

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 181\*

Short Title: Amend W-S Charter/Certain Candidates. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Lowe (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 7, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO  
ESTABLISH A UNIFORM PROCESS FOR THE ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT OR  
NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Paragraph 6 of Section 12A of the Charter of the City of  
Winston-Salem, being Chapter 232 of the Private Laws of 1927, as amended by Chapter 13 of the  
1965 Session Laws, and by Ordinance dated January 6, 2003, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 12A. Generally.

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6. Independent or nonpartisan candidates; petition; affidavit of candidates; filing of petition;  
rules and regulations governing petitions. The Forsyth County Board of Elections shall include  
among the candidates for municipal office, as independent or nonpartisan candidates, the name of  
any qualified voter who has been requested to be a candidate for office ~~by written petitions signed  
by at least twenty five percent (25%) of those entitled to vote for a candidate for such office  
according to the vote cast in the last municipal election for the particular office, when such  
petition is accompanied by an affidavit from such proposed candidate that he seeks to become an  
independent or nonpartisan candidate and does not affiliate with any political party; provided, such  
petition is filed with the secretary of the board of elections on or before twelve o'clock Noon on  
the third Friday preceding the general municipal election for such office.~~ in accordance with the  
uniform municipal election laws under Subchapter IX of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

The board of elections may prescribe rules and regulations covering the information that shall  
be set out in the petition to be signed by the voters requesting a person to be a candidate for any  
such office, such as the giving of the full name of every such voter, the street address of such voter  
and any other pertinent information required to facilitate the checking of such petition against the  
registration books.

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**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

