



HOUSE BILL 73: Town of Bridgeton - Charter Amendment.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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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.*

[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: House Bill 73 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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