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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO LOCAL LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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5 **PART I. ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS VACANCIES**

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 153A-27.1(h) reads as rewritten:

7 "(h) This section shall apply only in the following counties: Alamance, Alexander,
8 Alleghany, Avery, Beaufort, Brunswick, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Carteret, Caswell,
9 Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Cumberland, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Graham, Guilford,
10 Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell,
11 Mecklenburg, Moore, Onslow, Pender, Polk, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford,
12 Sampson, Stanly, Stokes, Transylvania, and Yancey."

13 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section applies to Rowan County only.

14 **SECTION 1.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
15 vacancies filled on or after that date.

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17 **PART II. KANNAPOLIS ETJ RELINQUISHMENT**

18 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 160D-202(h) reads as rewritten:

19 "(h) Relinquishment of Jurisdiction. – When a city relinquishes jurisdiction over an area
20 that it is regulating under this Chapter to a county, the city development regulations and powers
21 of enforcement shall remain in effect until (i) the county has adopted such development
22 regulation or (ii) a period of ~~60~~90 days has elapsed following the action by which the city
23 relinquished jurisdiction, whichever is sooner. Prior to the transfer of jurisdiction, the county
24 may hold hearings and take other measures consistent with G.S. 160D-204 that may be required
25 in order to adopt and apply its development regulations for the area at the same time it assumes
26 jurisdiction."

27 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 160D-601(d) shall not apply to the adoption of development
28 regulations by the County of Rowan establishing jurisdiction over an area after relinquishment
29 of jurisdiction by the City of Kannapolis over that area in accordance with G.S. 160D-202, as
30 amended by this act.

31 **SECTION 2.(c)** This section applies only to Rowan County.



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1 **SECTION 2.(d)** This section is effective when it becomes law and expires October
2 1, 2026.

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4 **PART III. CITY OF KANNAPOLIS – PARTISAN EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR**
5 **ELECTIONS**

6 **SECTION 3.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 163-279 and the Charter of the City of
7 Kannapolis as adopted by the Kannapolis Charter Commission on December 11, 1984, regular
8 municipal elections shall be held at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year.
9 Except as otherwise provided, the election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the
10 uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina with the primary and election held and
11 conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county
12 officers. The Mayor and members of the City Council shall be elected on a partisan basis. Any
13 candidate seeking nomination by petition for municipal office shall comply with the requirements
14 of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, except that the date and
15 time petitions must be filed with the county board of elections shall be in accordance with
16 G.S. 163-122(a)(3).

17 **SECTION 3.(b)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the City of Kannapolis
18 in 2027. The terms of office for the three council members serving on the effective date of this
19 section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one year. The terms of office
20 for the Mayor and three council members serving on the effective date of this section whose
21 terms are set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections in the
22 City of Kannapolis shall resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same
23 staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in odd-numbered years.

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25 **PART IV. CITY OF ALBEMARLE – PARTISAN ELECTIONS**

26 **SECTION 4.(a)** Section 3.1 of the Charter of the City of Albemarle, being Chapter
27 259 of the 1979 Session Laws, as amended by S.L. 2015-253 and Ordinance 19-35 adopted on
28 October 7, 2019, reads as rewritten:

29 "Section 3.1. Regular Municipal Elections; Conduct and Method of Election. ~~Elections (a)~~
30 Regular municipal elections shall be held at the time of the general election in each
31 even-numbered year. Except as otherwise provided, the election shall be held and conducted in
32 accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina. The Mayor and members
33 of the City Council shall be elected according to the nonpartisan plurality method as provided in
34 G.S. 163-292 on a partisan basis. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in
35 accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers.

36 (b) Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for municipal office shall comply with
37 the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, except
38 that the date and time petitions must be filed with the county board of elections shall be in
39 accordance with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

40 **SECTION 4.(b)** Section 2.2 of the Charter of the City of Albemarle, being Chapter
41 259 of the 1979 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 881 of the 1987 Session Laws and
42 Ordinance 95-18 adopted on May 1, 1995, reads as rewritten:

43 "Section 2.2. Council; Composition; Terms of ~~Office~~ Office; Vacancies. (a) The City
44 Council shall be composed of seven members, chosen as follows:

- 45 (1) ~~three~~ Three shall be nominated and elected by and from the qualified voters
46 of the ~~City for terms of four years; and~~ City.
47 (2) ~~four~~ Four shall be nominated and elected by and from the qualified voters of
48 the districts, one each from the four electoral districts established under
49 Section 3.3 of this Charter, in the manner provided by Article III of this
50 Charter. For the district seats, no person shall be eligible to file for, be elected
51 to, or serve on the City Council unless the person is a qualified voter and

1 resident of the electoral district from which the candidate seeks to be elected,
 2 and candidates shall be voted on by the voters residing in the electoral district
 3 from which that candidate seeks election.

