



HOUSE BILL 73: Bridgeton - Quorum.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Local Government. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	February 21, 2023
Introduced by:	Rep. Tyson	Prepared by:	Billy Godwin
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H73-CSCL-6		Alejandro Ramirez Staff Attorneys

OVERVIEW: *House Bill 73 would amend the Charter of the Town of Bridgeton to provide that the voting and quorum requirements for the Mayor and Board of Commissioners would be governed by the General Statutes and to utilize gender neutral terms when referring to the Mayor.*

The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) would modify the Short Title, Long Title, and format style for the prior session law references.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S82, as introduced by Sen. Perry, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

CURRENT LAW: The Charter of the Town of Bridgeton provides that official action of the Board of Commissioners (Board) is by majority vote when a quorum is present. The Board is composed of four members and a quorum consists of a majority of the actual membership of the Board excluding vacant seats. Under the Charter the Mayor presides over meetings of the governing body but is not a member of the Board and is not required for quorum purposes. The General Statutes provide that a quorum for a city council consists of a majority of the actual membership of the city council plus the mayor, excluding vacant seats. (G.S. 160A-74)

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to H73 would bring the Town of Bridgeton under the statutory quorum provision to require the Mayor's presence for a quorum and would refer to the Mayor in gender neutral terms.

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

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