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S 1349. FOUR-YEAR TERM IMPLEMENTING. Filed 3/21/07. *TO IMPLEMENT AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOUR-YEAR TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.*

Amends GS Chapter 163 to provide for four-year terms for General Assembly members and to provide that elections for appellate, superior, and district court judges, district attorneys, county commissioners, clerks of superior court, registers of deeds, and coroners will occur at the time of the regular statewide election for members of the U.S. House of Representatives, immediately preceding the termination of each regular term. Amends the provisions in GS Chapter 163 and other statutes and local acts pertaining to filling of vacancies in elected offices to rely on the date of election for members of the U.S. House of Representatives to determine when an event takes place or the duration of an appointment. Also amends GS 7A-140 (district judges), GS 147-4 (executive officers), GS 152-1 (coroner), and GS 162-1 (sheriff), so that GS Chapter 163 (Elections and Election Laws) is used to determine the timing or manner of election. Repeals GS 161-1 (provides for biennial election of register of deeds), which has been superseded by GS 161-2 (provides that register of deeds serves a four-year term). Provisions take effect only upon approval by the voters of corresponding constitutional amendments in specified separate legislation.

Intro. by Graham.

GS 7A, 120, 147, 152, 161, 162, 163