4 (b) Members of the City Council shall be elected for staggered four-year terms.

5 (c) Vacancies in the City Council shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term
 6 by appointment by the remaining members of the City Council. Notwithstanding G.S. 160A-63,
 7 if the vacating official was elected as the nominee of a political party, then the individual
 8 recommended by the county executive committee of that political party shall be appointed if the
 9 county executive committee makes a recommendation within 30 days of the occurrence of the
 10 vacancy and does either of the following, as applicable:

11 (1) ~~In the event of~~ For vacancies in the council-City Council from a district seat,
 12 ~~the person appointed as a successor under G.S. 160A-63 must be restricts~~
 13 voting to committee members who reside within the electoral district of the
 14 vacating member and recommends a person who is a resident of the electoral
 15 district.

16 (2) For vacancies in the City Council from an at-large seat, restricts voting to
 17 committee members who reside within the corporate limits of the City."

18 **SECTION 4.(c)** Section 2.3 of the Charter of the City of Albemarle, being Chapter
 19 259 of the 1979 Session Laws, as amended by Ordinance 95-18 adopted on May 1, 1995, reads
 20 as rewritten:

21 "Section 2.3. Mayor; Term of Office; ~~Duties.~~ Duties; Vacancies. (a) The Mayor shall be
 22 elected by and from the qualified voters of the City in the manner provided by Article III of this
 23 Charter to serve for a term of ~~two~~ four years, or until his successor is elected and qualified. The
 24 Mayor shall be the official head of the City government and shall preside at all meetings of the
 25 Council. The Mayor shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as presently are or
 26 hereafter may be conferred upon him by the General Statutes of North Carolina, by this Charter,
 27 and by the ordinances of the City.

28 (b) Vacancies in the office of the Mayor shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired
 29 term by appointment of the City Council. Notwithstanding G.S. 160A-63, if the Mayor was
 30 elected as the nominee of a political party, then the individual recommended by the county
 31 executive committee of that political party shall be appointed if the county executive committee
 32 makes a recommendation within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy and restricts voting to
 33 committee members who reside within the corporate limits of the City."

34 **SECTION 4.(d)** Section 3.2 of the Charter of the City of Albemarle, being Chapter
 35 259 of the 1979 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 881 of the 1987 Session Laws and S.L.
 36 2015-253, is repealed.

37 **SECTION 4.(e)** This section shall not affect the filling of a vacancy that occurs for
 38 the officers in the City of Albemarle for a seat elected prior to the effective date of this section.

39 **SECTION 4.(f)** Subsections (a) and (e) of this section become effective at the time
 40 of the organizational meeting held in accordance with G.S. 160A-68 in December 2028. In order
 41 to implement subsections (a) and (e) of this section, the 2028 elections shall be conducted as if
 42 the provisions of this section were already in effect.

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44 **PART V. MOORE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES – PARTISAN EVEN-NUMBERED**

45 **YEAR ELECTIONS**

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47 **TOWN OF ABERDEEN**

48 **SECTION 5.1.(a)** Article IV of the Charter of the Town of Aberdeen, being Chapter
 49 147 of the 1975 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 220 of the 1995 Session Laws and by
 50 Ordinance E2018134, adopted on April 23, 2018, reads as rewritten:

51 "ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS.

