

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 427  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/22/13**

Short Title: Middlesex/Extend Mayor's Term to Four Years. (Local)

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March 27, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLESEX TO EXTEND  
THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 44 of the 1961 Session Laws is repealed.

**SECTION 2.** Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of Middlesex, being Chapter 21 of the 1908 Private Laws, as amended by Chapter 350 of the Private Laws of 1913, Chapter 159 of the Public-Local Laws of 1931, Chapter 498 of the 1945 Session Laws, Chapter 1178 of the 1953 Session Laws, and Chapter 899 of the 1963 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

~~"Section 3. That the officers of said town shall consist of a mayor and five aldermen, who shall be styled the Board of Aldermen of Middlesex, and the said mayor and the aldermen shall be elected by the qualified voters of said town on the first Monday in June, one thousand nine hundred and nine, and biennially thereafter, under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed by the law for the holding of municipal elections; a constable and secretary and treasurer, to be chosen by the board of aldermen immediately after its organization, to hold office one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. And until the first Monday in June, one thousand nine hundred and nine, E.T. Lewis shall fill the office of mayor, and A. F. Manning, J.R.J. Finch, S.G. High and H.J. Morris shall act as aldermen of said town.~~Regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town of Middlesex in Nash County every two years and shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal elections laws of North Carolina. In 2013, and quadrennially thereafter, two commissioners shall be elected for a four-year term, and each shall serve until the successor is duly elected and qualified. In 2015, and quadrennially thereafter, three commissioners shall be elected for a four-year term, and each shall serve until the successor is duly elected and qualified. In 2013, and quadrennially thereafter, the mayor shall be elected for a four-year term and shall serve until the successor is duly elected and qualified."

**SECTION 3.** The Town Attorney of the Town of Middlesex shall submit this act to the Attorney General of the United States for preclearance under section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 within 30 days of this act becoming law, as provided by G.S. 120-30.9F. If this act is not so submitted, the Attorney General of North Carolina shall submit it under G.S. 120-30.9I.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

