



# HOUSE BILL 989: Red Cross Charter Amendments.

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**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 989 would amend the charter of the Town of Red Cross to authorize the Town Council to fill a vacancy on the Council and to choose one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Red Cross Town Council consists of four councilmembers and the mayor, who serve 4-year terms. There is currently no provision in the charter for filling a vacancy in the term of a councilmember or the mayor. Where a charter is silent as to the filling of a vacancy on a city council, the general law of G.S. 160A-63 applies, generally requiring a vacancy to be filled by appointment of the city council.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 989 would amend the charter of the Town of Red Cross to provide that if any elected member of the Town Council shall refuse to be qualified, or if there is a vacancy in the office of a member of the Town Council, the remaining members of the Town Council must, by majority vote, appoint some qualified person to serve for the unexpired term.

The change in the charter would also require the Town Council to choose one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore, who would be required to perform the duties of the mayor in the mayor's absence of disability. The Mayor Pro Tempore would have no fixed term of office, but would serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the remaining members of the Town Council.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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