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HOUSE BILL DRH30286-ML-113

Short Title: ABC/Revise Malt Beverage & Wine Elections. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Greene.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET BEFORE A CITY  
3 MAY HOLD A MALT BEVERAGE OR UNFORTIFIED WINE ELECTION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 18B-600 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 18B-600. Places eligible to hold alcoholic beverage elections.

7 ...

8 (c) City Malt Beverage and Unfortified Wine Elections. – A city may hold a malt  
9 beverage or unfortified wine election only if the county in which the city is located has already  
10 held such an ~~election, election and~~ the vote in the last county election was against the sale of that  
11 kind of alcoholic beverage, and one or more of the following apply:

12 (1) ~~The city has a population of 500 or more according to the most recent federal~~  
13 ~~decennial census.~~

14 (2) ~~The city operates an ABC store.~~

15 (3) ~~The city has a population of 400 or more but less than 500 according to the~~  
16 ~~most recent federal decennial census and had a population of 500 or more~~  
17 ~~according to the prior federal decennial census.~~  
18 ~~beverage.~~

19 (c1) ~~Certain City Malt Beverage and Unfortified Wine Elections. – A city may hold a malt~~  
20 ~~beverage or unfortified wine election only if all of the following criteria are met:~~

21 (1) ~~The county in which more than fifty percent (50%) of the area of the primary~~  
22 ~~corporate limits of the city is located has already held such an election, and~~  
23 ~~the vote in the last county election was against the sale of that kind of alcoholic~~  
24 ~~beverage.~~

25 (2) ~~The city has a population of 200 or more.~~

26 (3) ~~The county in which more than fifty percent (50%) of the area of the primary~~  
27 ~~corporate limits of the city is located also contains three or more other cities~~  
28 ~~that have previously voted to allow malt beverage or unfortified wine sales.~~

29 ...."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

