also all general bene-
fits which the parties affected may derive from the construction of
the proposed improvements, whether they be common to other
lands or only special to their own.

Sec. 2. Provided, this act shall not affect any pending litigation.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratifi-
cation.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 52

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF
MOUNT AIRY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the charter of the town of Mount Airy and the
several acts amendatory thereof be amended as follows: That
the said town of Mount Airy, through its governing body, now or
hereafter constituted, shall be and is hereby authorized and
empowered to purchase, contract for, and otherwise provide power
in the nature of electric or hydro-electric power for the furnishing
of light to its inhabitants and for resale for the purposes of light-
ing and furnishing power for the purpose of manufacturing and
any and all other needs and requirements of the citizens of the
town of Mount Airy, and to that end the said town of Mount Airy,
through its governing bodies as the same are or may hereafter be
established or constituted, purchase, lease, rent, or otherwise
acquire from power companies or others generating electric motor
power, such amounts and quantities of power as the said govern-
ing authority may deem expedient and wise for the development of
manufacturing industries in and about the town of Mount Airy,
and may contract for the said power in such quantities and for
such duration or length of time as the said governing bodies may
determine; and the said town shall thereafter be and is authorized
to retail or resell for lighting or motive power purposes or such
other purposes as may be required, such parts or all of said motive
and electric power as may be contracted for or purchased by the
said town, and the fixing of such rates for the resale of the same
as the said governing body may determine.

Sec. 2. That this act shall confer authority upon the water and
light commission of the town of Mount Airy, subject to the super-
vision of the board of commissioners as is now provided by law,
the power, right, and authority to deal with, contract, and purchase
from any person, company, or corporation electric, hydro-electric,
or any other power for the generation of lights, manufacturing
motive power, and such other purposes as may be desired, and to
fix the time and duration of such contract not to exceed in any case
thirty years.
Authority to distribute and resell.

Powers of commission.

Sec. 3. The said town of Mount Airy, upon the purchase or contracting for the furnishing of power as herein authorized, shall have and is hereby granted the right and privilege to distribute and resell the same in such manner as the governing authorities may determine to be under the control as to the rates to be charged upon resale of the water and light commission of the town of Mount Airy, and otherwise to be under the said commission's control as to the manner of distribution of same and the contracts to be entered into with relation to such resale and distribution, subject, however, to the present legal rights and authority of the board of commissioners of the town of Mount Airy as contained in the charter of the said town of Mount Airy and the acts amendatory thereof.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 53

AN ACT TO REVOKE THE CHARTER OF THE OXFORD COLORED EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY OF SAID ASSOCIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OXFORD GRADED SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter thirty-seven of the Private Laws of North Carolina of the session of eighteen hundred and seventy-two and eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and chapter thirty-six of the Private Laws of North Carolina of eighteen hundred and seventy-six and eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and chapter three hundred and thirteen of the Private Laws of North Carolina of nineteen hundred and five, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the charter of the corporation hereby created and amended under the name and style of "The Oxford Colored Educational Association" is hereby abrogated, revoked, and annulled and said corporation abolished.

Sec. 2. That E. T. Smith and J. H. A. Jenkins be and they are hereby appointed and constituted trustees of the property of said Oxford Colored Educational Association, and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, as such trustees, to convey and deliver all the real and personal property of said association to the said board of trustees of the Oxford Graded Schools within sixty days after the ratification of this act.

Sec. 3. That the board of trustees of the Oxford Graded Schools is hereby authorized to receive said property for the benefit of the
colored school children of the town of Oxford, and to use the same for the benefit of said colored school children in any way the said board may see fit or to sell and convey the same by a deed in fee simple and use the proceeds of the sale of said property after paying off any encumbrances thereon and expenses incurred by any person for the upkeep or maintenance or benefit of said property for the benefit of colored school children of said town of Oxford, either in making additions to the public school for colored children in said town or in purchasing other property for the benefit of said school and children.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 54
AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 569, PUBLIC-LOCAL LAWS 1913, RELATING TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF HIGH POINT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section five of chapter five hundred and sixty-nine of the Public-Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred and thirteen be amended by striking out the word "twelve" in line two and inserting in lieu thereof the word "forty."

Sec. 2. That section twenty-four of chapter five hundred and sixty-nine of the Public-Local Laws of one thousand nine hundred and thirteen be amended by striking out the word "nine" in line eight thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the word "thirty."

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 22d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 55
AN ACT TO RATIFY AND VALIDATE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE ISSUE OF CERTAIN BONDS OF THE SAID DISTRICT, AND TO AUTHORIZE A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That all acts and proceedings, including election proceedings, heretofore taken for the issuance of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) school bonds of the Lexington Graded School District, Davidson County, North Carolina, which were
approved by the vote of the people at an election held July twenty-second, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, are hereby ratified, notwithstanding any question as to whether statutory conditions in relation to the adopting of a county-wide school plan by the board of education of Davidson County existed, and when said bonds shall have been sold, delivered, and paid for at not less than par and accrued interest, they shall constitute valid obligation of said school district as enlarged, the enlarged election held on the twenty-second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, having brought about the formation of the enlarged district as proposed, and for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds a direct annual tax shall be levied by the board of commissioners of the town of Lexington upon all of the taxable property within the territory embraced in the boundaries of the district as enlarged.

Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 56

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 67, PRIVATE LAWS, EXTRA SESSION 1913, AS TO THE METHOD OF ELECTING TRUSTEES OF VASS GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section two of chapter sixty-seven of Private Laws of Extra Session of one thousand nine hundred and thirteen be and the same is hereby amended as follows: That all of said section after the period following word "act" in line nine be stricken out and in lieu thereof be added to said section the following: "All vacancies in said board, whether arising from death, resignation, removal, expiration of term of office, or otherwise, shall be filled by the county board of education of Moore County, and the persons so elected shall hold for a term of three years, except in cases of vacancies, when the appointee shall hold for the unexpired term."

Sec. 2. That the term of office of the present board of trustees of said Vass Graded School shall expire on Monday, September first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, when their successors shall be elected. Which board shall consist of five (5) members.

Sec. 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.
CHAPTER 57

AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 55, PRIVATE LAWS 1889, BEING AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF SPRING HOPE, IN THE COUNTY OF NASH, AND TO AMEND THE ACTS AMENDATORY THEREOF BY PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN DISCOUNTS AND PENALTIES IN THE PAYMENT OF TAXES OF SAID TOWN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter fifty-five of the Private Laws of North Carolina, passed at the session of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, as amended, be and the same is hereby further amended as hereinafter provided, and that subject to the following amendments the same shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 2. That on all Spring Hope town taxes paid in the month of October of each year the taxpayer shall be allowed or given a discount of one per centum; that on all Spring Hope town taxes paid in the month of November of each year the taxpayer shall be allowed or given a discount of one-half of one per centum; that throughout the months of December and January of each year no discount shall be allowed or penalty charged, but the taxpayer shall pay the net amount of said tax; that on all Spring Hope town taxes paid in the month of February of each year the taxpayer shall pay, in addition to the net amount of the tax, one-half of one per centum of said amount; and that thereafter an addition of one-half of one per centum shall be added on the first day of each calendar month until the full amount of the tax, together with the additional charge, is paid.

Sec. 3. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 58

AN ACT TO CONFIRM CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS IN CITY OF REIDSVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That all irregularities in regard to petitions and other preliminary matters in all street improvement assessments heretofore made by the city of Reidsville are hereby declared to be mere irregularities, and shall in no way affect the lien of said assessments: Provided, nothing herein shall apply to pending litigation.
Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force and effect from its ratification. Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 59
AN ACT TO REGULATE THE COSTS IN THE MAYORS' COURTS IN THE TOWNS OF BEAUFORT, MOREHEAD CITY, AND NEWPORT, CARTERET COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the bill of costs in each criminal case disposed of in the mayors' courts, including issuing of warrants, affidavit, trial, and judgment, shall not exceed the sum of two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50).

Sec. 2. That this act shall apply only to the mayors' courts in the towns of Beaufort, Morehead City, and Newport, in Carteret County.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 60
AN ACT CREATING THE OFFICE OF TAX COLLECTOR OF THE SCHOOL TAXES OF THE MOUNT OLIVE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WAYNE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. There shall be appointed by the board of trustees of the Mount Olive Graded School District, in the county of Wayne, at its regular meeting on the first Monday in September, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and annually thereafter, a tax collector of the school taxes of the said Mount Olive Graded School District, who shall hold his office for one year and until his successor is appointed and qualified. The said board of trustees shall fix and provide for his compensation; and his duties and powers in the collection of said school taxes of said district shall be the same as the duties and powers now possessed by or which shall by law be hereafter conferred upon the sheriff of Wayne County in regard to the collection of the taxes for said county. The said tax collector shall give bond in an amount and with sureties to be approved by the said board of trustees, and he shall turn over said taxes to and make settlement with said board of trustees.
Sec. 2. All the extra expense made necessary in the preparation of the tax books by reason of the separation of the collection of said school taxes from the other taxes of said county shall be paid by said board of trustees.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Sec. 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 61
AN ACT TO AMEND HOUSE BILL 407, SENATE BILL 343, SPECIAL SESSION 1924, RELATING TO THE SALARY OF THE JUDGE OF THE POLICE COURT, CITY OF ASHEVILLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That House Bill four hundred and seven, Senate Bill three hundred and forty-three, Special Session, one thousand nine hundred twenty-four, and section one thereof, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words “per annum” in line five of said section one.

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 62
AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE FORMATION AND INCORPORATION OF EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN FRANKLIN AND VANCE COUNTIES, AND TO EMPOWER THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CALL AN ELECTION AND TO ISSUE SCHOOL BONDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the formation, creation, and incorporation of Epsom School District, comprising contiguous portions of Franklin and Vance counties, be and the same is validated, ratified, approved, and confirmed, and said Epsom School District as at present constituted and defined is declared a body corporate by the name and style of “Epsom School District,” with all the authority, rights, and powers and privileges and the same plan of government conferred upon other joint school districts by and under the provi-
Additional powers.

