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Short Title: ABC Elections. (Public) Sponsors: Referred to: April 13, 2017 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN SMALL MUNICIPALITIES WITH DECREASING 3 POPULATIONS TO ATTRACT BUSINESS THROUGH A MALT BEVERAGE AND 4 UNFORTIFIED WINE ELECTION, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MUNICIPAL 5 GOVERNING BOARD. 6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 18B-600(c) reads as rewritten: 8 "(c) City Malt Beverage and Unfortified Wine Elections. - A city may hold a malt beverage or unfortified wine election only if the county in which the city is located has already 9 10 held such an election, the vote in the last county election was against the sale of that kind of 11 alcoholic beverage, and: and one or more of the following apply: The city has a population of 500 or more; or more according to the most recent 12 (1) federal decennial census. 13 The city operates an ABC store. 14 (2) The city has a population of 400 or more but less than 500 according to the 15 (3) most recent federal decennial census and had a population of 500 or more 16 according to the prior federal decennial census." 17 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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