

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL DRH40128-LU-47A

Short Title: Stagger/Extend Terms of Town Officers/Halifax. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Wray.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX IN HALIFAX  
3 COUNTY TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
4 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND EXTEND THEIR TERMS TO FOUR YEARS.  
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
6 **SECTION 1.** The Charter of the Town of Halifax, as established in Volume VI of  
7 the 1757 Colonial Records of North Carolina and Volume XXV of the 1760 State Records of  
8 North Carolina, is amended by adding a new section to read:  
9 "Section 2A. At the regular municipal elections in 2023, a Mayor shall be elected to serve a  
10 four-year term and five commissioners shall be elected, with the two candidates receiving the  
11 highest number of votes to serve four-year terms and the three candidates receiving the next  
12 highest number of votes to serve two-year terms. In 2025 and quadrennially thereafter, three  
13 commissioners shall be elected to serve four-year terms. In 2027 and quadrennially thereafter, a  
14 Mayor and two commissioners shall be elected to serve four-year terms."  
15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

