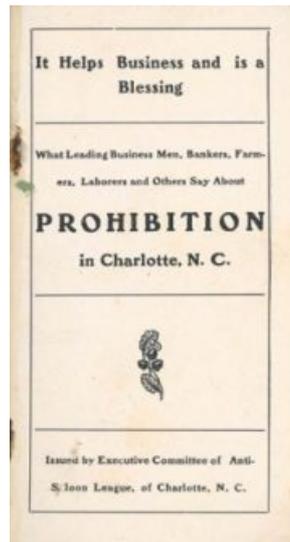


Anti-Saloon League ^[1]



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The North Carolina [Anti-Saloon League](#) ^[3] was organized in 1902, with J. W. Bailey as chairman of its executive committee. Bailey, a native of Warrenton, was also a U.S. senator. Those involved in the temperance forces in the state had successfully eliminated the legal sale of liquor in many towns by using local option elections, a campaign led by Bailey.

Many rural communities also eliminated the sale of liquor by obtaining acts of incorporation by the [General Assembly](#) ^[4]. The Democratic-controlled legislature, at the urging of the Anti-Saloon League, passed the [Watts Act in 1903](#) ^[5]. This law prohibited the manufacture and sale of liquor except in incorporated towns. In 1907 the Anti-Saloon League launched a successful campaign for statewide prohibition: in May 1908 voters approved a measure that made North Carolina the first state in the nation to enact a total ban on the manufacture and sale of alcohol. In January 1919 the [Eighteenth Amendment](#) ^[6] of the Constitution was ratified by Congress, making Prohibition a national policy.

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