

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023**

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**HOUSE BILL 229  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H229-PCS10189-CK-7**

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

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March 2, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HALIFAX TO STAGGER THE  
3 TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
4 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 3A. The mayor and commissioners shall serve staggered four-year terms. Regular  
10 municipal elections shall be held at the time of the general election in each odd-numbered year.  
11 Election of the mayor and commissioners shall be on a nonpartisan plurality basis and the results  
12 determined in accordance with G.S. 163-292. The election shall be conducted in accordance with  
13 the uniform municipal election laws in Chapter 163 of the General Statutes."  
14 **SECTION 2.** To implement the staggering of terms, the mayor and commissioners  
15 shall be elected as follows:  
16 (1) In 2023 and every four years thereafter, the mayor shall be elected to serve a  
17 four-year term.  
18 (2) For the 2023 election, the two commissioners receiving the highest number of  
19 votes shall be elected to serve a four-year term, and the three commissioners  
20 receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to serve a two-year  
21 term.  
22 (3) In 2025 and every four years thereafter, three commissioners shall be elected  
23 to serve a four-year term.  
24 (4) In 2027 and every four years thereafter, two commissioners shall be elected  
25 to serve a four-year term.  
26 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held  
27 on or after that date.



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