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HOUSE BILL DRH40041-LU-11B

Short Title: Establish Two At-Large Seats/W-S City Council. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Lambeth and Zachary (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH TWO AT-LARGE SEATS ON THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE
3 CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Paragraph 2 of Section 12A of Chapter 232 of the Private Laws of
6 1927, as amended by Chapter 53 of the Session Laws of 1965, as amended by the Ordinance of
7 January 6, 2003, and Section 1(b) of S.L. 2011-141, reads as rewritten:

8 "2. Election of City Council. The time for election of city council members shall be as
9 provided in Section 12J of this Charter. There shall be elected ~~eight~~ 10 council members for the
10 City of Winston-Salem, who shall hold their office until their successors are qualified, of whom
11 one shall be elected from North Ward, one from Northeast Ward, one from East Ward, One from
12 Southeast Ward, one from South Ward, one from Southeast Ward, one from West Ward, ~~and one~~
13 from Northwest ~~Ward-Ward~~, and two at-large members. Each council member representing a
14 ward shall be a resident of the ward in which elected, and shall be elected by the qualified voters
15 of the council member's ward only. The qualified voters of the entire City of Winston-Salem
16 shall elect the at-large members. Each at-large member shall be a resident of the City of
17 Winston-Salem. Except as provided in Section 12J of this Charter, city council members shall
18 serve for terms of four years commencing as provided by G.S. 160A-68 at the organizational
19 meeting of the city council following the election."

20 **SECTION 2.** The two at-large City Council members added under Section 1 of this
21 act shall be elected during the statewide general election held in November 2024 to serve
22 four-year terms. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as at-large
23 members pursuant to this act.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