Special election.

Question of bonds.

Special tax.

Polling places.

Registrars and pollholders.

Judges of election.

Canvass returns.

Notice of election.

Notice of registration.

Registration books, when closed.

Challenge day.

Ballots.

Details of election.

Expenses of election.

sions of article seventeen of chapter one hundred thirty-six of the Public Laws of North Carolina, session of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three.

SEC. 2. That in addition to the powers mentioned above the board of trustees of Epsom School District, for the purpose of erecting or otherwise providing adequate public school buildings or other necessary school property and equipment for the maintenance of the public school or schools of said district is hereby empowered and authorized to call a special election, to be held in said district at such time and place as said board may designate after the ratification of this act, to ascertain the will of the people of said district upon the question of issuing bonds for the purpose or purposes above set forth, not to exceed fifty thousand dollars ($50,000), and the levying of a sufficient ad valorem tax for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

SEC. 3. The said board of trustees shall designate the polling place, appoint the registrar and two (2) pollholders, who shall constitute the judges of election, and the said board shall canvass and judicially determine the result of said election when the returns have been filed with them by the officers holding the election, and shall record such determination on their records. The notice of the election shall be given by publication at least three (3) times in some newspaper published or circulating in the territory in both counties. It shall set forth the boundary lines of the district and the purpose of the election. The first publication shall be at least thirty (30) days before the election. A new registration of the qualified voters of the territory shall be ordered and notice of said new registration shall be deemed to be sufficiently given by publication once in some newspaper published or circulating in said district at least thirty (30) days before the close of the registration books. This notice of registration may be considered one of the three notices required of the election. Such published notice of registration shall state the days on which the books will be opened for registration of voters and the place or places on which they will be open on Saturdays. The books of such new registration shall close on the second Saturday before the election. The Saturday before the election shall be challenge day, and except as otherwise provided in this act such election shall be held in accordance with the law governing general elections. At the election those who are in favor of the issuing of such bonds and the levy and collection of the taxes necessary for the payment of said bonds shall vote a ticket on which shall be printed or written the words "For School Bonds," and those who oppose shall vote a ticket on which shall be printed or written the words "Against School Bonds." All other details of said election shall be fixed by the said board and the expenses of holding and conducting the election shall be provided by the said board out of the local tax of said district.
Sec. 4. If a majority of the qualified voters of said district shall vote in favor of the issuance of said bonds, then the said board of trustees shall have power to issue the said bonds, which bonds shall be issued in the name of the Epsom School District, and shall be issued in such form and denominations and with such provisions as to time, place, and medium of payment of principal and interest as the said board may determine, subject to the limitation and restrictions of this act. The bonds shall be serial bonds and shall so mature that the principal amount of the issue shall be payable in annual installments or series, beginning not more than three (3) years after the date of the bonds of such issue and ending not more than thirty (30) years after such date. No such installment shall be more than two and one-half times as great in amount as the smallest prior installment of same issue. The bonds shall bear interest at the rate not exceeding six per centum (6%) per annum, payable annually, and may have interest coupons attached, and may be registerable as to principal or as to both principal and interest. They shall be signed by the chairman of the said board of trustees and the seal of the district shall be affixed to or impressed on each bond and attested by the secretary of said board, and the interest coupons shall bear the printed, lithographed, or etched facsimile signature of such chairman. The delivery of the bond, signed as aforesaid by officers in office at the time of such signing, shall be valid notwithstanding any changes in office occurring after such signing.

Sec. 5. Said bonds shall be sold by the board of trustees of said Epsom School District by and with the approval of the county superintendents of public instruction of the counties of Franklin and Vance, after such advertisement as the said county superintendents shall deem proper and necessary, but said bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest.

Sec. 6. The proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds shall be turned over to the treasurer of the county school fund of the county in which the school building is or is to be located, and this shall be held as a separate fund by the treasurer and placed to the credit of the district, and shall be disbursed or paid out by said treasurer upon order or voucher signed by the chairman and secretary of the board of trustees of Epsom School District and countersigned by the superintendent of public instruction of the county in which the school building or buildings is or is to be erected for the purpose or purposes set forth in this act.

Sec. 7. In the event the issue of said bonds is authorized by the voters as above provided, and when the same are issued the boards of county commissioners of the counties of Franklin and Vance are hereby authorized and directed to levy annually a special tax ad valorem on all taxable property within their respective counties situated within the said Epsom School District, sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds as such
principal and interest shall become due. Such special tax shall be in addition to all other taxes authorized to be levied in such county or district. The taxes provided for in this section shall be collected by the officer or officers collecting the special taxes in said district, and paid over by him or them to the treasurer of the county school fund of the county in which the school building or buildings is or is to be located, and shall be held as a separate fund by said treasurer in the payment of said bonds and interest as the same become due, and the said bonds or interest coupons shall be, when paid by said treasurer, vouchers in accounting for the disbursement of said taxes so turned over to him.