1 "Sec. 4.1. Regular Municipal Elections. The municipal elections shall be held and conducted
2 by the Moore County Board of Elections. The regular municipal elections shall be ~~nonpartisan~~
3 ~~and decided by simple plurality. The regular elections for municipal offices shall be on Tuesday~~
4 ~~after the first Monday in November in 1975 and every two years thereafter. The~~ held at the time
5 of the general election in each even-numbered year. The Mayor and the members of the Board
6 of Commissioners shall be elected on a partisan basis. The primary and election shall be held and
7 conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county
8 officers. Except as otherwise provided, elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with
9 the applicable provisions of Articles 23 and 24 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North
10 Carolina. ~~Beginning in the regular election to be held in November, 1975, the three candidates~~
11 ~~for Commissioner receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of four years,~~
12 ~~and the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of~~
13 ~~two years. Thereafter, as their terms expire, their successors shall be elected for terms of four~~
14 ~~years. Beginning in November of 2019, the office of mayor shall be elected for a term of two~~
15 ~~years, and thereafter, starting in the election of November 2021 the mayor shall be elected for a~~
16 ~~term of four years.~~

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18 "Sec. 4.3. Unaffiliated Candidates. Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for
19 municipal office shall comply with the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General
20 Statutes of North Carolina, except that the date and time petitions must be filed with the county
21 board of elections shall be in accordance with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

22 **SECTION 5.1.(b)** Section 3.3 of the Charter of the Town of Aberdeen, being Chapter
23 147 of the 1975 Session Laws, as amended by Ordinance E2018134, adopted on April 23, 2018,
24 reads as rewritten:

25 "~~Sec. 3.4-3.3. Terms; Qualifications; Vacancies. Qualifications.~~

26 (a) The members of the Board of Commissioners shall serve for staggered terms of four
27 years. The Mayor shall serve for a term of four years as set forth in Article IV, Section 4.1. Their
28 terms shall begin on the day and hour of the organizational meeting in December, following their
29 election and they shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify.

30 (b) No person shall be eligible to be a candidate or be elected as Mayor or as a member
31 of the Board of Commissioners or to serve in such capacity, unless he is a resident and a qualified
32 voter of the Town.

33 (c) ~~In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor or Commissioner, the Board shall~~
34 ~~by majority vote appoint some qualified person to fill the same for the remainder of the unexpired~~
35 ~~term."~~

36 **SECTION 5.1.(c)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of
37 Aberdeen in 2027. The terms of office for the three commissioners serving on the effective date
38 of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one year. The terms of
39 office for the mayor and two commissioners serving on the effective date of this section whose
40 terms are set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections in the
41 Town of Aberdeen shall resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same
42 staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in odd-numbered years.

43 44 TOWN OF CAMERON

45 **SECTION 5.2.(a)** Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Cameron, being Chapter
46 14 of the Private Laws of 1876, reads as rewritten:

47 "~~Sec. 4. There shall be an election (a) Regular municipal elections shall be held for officers~~
48 ~~mentioned in this act on the first Monday in May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven,~~
49 ~~and each succeeding year thereafter, under the same restrictions that county and State elections~~
50 ~~are held; and all citizens within said incorporation, who have resided twelve months within the~~
51 ~~State and thirty days within the corporate limits, previous to the day of the election, shall be~~

1 ~~entitled to vote at said elections at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year.~~
2 ~~The mayor and the commissioners shall be elected on a partisan basis. The primary and election~~
3 ~~shall be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and~~
4 ~~elections for county officers. Except as otherwise provided, elections shall be held and conducted~~
5 ~~in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.~~

6 (b) Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for municipal office shall comply with
7 the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, except
8 that the date and time petitions must be filed with the county board of elections shall be in
9 accordance with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

10 **SECTION 5.2.(b)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of
11 Cameron in 2027. The terms of office for the three commissioners serving on the effective date
12 of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one year. The terms of
13 office for the mayor and the two commissioners serving on the effective date of this section
14 whose terms are set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections
15 in the Town of Cameron shall resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same
16 staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in odd-numbered years.

17 18 TOWN OF CARTHAGE

19 **SECTION 5.3.(a)** Article III of the Charter of the Town of Carthage, being S.L.
20 1999-239, reads as rewritten:

21 "ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS.

