



SENATE BILL 883: Chadbourn Charter/Town Appointments.

**This Bill Analysis
reflects the
contents of the bill
as it was presented
in committee.**

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SUMMARY: Senate Bill 883 would amend the charter of the Town of Chadbourn to authorize the town council to appoint the town clerk and finance officer.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H1139, as introduced by Rep. Waddell, which is currently in House Local Government.]

CURRENT LAW: The Town of Chadbourn's charter requires the Town Manager to appoint a Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is responsible for keeping a journal of the Council's proceedings, maintaining official records, giving notice of meetings, and performing other duties required by law or the Council.

Each local government and public authority must appoint a finance officer to hold office at the pleasure of the appointing board or official. G.S. 159-24. The finance officer must do all of the following:

- Keep the accounts in accordance with generally accepted principles of governmental accounting and the rules of the Local Government Commission.
- Disburse all funds of the local government or public authority in strict compliance with Chapter 159, the budget ordinance, and each project ordinance.
- Prepare and file with the board a statement of the financial condition of the local government or public authority.
- Receive and deposit all moneys accruing to the local government or public authority, or supervise the receipt and deposit of money by others authorized to do so.
- Maintain all records concerning the bonded debt and other obligations and determine the amount that will be required for debt service or the payment of other obligations during each fiscal year.
- Supervise the investment of idle funds.
- Perform other duties assigned by law, by the manager, budget officer, or governing board, or by rules and regulations of the Local Government Commission. G.S. 159-25.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 883 would amend the charter of the Town of Chadbourn to do both of the following:

- Provide that the Council (was Town Manager) must appoint the Town Clerk.
- Enact a new provision requiring the Council to appoint a Finance Officer who performs the duties prescribed by statute and other duties as directed by the Council.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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