Sec. 8. Said board of trustees of Epsom School District are hereby authorized and directed to adopt a corporate seal of such design as it may deem fit and proper.

Sec. 9. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are, in so far as they may affect this act, hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. This act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 63

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DURHAM, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID CITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter one hundred and forty-two of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one be and the same is hereby amended by striking out section two of said chapter and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 2. The corporate limits of the city of Durham shall be as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point in the center of the Ferrell road four hundred feet southwest from the center of the track of the Norfolk and Western Railway where said railway crosses said Ferrell road, which said point is approximately two-thirds of a mile from the present corporate limits of the city of Durham, and running thence from the point of beginning in a southeasterly direction to a point in the center of the old Proctor road, which said point is one hundred feet east of the center of Felix Street where said Felix Street intersects said Proctor road; thence in a southerly direction to a point in the center of the Durham-Raleigh concrete highway, which said point is five hundred feet northwest from the intersection of said highway and Couch or Cook road (center of said highway and center of said Couch road); thence in a southwesterly direction to a point in the
center of the Fayetteville macadam road, which said point is at the intersection of said Fayetteville Street or road and Martha Street (the center of said Fayetteville road and the center of said Martha Street); thence in a northwesterly direction to a point in the center of the Durham-Chapel Hill Boulevard, which said point is two hundred and fifty feet south from the intersection of said boulevard and Pierce Street (the center of said boulevard and the center of said Pierce Street); thence in a northerly direction to a point in the center of the Durham-Hillsboro or central highway, which said point is seventeen hundred feet west of the intersection of said highway and Hillandale road (the center of said Hillandale road and the center of said highway); thence in a northeasterly direction to the center of the Guess Mill macadam road, which said point is one hundred feet southeast from the center of Ellerbee Creek, where said creek crosses said Guess Mill road: thence in an easterly direction to a point four hundred and fifty feet east of the Durham-Roxboro highway, which said point is north eighty (80) degrees east four hundred and fifty (450) feet from the intersection of said highway and Maynard Avenue (center of said Maynard Avenue and the center of said highway); thence in a southeasterly direction to the point in the Ferrell road four hundred (400) feet southwest from the center of the tracks of the Norfolk and Western Railway, the point or place of beginning.

"The lines between the points above named are all straight lines running direct from point to point."

Sec. 2. That chapter one hundred and forty-two of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one be and the same is hereby amended by striking out section three of said chapter and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 3. That the territory comprised within the corporate limits of the said city is hereby laid off into six wards, as follows:

"Ward Number One: Ward Number One shall be comprised of that territory in that section of the city of Durham bounded as follows, to wit: On the north by the corporate limits of the said city as prescribed in section one of this act, on the east by Mangum Street, Park Avenue, Patra Street, and the Durham and Roxboro road, on the south by West Main Street, and on the west by the western corporate limits of the city of Durham as said limits existed prior to the passage of this act, and by the extension of said corporate limits in a straight line to the corporate limits as prescribed in section one of this act.

"Ward Number Two: Ward Number Two shall be comprised of the territory in that section of the said city bounded as follows, to wit: On the north by the corporate limits of the city of Durham as prescribed in section one of this act, on the east by the eastern corporate limits of the city of Durham as said limits existed prior to the passage of this act and by the extension of said corporate limits in a straight line to the corporate limits as
prescribed in section one of this act, on the south by East Main Street, and on the west by Mangum Street, Park Avenue, Patra Street, and the Durham and Roxboro road.

Ward No. 3.

"Ward Number Three: Ward Number Three shall be comprised of the territory in that section of the said city bounded as follows, to wit: On the north by East Main Street, on the east by the corporate limits of the city of Durham as said limits existed prior to the passage of this act and by the extension in a straight line of said corporate limits as prescribed in section one of this act, on the south by the corporate limits of the city of Durham as prescribed in section one of this act, and on the west by South Mangum Street, McMannen Street, Ridgeway Avenue, and South Street extended to the corporate limits as prescribed in section one of this act.

Ward No. 4.

"Ward Number Four: Ward Number Four shall be comprised of the territory in that section of the city bounded as follows, to wit: On the north by West Main Street, on the east by South Mangum Street, McMannen Street, Ridgeway Avenue, and South Street extended to the corporate limits as prescribed in section one of this act, on the south by the corporate limits of the city of Durham as prescribed in section one of this act, on the west by the corporate limits of the city of Durham as said corporate limits existed prior to the passage of this act, and by the extension in a straight line of said corporate limits to the corporate limits of the city of Durham as prescribed in section one of this act.

Ward No. 5.

"Ward Number Five: Ward Number Five shall be comprised of all that territory included in the corporate limits as prescribed in section one of this act lying west of the western boundaries of Wards Numbers One (1) and Four (4).

Ward No. 6.

"Ward Number Six: Ward Number Six shall be comprised of all that territory included in the corporate limits as prescribed in section one of this act lying east of the eastern boundaries of Wards Numbers Two (2) and Three (3).