22 "Section 3.1. **Regular Municipal Elections.** Regular municipal elections shall be held at
23 the time of the general election in each odd-numbered year in accordance with the uniform
24 municipal election laws of North Carolina even-numbered year. Elections shall be conducted on
25 a nonpartisan basis and the results determined using the nonpartisan plurality method as provided
26 in G.S. 163-292 partisan basis. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in
27 accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers. Except
28 as otherwise provided, elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with the uniform
29 municipal election laws of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

30 "~~Section 3.2. **Election of Mayor.** A Mayor shall be elected in the regular municipal election~~
31 ~~in 1999 and each four years thereafter.~~

32 "~~Section 3.3. **Election of Council Members.** In the regular municipal election in 1997, the~~
33 ~~three candidates for Council member who received the highest numbers of votes shall be elected~~
34 ~~for four year terms, while the two candidates who receive the next highest numbers of votes shall~~
35 ~~be elected for two year terms. In the regular municipal election in 1999, and in each regular~~
36 ~~municipal election thereafter, persons shall be elected to serve four year terms in those positions~~
37 ~~whose terms are then expiring.~~

38 "Section 3.4. **Special Elections and Referenda.** Special elections and referenda may be held
39 only as provided by general law or applicable local acts of the General Assembly.

40 "Section 3.5. **Unaffiliated Candidates.** Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for
41 municipal office shall comply with the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General
42 Statutes of North Carolina, except that the date and time petitions must be filed with the county
43 board of elections shall be in accordance with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

44 **SECTION 5.3.(b)** Section 2.7 of Article II of the Charter of the Town of Carthage,
45 being S.L. 1999-239, reads as rewritten:

46 "Section 2.7. **Compensation; Qualifications for Office; Vacancies. Office.** The
47 compensation and qualifications of the Mayor and Council members shall be in accordance with
48 general law. ~~Vacancies that occur in any elective office of the Town shall be filled by majority~~
49 ~~vote of the remaining members of the Council."~~

50 **SECTION 5.3.(c)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of
51 Carthage in 2027. The terms of office for the mayor and the two council members serving on the

1 effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one year.
2 The terms of office for the three council members serving on the effective date of this section
3 whose terms are set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections
4 in the Town of Carthage shall resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same
5 staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in odd-numbered years.

6 7 TOWN OF PINEBLUFF

8 **SECTION 5.4.(a)** Article III of the Charter of the Town of Pinebluff, being Chapter
9 243 of the 1979 Session Laws, as amended by Ordinance 1987-3-19, adopted on March 19, 1987,
10 and by Ordinance 2016-01, adopted on June 16, 2016, reads as rewritten:

11 "ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS.

12 "Section 3.1. Regular Municipal Elections; Conduct and Method of Election. Regular
13 municipal elections shall be held in the Town ~~every two (2) years in odd-numbered years and~~
14 ~~shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina at~~
15 ~~the time of the general election in each even-numbered year.~~ The Mayor and members of the
16 Board of Commissioners shall be elected ~~according to the nonpartisan plurality method of~~
17 ~~election, as provided in G.S. 163-292 on a partisan basis.~~ The primary and election shall be held
18 and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county
19 officers. Except as otherwise provided, elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with
20 the uniform municipal election laws of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

21 "Section 3.2. Election of the Board of Commissioners; Election of Mayor. ~~At the regular~~
22 ~~municipal election in 2017, the Mayor and the two (2) Commissioners receiving the highest~~
23 ~~number of votes cast shall be elected to four (4) year terms expiring in 2021. The three (3)~~
24 ~~Commissioners receiving the next highest number of votes cast in the 2017 regular municipal~~
25 ~~election shall be elected to two (2) year terms, expiring in 2019, at which time the seats held by~~
26 ~~said Commissioners shall be subject to election to four (4) year terms at the regular municipal~~
27 ~~election 2019. Thereafter, all terms of office for the Commissioners and Mayor shall be four (4)~~
28 ~~years.~~ The Mayor shall be elected to serve a four-year term. The Commissioners shall be elected
29 to serve staggered four-year terms.

30 "Section 3.3. Unaffiliated Candidates. Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for
31 municipal office shall comply with the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General
32 Statutes of North Carolina, except that the date and time petitions must be filed with the county
33 board of elections shall be in accordance with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

34 **SECTION 5.4.(b)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of
35 Pinebluff in 2027. The terms of office for the three commissioners serving on the effective date
36 of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one year. The terms of
37 office for the mayor and the two commissioners serving on the effective date of this section
38 whose terms are set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections
39 in the Town of Pinebluff shall resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same
40 staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in odd-numbered years.

