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HOUSE BILL DRH40287-LU-66 (03/06)

Short Title: Jonesville/Boonville/East Bend/Even-Yr Elec'n. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Zachary.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF  
3 JONESVILLE, BOONVILLE, AND EAST BEND ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED  
4 YEARS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article IV of the Charter of the Town of Jonesville, being Chapter 16  
7 of the 2001 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

8 "ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS.

9 "Section 4.1. **Conduct of Town Elections.** ~~Regular~~ Beginning in 2018, regular municipal  
10 elections shall be held in each ~~odd-numbered~~ even-numbered year in accordance with the  
11 uniform municipal election laws of the State. Elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis  
12 and the results determined using the nonpartisan plurality method as provided in G.S. 163-292.

13 "Section 4.2. **Election of Town Council.** ~~In 2001, five members of the Council shall be~~  
14 ~~elected. The two persons receiving the highest numbers of votes are elected for four-year terms,~~  
15 ~~and the three persons receiving the next highest numbers of votes are elected to two-year terms.~~  
16 The Council shall consist of five members. The two Council members whose terms expire in  
17 2017 shall continue to serve until 2018, and the three Council members whose terms expire in  
18 2019 shall continue to serve until 2020. In 2003-2020, and quadrennially thereafter, three  
19 ~~Council members~~ are shall be elected to four-year terms. In 2005-2018, and quadrennially  
20 ~~thereafter, two Council members~~ are shall be elected to four-year terms.

21 "Section 4.3. **Election of Mayor.** A Mayor shall be elected ~~in 2001 and quadrennially~~  
22 ~~thereafter for a four-year term~~ to serve a term of four years. The Mayor whose term expires in  
23 2017 shall continue to serve until 2018. In 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, the Mayor shall  
24 be elected to a four-year term."

25 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Boonville, being Chapter 44  
26 of the Private Laws of 1895, as amended by Chapter 1143 of the 1981 Session Laws, reads as  
27 rewritten:

28 "Sec. 4. (a) ~~At the regular municipal election~~ Beginning in 2018, regular municipal  
29 elections shall be held in each even-numbered year in the Town of Booneville in 1983, there  
30 ~~shall be elected a Boonville. The board of town commissioners consisting shall consist of five~~  
31 ~~members. The three persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to four-year~~  
32 ~~terms. The two persons receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to two-year~~  
33 ~~terms. The two commissioners whose terms expire in 2017 shall continue to serve until 2018,~~  
34 and the three commissioners whose terms expire in 2019 shall continue to serve until 2020. In  
35 ~~1985-2018, and quadrennially thereafter, two commissioners shall be elected for four-year~~



1 terms. In ~~1987-2020~~, and quadrennially thereafter, three commissioners shall be elected for  
2 four-year terms.

3 (b) ~~At Beginning in 2018, at the regular municipal election in 1983, election, a mayor~~  
4 ~~shall be elected for a two-year term. In 1985 four-year term. The Mayor whose term expires in~~  
5 ~~2017 shall continue to serve until 2018. In 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, a mayor shall be~~  
6 ~~elected for a four-year term.~~

7 (c) Elections in the Town of Boonville shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter  
8 163 of the General Statutes, and the results determined by the plurality method as provided in  
9 G.S. 163-292."

10 **SECTION 3.** Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of East Bend, being Chapter  
11 144 of the Private Laws of 1887, as amended by Chapter 611 of the 1955 Session Laws and  
12 Chapter 104 of the 1985 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

13 "Sec. 4. (a) Beginning in 2018, regular municipal elections shall be held in even-numbered  
14 years. The mayor whose term expires in 2017 shall continue to serve until 2018. In the 1985  
15 2018 municipal election and biennially thereafter, a mayor shall be elected for a two-year term.

16 (b) The persons whose terms expire in 2017 shall continue to serve until 2018. In the  
17 1985 municipal election, 2018 and biennially thereafter, the two persons receiving the highest  
18 numbers of votes shall be elected to four-year terms on the board of commissioners. The three  
19 persons-commissioners, and the person receiving the next highest numbers-number of votes  
20 shall be elected to a two-year terms-term on the board of commissioners.

21 (c) The persons whose terms expire in 2019 shall continue to serve until 2020. In 1987  
22 2020, and biennially thereafter, the two persons receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be  
23 elected to four-year terms on the town board of commissioners, and the person receiving the  
24 next highest number of votes shall be elected to a two-year term on the board of  
25 commissioners.

26 (d) Elections in the Town of East Bend shall be governed by Chapter 163 of the  
27 General Statutes. Elections shall be conducted and the results shall be determined using the  
28 nonpartisan plurality method set out in Section 163-292 of the General Statutes."

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