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HOUSE BILL 477  
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/19/19  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H477-PCS30484-BK-20

Short Title: Four-Year Terms/Town of Bethel.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 28, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS FOR  
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF BETHEL BEGINNING IN 2021 AND TO  
ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF CORONER IN BLADEN COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Sections 3 and 4 of the Charter of the Town of Bethel, being Chapter 20 of the Private Laws of 1873-1874, as amended by Chapter 97 of the Private Laws of 1927 and Chapter 609 of the 1953 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 2. The Charter of the Town of Bethel is amended so as to provide that the officers of ~~said town~~ the Town shall consist of a mayor and five ~~commissioners who~~ commissioners. Beginning in 2021, regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town every four years and shall be conducted in accordance with the general laws governing municipal elections. In 2021, and quadrennially thereafter, a mayor and five commissioners shall hold office be elected for terms of two years four years, and each and shall serve until their successors are a successor is duly elected and qualified. On the first Monday in May, 1953, and biennially thereafter, there shall be held a general municipal election for the election of the mayor and commissioners of said town."

**SECTION 1.5.(a)** The office of coroner in Bladen County is abolished.

**SECTION 1.5.(b)** Chapter 152 of the General Statutes is not applicable to Bladen County.

**SECTION 1.5.(c)** This section becomes effective on the earlier of a vacancy in the office of coroner in Bladen County or the expiration of the current elected term of office.

**SECTION 2.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.



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