

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 229*

Short Title: Fayetteville Recall.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Rand.

Referred to: State Government, Local Government, and Personnel.

February 24, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE TO
RECALL THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter IV of the Charter of the City of Fayetteville, being Chapter 557, Session Laws of 1979, is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 4.4. Recall. **The Mayor and members of the City Council are subject to removal pursuant to this section. An officer is removed upon the filing of a sufficient recall petition and the affirmative vote of a majority of those voting on the question of removal at a recall election.**

A recall petition shall be filed with the City Clerk, who shall immediately forward the petition to the board of elections that conducts elections for the City of Fayetteville. A petition to recall the Mayor or a member of the City Council elected at large shall bear the signatures equal in number to at least fifteen percent (15%) of the registered voters of the City of Fayetteville. A petition to recall a member of the City Council elected from a district shall bear the signatures equal in number to at least fifteen percent (15%) of the registered voters of such district.

The board of elections shall verify the petition signatures. If a sufficient recall petition is submitted, the board of elections shall certify its sufficiency to the governing body, and the governing body shall adopt a resolution calling for a recall election to be

1 held not more than 60 days after the petition has been certified to the governing body.
2 The election may be held by itself or at the same time as any other general or special
3 election within the period established in this section, and shall be held as otherwise
4 provided in G.S. 163-287. The board of elections shall conduct the recall election. The
5 proposition submitted to the voters shall be substantially in the following form:

6 **'[] FOR [] AGAINST**
7 **THE RECALL OF [NAME OF OFFICER]'**.

8 The registered voters of the City of Fayetteville are eligible to vote in an election to recall
9 the Mayor or a member of the City Council. Any recall election for a council member
10 from an electoral district shall be held within that district only.

11 ♦ If less than a majority of the votes cast on the question are for the officer's recall, the
12 officer continues in office. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are for the
13 officer's recall, the officer is removed on the date the board of elections certifies the
14 results of the election. A vacancy created by removal of a member of the City Council or
15 the Mayor shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160A-63, and the
16 Mayor may vote on the filling of a vacancy on the City Council."

17 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.