41 42 TOWN OF ROBBINS

43 **SECTION 5.5.(a)** Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of Robbins, being Chapter
44 63 of the Private Laws of 1935, as amended by the Order approved by the Municipal Board of
45 Control on April 1, 1943, and by Chapter 230 of the 1979 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

46 "The officers of the Town of Robbins shall consist of a mayor and five commissioners to be
47 elected ~~by the qualified voters of said Town at the time prescribed by law for the election of~~
48 ~~municipal officers. At the next election for municipal officers, there shall be elected a mayor,~~
49 ~~who shall serve for a term of four years, and five commissioners. The two individuals seeking~~
50 ~~the office of commissioner who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term~~
51 ~~of four years; the three individuals receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected~~

1 ~~for a term of two years. Thereafter, each commissioner shall be elected for a term of four years on~~
2 ~~a partisan basis to serve staggered terms of four years. Regular municipal elections shall be held~~
3 ~~at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year. The primary and election shall~~
4 ~~be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for~~
5 ~~county officers. Except as otherwise provided, the election shall be conducted in accordance with~~
6 ~~the uniform municipal election laws in Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.~~

7 Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for municipal office shall comply with the
8 requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, except that
9 the date and time petitions must be filed with the county board of elections shall be in accordance
10 with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

11 **SECTION 5.5.(b)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Robbins
12 in 2027. The terms of office for the mayor and two commissioners serving on the effective date
13 of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one year. The terms of
14 office for the three commissioners serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are
15 set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections in the Town of
16 Robbins shall resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same staggering of
17 terms as when elections were conducted in odd-numbered years.

18 **TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES**

19 **SECTION 5.6.(a)** Article III of the Charter of the Town of Southern Pines, being
20 Chapter 352 of the 1981 Session Laws, as amended by Ordinance SP05.502 adopted on
21 September 12, 1989, reads as rewritten:

22 "ARTICLE III.

23 "ELECTIONS.

24 "Sec. 3.1. Regular Municipal Elections; Conduct and Method of Election. ~~Regular municipal~~
25 ~~elections shall be held in the Town every two years in odd-numbered years and shall be conducted~~
26 ~~in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. at the time of the general election in each~~
27 ~~even-numbered year. Members of the Town Council and the mayor shall be elected according to~~
28 ~~the nonpartisan primary and election method of elections, and the results determined in~~
29 ~~accordance with G.S. 163-294. That the Mayor of the Town of Southern Pines shall be elected~~
30 ~~according to the Non Partisan Primary and Election Method of Elections, and the results~~
31 ~~determined in accordance with the General Statutes of North Carolina Section 163-294. on a~~
32 ~~partisan basis. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the~~
33 ~~general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers. Except as otherwise provided,~~
34 ~~elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of~~
35 ~~Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.~~

36 "Sec. 3.2. Election of the Town Council. ~~At the regular municipal elections in 1991 and~~
37 ~~biennially thereafter, there shall be elected four members of the Town Council to fill the seats of~~
38 ~~those officers whose terms are then expiring.~~

39 "Sec. 3.3. Unaffiliated Candidates. Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for
40 municipal office shall comply with the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General
41 Statutes of North Carolina, except that the date and time petitions must be filed with the county
42 board of elections shall be in accordance with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

43 **SECTION 5.6.(b)** Section 2.2 of the Charter of the Town of Southern Pines, being
44 Chapter 352 of the 1981 Session Laws, as amended by Ordinance SP05.502 adopted on
45 September 12, 1989, and by Ordinance 987 adopted on June 10, 2003, reads as rewritten:

46 "Sec. 2.2. Town Council; Composition; Term of Office. – The Town Council shall consist of
47 four council members and a mayor, who shall be elected at large by and from the qualified voters
48 of the Town ~~for terms of four years, except as provided below. To implement four-year staggered~~
49 ~~terms for the members of the Town Council, at the regular municipal election to be held in 2003~~
50 ~~the two candidates for council member who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected~~
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1 for four-year terms, while the two candidates for council member who receive the next highest
2 number of votes shall be elected for two-year terms. At the regular municipal election to be held
3 in 2005, and every two years thereafter, persons shall be elected to serve four-year terms in those
4 positions whose terms are then expiring. Town. The mayor shall be elected to serve a four-year
5 term and council members shall be elected to serve staggered four-year terms."