"Voting Precincts: For the purpose of elections the governing body of the city of Durham shall have full power and authority to fix and establish, for the convenience of the voters, one or more voting precincts and polling places in each of said wards of the city. Notice of the establishment of the precincts and the boundaries thereof shall be given by publication once a week for four successive weeks in one or more newspapers published in the city of Durham, and in which shall also be given the location of the polling places within said precincts designated by names or numbers."

Sec. 3. That the school district heretofore created by law and comprising the territory coterminous with the city of Durham as it existed at and prior to the passage of this act shall remain and continue to be an independent school district, and shall be a body politic and corporate under the name of the "Durham Public
School District," and the school committee having the management of such schools shall continue to have exclusive control of the schools in said district.

Sec. 4. That after the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four the levy and collection of taxes by the city of Durham shall be upon all of the territory within the limits and boundaries as given in section one of this act, except that taxes levied by the governing body of the city of Durham for the maintenance of the schools of the Durham Public School District shall be levied only upon the property taxable within said district, and except also that taxes for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds issued in the name of the city of Durham for school purposes, being solely of said school district, shall be levied solely upon the property taxable within said district, and except also that in the fiscal year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five no taxes to pay interest or create sinking funds on bonds heretofore issued by the city of Durham shall be levied on the property in the annexed territory.

Sec. 5. The said school bonds shall be deducted from gross debt in any computation of net debt of the city of Durham required or permitted by the Municipal Finance Act, or any other act now in force in the State, or any similar act which may hereafter be enacted limiting the city in the issuance of bonds.

Sec. 6. All school districts outside of the city of Durham at and prior to the passage of this act shall be and remain as they now are and until changed in the manner provided by law, and the said schools therein shall continue to be managed, governed, controlled, supported, and carried on as they have been heretofore and as provided by law.

Sec. 7. In the event the Durham Public School District shall hereafter be extended or enlarged pursuant to any law now or hereafter in force governing the enlargement of the school district, and the territory added by such enlargement shall contain any public school building or buildings for which bonds shall have been issued by or in behalf of any school district, then and in that event the title to said building or buildings and the premises shall be transferred by proper deed to the "School Committee of the City of Durham, County of Durham," and said Durham Public School District shall assume the said bonded indebtedness created for the erection of said school building or buildings, and the governing body of the city of Durham shall include in the taxes thereafter levied in the Durham Public School District as so enlarged a sufficient amount to provide for the payment of the principal and interest of such bonded indebtedness.

Sec. 8. That for the purpose of equalizing the bonded indebtedness of the city of Durham and the annexed territory, and for the purpose of assuring the residents of the annexed territory that they will receive their fair and just proportion of public improve-
Percentage the bonded indebtedness bears to assessed valuation of property.

Issue bonds for improvements in annexed territory. Amount, how computed.

Authority of governing body to issue bonds not added to nor limited by act.

Money may be borrowed to meet expenses of annexed territory.

Loans to be paid October 10, 1926.

Law repealed.

Substitute.

Election of mayor.

Aldermen, how elected.

Terms of aldermen whose terms do not expire in May, 1925.

Election biennially.

...ments, the governing body of the city of Durham shall ascertain the percentage the bonded indebtedness of the city of Durham on April first, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (less bonds issued for schools and any other bonds exempted by the Municipal Finance Act from the limitation on the issuance of bonds), bears to the assessed valuation of property as fixed for taxation in the city of Durham in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and the governing body of the city of Durham, under authority of the Municipal Finance Act, shall, as soon as practicable, issue its negotiable bonds for permanent, necessary municipal improvements in the said annexed territory to the amount represented by the above ascertained percentage computed upon the assessed valuation of property in the annexed territory as fixed for taxation in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four. It is not the intent of this section to give to the governing body of the city of Durham any additional authority to issue bonds, nor to limit in any way the authority it now has to issue bonds as provided by law, either before or after issuing bonds for improvements in the annexed territory.

Sec. 9. That for the purpose of defraying immediate and necessary expenses incident to governing and protecting the residents of the annexed territory prior to the adoption of the budget for the one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five fiscal year the city of Durham is authorized to borrow such sums as may be necessary, and to include the amount so borrowed in the budget of the one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five fiscal year. Such loans, however, shall be paid not later than October tenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

Sec. 10. Section five of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one is hereby repealed and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"Sec. 5. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, the qualified registered voters of the city of Durham shall elect a mayor and shall elect from residents of each of the wards as described in section two of this act the number of aldermen hereinafter designated, for the following terms: From Wards Numbers One, Two, Three, and Four, one person each for a period of four years. From each of Wards Numbers Five and Six, two persons, the persons receiving the highest number of votes in each of the wards to serve for a term of four years, and the persons in each of the wards receiving the next highest number of votes to serve for a term of two years only.

"Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting the terms of those aldermen now elected whose terms do not expire in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

"Biennially on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May there shall be elected by the qualified registered voters of the city
of Durham a mayor and six aldermen to fill the places of the mayor and aldermen whose terms are expiring. The mayor shall serve for a term of only two years.

