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***H.B. 742, CHAPTER 490***

***AN ACT TO RESTORE THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN  
OF SARATOGA IN WILSON COUNTY TO PROVIDE  
FOR THE INCORPORATION THEREOF***

**Preamble, incorporation of Town of Saratoga, Wilson County, in 1899.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Saratoga in Wilson County was incorporated by Chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the Private Laws of North Carolina of one thousand eight hundred ninety-nine; and

**Lapse of town charter.**

WHEREAS, the said Charter of the Town of Saratoga has been permitted to lapse for a long period of time; and

**Petition for restoration of charter.**

WHEREAS, a petition has been signed by citizens of Saratoga, asking for the restoration of the Charter of the Town of Saratoga, Now, therefore,

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:**

***Town of Saratoga incorporated.***

**SECTION 1.** That the town in Wilson County known as Saratoga, be and the same is hereby incorporated under the name and style of “Saratoga,” and it shall have the benefit of and shall be subject to all the provisions of law now existing in reference to incorporated towns not inconsistent with this Act.

***Corporate limits.***

**SEC. 2.** That the corporate limits of said town shall be as follows:

“Beginning at the intersection of the old plank road (United States Highway number two hundred and sixty-four) and the Tarboro Road, and thence along the old plank road North forty-seven degrees West two thousand one hundred twelve feet to a point; thence South forty-three degrees West two thousand one hundred twelve feet to a point; thence South forty-seven degrees East four thousand two hundred twenty-four feet to a point; thence North forty-three degrees East four thousand two hundred twenty-four feet to a point; thence North forty-seven degrees West four thousand two hundred twenty-four feet to a point;

thence South forty-three degrees West two thousand one hundred twelve feet to a point on the old plank road, forming a square four-fifths of a mile on each side with the intersection of the old plank road and the Tarboro Road at the center.”

***Officers of town; Powers of commissioners.***

**SEC. 3.** That the officers of said corporation shall be a mayor, three commissioners, who shall hold office for a term of two years, and a chief of police, who shall be selected by the commissioners. The said commissioners shall have power to pass by-laws, rules and regulations for the good government of the town not inconsistent with the laws of the State and the United States, and to levy and collect a tax on all subjects of State taxation, and to impose fines for violation of town ordinances and collect the same, and also levy and collect such license and privilege taxes as are provided by law.

***Election on proposed incorporation; Registration; Conduct of election; Issues submitted; Election of officials.***

**SEC. 4.** That as soon as practicable after the ratification of this Act the County Board of Elections of Wilson County shall call an election, which election shall be called prior to the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine, to be held in the territory hereinbefore described, for which election there shall be a registration of the voters of said area and said election shall be held under the rules and regulations governing municipal elections. The County Board of Elections of Wilson County is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to designate and appoint the appropriate election officials for the purpose of holding said election. At said election there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the area proposed to be incorporated under the name of the town of Saratoga the question as to whether the said area shall be so incorporated, those favoring such incorporation shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words “For Incorporation” and those against incorporation shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words “Against Incorporation.” At the said election a mayor and three commissioners for said town shall also be elected who shall hold office until the next municipal election to be held in the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-one.

***Incorporation of town in event of majority vote therefor.***

**SEC. 5.** That if, at said election, a majority of the votes cast shall be “For Incorporation” then the area hereinabove described shall be incorporated under the name of the town of “Saratoga,” and the candidate for mayor receiving the highest number of votes in said election shall be declared the mayor of said town and the three candidates for commissioners receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the commissioners of said town, and the provisions of this Act shall be in full force and effect, otherwise, to be null and void.

***Conflicting laws repealed.***

**SEC. 6.** That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

**SEC. 7.** That this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of April, 1939.