



# SENATE BILL 766: Southern Pines/Ordinances Voting Requirements.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	May 7, 2024
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 766 would amend the charter of the Town of Southern Pines to provide that a town ordinance may be finally adopted on the date introduced by a simple majority.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Charter of the Town of Southern Pines provides that at least three affirmative votes are necessary for the passage of any order, ordinance, or resolution. The town council is composed of four members and a mayor. The mayor is a voting member of the town council.

The General Statutes provide that (i) a majority vote of all members of the town council is required to adopt an ordinance or any action having the effect of an ordinance and (ii) except for an ordinance requiring a public hearing, an affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of town council is required to adopt an ordinance or any action having the effect of an ordinance on the date on which it is introduced. An ordinance is deemed introduced on the date the subject matter is first voted on by the town council. (G.S. 160A-75)

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 766 would amend Section 2.8 of the Charter of the Town of Southern Pines to provide that an ordinance or any action having the effect of an ordinance can be finally adopted by a majority of the town council members on the date of introduction.

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

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