"Except as herein otherwise provided, the terms of all aldermen shall be for four years.

"Only qualified voters of said city shall be eligible to be elected mayor and aldermen."

Sec. 11. That nothing in this act shall be construed as repealing any of the provisions of sections six (6), seven (7), or eight (8) of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

Sec. 12. All laws and ordinances relating to the city of Durham as said city existed at and prior to the passage of this act shall apply to the city of Durham as enlarged by this act.

Sec. 13. The provisions of this act shall be submitted to the registered and qualified voters of the entire territory described in section one hereof at an election to be held on Tuesday, December ninth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four. Said election shall be held under the same rules and regulations as apply to the election of the members of the General Assembly as near as may be. The board of elections of the county of Durham is hereby directed, authorized, and empowered to hold and conduct said election. A new registration is not required and the said board of elections of Durham County shall use for this election the registration books used at the last regular county, State, and national election immediately preceding the election to be held under the provisions of this act, and the said county board of elections shall appoint all registrars and judges of the election, designate the precincts and polling places, and canvass the returns and declare the result as is now provided by law. At said election those favoring the extension shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "For Extension," and those opposing it shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "Against Extension." The expenses of the holding of said election shall be paid out of the general fund of the city of Durham. If at said election a majority of the qualified votes cast shall be "For Extension." then the provisions of this act which precede this section shall become operative at midnight of the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

Sec. 14. That as promptly as possible after the ratification of this act the city council of the city of Durham shall cause to be printed not less than two thousand copies of this act at the expense of said city. The city clerk of the city of Durham shall then forward a copy of this act to every newspaper published in the county of Durham, and shall distribute copies of the same to persons making application for them.

Sec. 15. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this act shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent juris-
diction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of said act, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which said judgment shall have been rendered, and all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 16. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 64

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TARBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT, EDGECOMBE COUNTY, TO ISSUE BONDS AND PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the board of commissioners of Edgecombe County is hereby authorized, subject to a vote of the majority of qualified voters of said Tarboro School District, to issue not exceeding forty thousand dollars ($40,000) bonds of said school district for the purpose of completing the erection and equipping of additional school buildings therein. All of said bonds shall bear interest at not more than six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall mature at such times, not more than thirty years from date thereof, as said board may determine. No sale of any part of said bonds shall be made at less than par and accrued interest, not until a notice of the date of receiving bids shall have been published in a newspaper published in Edgecombe County, and in a newspaper published in the city of Raleigh, which publication shall be at least ten days before the said date for receiving bids, and no other or further notice of sale shall be required.

Sec. 2. No bonds shall be issued hereunder unless a majority of the qualified voters of said school district shall vote in favor of the issuance of the same at an election to be called by said board of commissioners after a petition requesting said election and signed by a majority of the members of the Tarboro school board, or their duly elected officers, has been filed with the said board of commissioners. It shall not be necessary to submit to the voters any other details of said bonds than the amount of the issue, the purpose and the fact that the tax for the payment of the bonds and interest will be levied. No other or further notice of said election shall be required except a publication, not more than forty days nor less than twenty days before said election, in a newspaper published in Edgecombe County and circulating within said district, such publication to state the question or questions as
herein provided for, as well as the day of election and the place or places at which the polls will be open. The board of commis-

sioners may order a new registration of voters if the petition of

the Tarboro school board shall request same. No other or further

notice of such registration shall be required than a publication at

least thirty days before the closing of the registration books in a

newspaper published in Edgecombe County and circulating within

said district, such publication to state the days on which the regis-

tration books will be open at the place or places at which they

will be open on Saturdays. The board of commissioners shall

appoint the registrars and judges of election and, except as herein

provided, the provisions of the law applicable to school elections in

school districts shall be applicable to registration and election

hereunder.

Sec. 3. If a majority of the qualified voters of said district

shall vote in favor of the issuance of the bonds in the amount and

for the purpose above specified, such bonds shall be forthwith

issued, and the said county commissioners shall cause the bonds

so to be issued to be prepared and executed in such manner as they

shall determine; such bonds shall be issued in coupon form, but

may be made subject to registration as to principal alone, or as to

both principal and interest under such conditions as said board

may determine; said board shall cause the said bonds to be deliv-

ered pursuant to any public sale thereof made by the Tarboro

school board. The proceeds of said bonds shall be paid into the

hands of the proper county official for the credit of said school

district.

Sec. 4. In each year while any of said bonds shall be outstand-

ing it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners to

levy a tax upon all taxable property within said school district,

over and above all other taxes authorized by law, sufficient to meet

the payment of interest and principal falling due in the succeed-

ing year, if serial bonds are issued, or if the bonds are not issued as

serial bonds for the purpose of paying the interest and creating a

sinking fund for the retirement of said bonds at maturity, which

tax when collected shall be held by the proper county officer for the

sole purpose for which it was levied.

Sec. 5. The failure of the voters of said district to authorize

the submission of the question at the first election shall prevent

the submission of the question at other election to be called and

held in accordance with this act, but not more than one election

shall be held hereunder in any one calendar year.

Sec. 6. The powers hereby conferred are in addition to all

other powers conferred by law, and bonds may be issued hereunder

notwithstanding any other law, general or special, heretofore

enacted.

Sec. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.
CHAPTER 65

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH TO SELL, CONVEY, OR QUITCLAIM CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF RALEIGH, AND DESIGNATED ON SOME OF THE OFFICIAL MAPS AS PARTS OF THE SIDEWALKS OR PUBLIC STREETS.

Whereas there is a conflict of boundaries between certain old maps of the city of Raleigh and certain new maps of the city of Raleigh, and an apparent conflict between the boundaries of certain property owners in the city of Raleigh and the surveys made by the city of Raleigh within recent years; and

Whereas in numbers of instances citizens and corporations of the city of Raleigh have within recent years, with the knowledge and acquiescence of the officials and citizens of the said city of Raleigh, purchased property for valuable considerations and have constructed buildings within the boundaries of their said deeds and occupied and improved said property; and

Whereas it now appears in numbers of cases that the property lines of various citizens and corporations are extended over and encroach upon the sidewalks or streets of said city; and

Whereas it is the desire of the officials of the city of Raleigh that any question or questions as to the title of such portion or portions of the sidewalks or streets whereon citizens or corporations have encroached innocently shall be definitely settled: Therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the board of commissioners of the city of Raleigh be and are hereby authorized and empowered in their discretion to sell, convey, or quitclaim by deed executed as provided by law any portion or portions of the sidewalks or public streets of the said city whereon citizens or corporations have innocently erected or constructed buildings or otherwise innocently encroached.

Sec. 2. That the effect of any such deed shall be to vest in the grantee all the rights, title, interest, estate, and easement of the city of Raleigh and of the public in the lands therein described.

Sec. 3. That before the execution of any deed of conveyance or quitclaim as herein provided the said commissioners of the city of Raleigh shall first appoint a commission, to be composed of three citizens and taxpayers, to inquire into the facts and report their findings to the commissioners of the city of Raleigh, and only upon a report finding that the encroachment was innocently made shall the authority to convey or quitclaim be exercised.

Sec. 4. The expenses of the inquiry shall be borne by the applicant for the deed or quitclaim and the commissioners of said city
shall have the right to require of the applicant a deposit to cover the cost and expenses of said inquiry before any proceeding under this act.

Sec. 5. That all laws or clauses of laws in conflict with this act be and are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 66

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER 504, PRIVATE LAWS OF 1907, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE TOWN OF UNION MILLS, RUTHERFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter five hundred and four, Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and seven, and all amendments thereto, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 67

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 48, PRIVATE LAWS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1908, INCORPORATING THE TOWN OF CANDOR, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That section five of chapter forty-eight, Private Law of the General Assembly of one thousand nine hundred and eight, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty" in line eight of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one hundred," and striking out the words "sixty cents on the poll" in line nine of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the amount on the poll authorized by the Constitution of the State."

Sec. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.
CHAPTER 68

AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN BONDS OF THE TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The proceedings of the board of commissioners of the town of Rutherfordton adopted on the twelfth of August and on the twentieth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, authorizing and selling sixty-three thousand dollars ($63,000) street improvement bonds of the town of Rutherfordton and providing for a special tax, are hereby validated, and the said bonds may be issued and special tax levied and collected accordingly, notwithstanding any irregularity in the proceedings authorizing and selling said bonds.

Sec. 2. All bonds heretofore issued by the town of Rutherfordton are hereby validated.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 69

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 248, PRIVATE LAWS 1909, RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF A BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and nine be and the same is hereby amended by striking out all of section two and inserting in lieu thereof a new section, to be known as section two, and reading as follows:

"Sec. 2. That J. L. Strickland, H. A. Parker, E. A. Pearsall, H. L. Stevens, D. L. Carlton, and W. E. Hines be and they are hereby appointed and constituted a board of school trustees for the said Warsaw High School and Graded School, for a term commencing on the first Monday in December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four. The term of the first three named trustees shall be for two years, and the term of the last three named trustees shall be for four years; and at the expiration of the terms of office of said trustees their successors shall be elected, for a term of two years, by the qualified voters of the Warsaw High School and Graded School District, as now or may hereafter be constituted, at the general election held biennially for the election of members of the General Assembly and under the same rules and regulations as govern the election of members of the General
Assembly. Any vacancy which may occur by reason of resignation, death, or otherwise shall be filled by the board of education of Duplin County for the unexpired term.

"Sec. 2-a. That the said board of trustees of the Warsaw High School and Graded School as now constituted shall constitute the said board of trustees until the beginning of the terms of members as set out in section two hereof, and any vacancy which may occur before the beginning of the terms as set out in section two by reason of resignation, death, or otherwise, shall be filled by the board of education of Duplin County for the unexpired term."

Sec. 2. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.

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CHAPTER 70

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF MORVEN, ANSON COUNTY, TO CONSTRUCT AND ERECT A TRANSMISSION WIRE OR LINE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRIC CURRENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLYING SAID TOWN AND THE INHABITANTS THEREOF WITH ELECTRIC LIGHTS, AND TO ISSUE BONDS FOR SAID PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the town of Morven, Anson County, incorporated under the provisions of chapter seventy-one, Private Laws of North Carolina, session one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to erect and construct a transmission line or lines, suspended upon poles or towers, from a point within the town of Morven to some point without the town of Morven, and connect the same to some transmission line or lines of an electric power company now engaged in generating electric current for distribution and sale, and shall have power to contract with such electric power company for electric current to be transmitted over and upon said lines for the purpose of supplying electric lights to said town and to the inhabitants thereof, under such rules and regulations as the commissioners of said town may fix and determine.

Sec. 2. That the board of commissioners of the town of Morven are authorized to contract for the purchase of electric current and to supply electric lights for the streets of said town and to the inhabitants thereof, to maintain and construct such means, ways, and appliances as may be necessary to that end; or in lieu thereof they shall have power to contract with an electric power company, generating electric current, to supply lights for the streets of said town and the inhabitants thereof, and for the purpose aforesaid, may lease or authorized to be used the transmission line to be
constructed under the provisions of this act, upon such terms and regulations as the board of commissioners of said town may fix and determine, and all expenses incurred by the board of commissioners of the town of Morven for the purposes aforesaid are hereby deemed and declared to be necessary expenses of said town.

Sec. 3. That the board of commissioners of the town of Morven, for the purposes authorized by this act and to supply funds to that end, are authorized to issue bonds in a sum not to exceed fifty thousand dollars ($50,000), and such bonds, when so issued, shall be issued under the provisions of chapter one hundred and six, Public Laws of North Carolina, Extra Session one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, known as the Municipal Finance Act, and amendments thereto, and may levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and to create a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof as said bonds shall mature.

Sec. 4. That the commissioners of the town of Morven are authorized to purchase or acquire by gift or donation an easement or right of way for the construction of the transmission line authorized by this act, and such land or lands may be necessary for the construction and operation of a substation or other buildings and appliances necessary for the purpose of this act; and if such governing body shall be unable to agree with the owner thereof for the purchase of such lands, right of way, privilege, or easement, for the purposes aforesaid, condemnation of the same for such public use may be made in the same manner and under the same procedure as is provided by chapter entitled "Eminent Domain," article two of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, and the determination of the board of commissioners of the town of Morven of the lands necessary for such purposes shall be conclusive.

Sec. 5. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23rd day of August, A.D. 1924.

CHAPTER 71

AN ACT TO RATIFY AND VALIDATE THE INCORPORATION OF DOBBERSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN WAYNE COUNTY.

Whereas Dobbersville School District, as hereinafter described, composed of portions of Wayne and Sampson counties, was by an agreement of the boards of education of Wayne and Sampson counties consolidated in nineteen hundred and twelve, and is now a joint school district composed of contiguous portions of two counties; and

Whereas each portion of each county has each severally voted a special tax of thirty cents for schools; and
Whereas the patrons of said districts hereinafter described desire to confirm, ratify, and validate the incorporation of the said district: Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. That the consolidation of the Dobbersville School District as now composed of that portion of Wayne County and of that portion of Sampson County as described and fully set forth in the minutes of the boards of education of Wayne and Sampson counties, be and the same is hereby ratified, confirmed, and validated in all respects.

Sec. 2. That all that territory as now composed of contiguous portions of the counties of Wayne and Sampson, and more particularly described and set forth in the records of the said counties of Wayne and Sampson and known as Dobbersville School District, be and the same is hereby created a body corporate under the name and style of "Dobbersville Joint Local Tax School District of Wayne and Sampson Counties."

Sec. 3. That D. F. Odom, W. H. Chestnutt, and F. F. Giddings be and they are hereby appointed and constituted a board of school trustees for the said Dobbersville Joint Local Tax School District of Wayne and Sampson Counties; and they, together with two others to be appointed by the board of education of Wayne and Sampson counties, shall constitute the full board of trustees for said district. The said first three named trustees to serve until the expiration of their term of office under their present appointment, and the last two to be named for such period of time as described by subsection (c) of section two hundred and thirty-two of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, as amended by the special session of nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

Sec. 4. That all the subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i) of "A bill to be entitled an act to amend section two hundred and thirty-two of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, relating to local tax district formed from portions of contiguous counties," passed by the special session of nineteen hundred and twenty-four, shall apply to the said Dobbersville Joint Local Tax School District of Wayne and Sampson Counties, and each and all of the said subsections and provisions thereof shall apply to the said Dobbersville Joint Local Tax District of Wayne and Sampson Counties with the same force and effect as if said district had been created under the provisions of said act.

Sec. 5. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Repealing clause, act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 23d day of August, A.D. 1924.
State of North Carolina,
Office of Secretary of State,
Raleigh, October 1, 1924.

I, W. N. Everett, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, hereby certify that the foregoing (manuscript) are true copies of the original acts and resolutions on file in this office.

W. N. Everett
Secretary of State.
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