6 **SECTION 5.6.(c)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of
7 Southern Pines in 2027. The terms of office for the mayor and the two town council members
8 serving on the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be
9 extended by one year. The terms of office for the two town council members serving on the
10 effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year.
11 Regular municipal elections in the Town of Southern Pines shall resume in even-numbered years
12 beginning in 2028 with the same staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in
13 odd-numbered years.

14 **TOWN OF TAYLORTOWN**

15 **SECTION 5.7.(a)** Chapter IV of the Charter of the Town of Taylortown, being
16 Section 2 of Chapter 601 of the 1987 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

17 "Chapter IV.

18 "Elections.

19 "Sec. 4.1 Conduct of Town Elections. The Town Council shall be elected ~~on a nonpartisan~~
20 ~~basis and the results determined by the plurality method as provided by G.S. 163-292 at the time~~
21 ~~of the general election in each even-numbered year on a partisan basis. The primary and election~~
22 ~~shall be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and~~
23 ~~elections for county officers. Except as otherwise provided, the election shall be conducted in~~
24 ~~accordance with the uniform municipal election laws in Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.~~

25 "Sec. 4.2 Unaffiliated Candidates. Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for
26 municipal office shall comply with the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General
27 Statutes of North Carolina, except that the date and time petitions must be filed with the county
28 board of elections shall be in accordance with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

29 **SECTION 5.7.(b)** Section 3.5 of Chapter III of the Charter of the Town of
30 Taylortown, being Section 2 of Chapter 601 of the 1987 Session Laws, is repealed.

31 **SECTION 5.7.(c)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of
32 Taylortown in 2027. The terms of office for the five members of the Town Council serving on
33 the effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one
34 year. Regular municipal elections in the Town of Taylortown shall resume in even-numbered
35 years beginning in 2028.

36 **TOWN OF VASS**

37 **SECTION 5.8.(a)** Section 6 of the Charter of the Town of Vass, being Chapter 407
38 of the 1907 Private Laws, as amended by Chapter 817 of the 1953 Session Laws, and by
39 Ordinance 1988-11, adopted on November 9, 1998, is repealed.

40 **SECTION 5.8.(b)** The Charter of the Town of Vass, being Chapter 407 of the 1907
41 Private Laws, as amended by Chapter 817 of the 1953 Session Laws, Chapter 226 of the 1957
42 Session Laws, and by Ordinance 1988-11, adopted on November 9, 1998, is amended by adding
43 a new section to read:

44 "Sec. 6.1. Regular municipal elections shall be held at the time of the general election in each
45 even-numbered year. Town officers shall be elected on a partisan basis. The primary and election
46 shall be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and
47 elections for county officers. Except as otherwise provided, elections shall be held and conducted
48 in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.
49 Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for municipal office shall comply with the
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1 requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, except that
2 the date and time petitions must be filed with the county board of elections shall be in accordance
3 with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

4 **SECTION 5.8.(c)** Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of Vass, being Chapter 407
5 of the 1907 Private Laws, as amended by Chapter 226 of the 1957 Session Laws, reads as
6 rewritten:

7 "~~Sec. 3. That the officers of said corporation shall consist of a mayor, three commissioners,~~
8 ~~town constable and such other officers as the town commissioners may elect for the better~~
9 ~~government of said town; and the following named persons shall fill the offices of mayor and~~
10 ~~commissioners from their qualifications until the first Monday in May, one thousand nine~~
11 ~~hundred and seven, and until their successors be elected and qualified, viz.: Mayor, Alex.~~
12 ~~Gunthur; Commissioners, J. A. Leslie, T. J. Smith and W. B. Graham. The Mayor and~~
13 ~~Commissioners shall take office at the first regular board meeting following the election. The~~
14 ~~governing body shall consist of a Mayor and five Commissioners. The Mayor shall serve for a~~
15 ~~term of two years. The Commissioners shall serve for staggered four-year terms."~~

16 **SECTION 5.8.(d)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Vass
17 in 2027. The terms of office for the mayor and the three commissioners serving on the effective
18 date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one year. The
19 terms of office for the two commissioners serving on the effective date of this section whose
20 terms are set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections in the
21 Town of Vass shall resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same staggering
22 of terms as when elections were conducted in odd-numbered years.

23 24 **VILLAGE OF FOXFIRE VILLAGE**

25 **SECTION 5.9.(a)** Article IV of the Charter of Foxfire Village, being Chapter 237 of
26 the 1977 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

27 "ARTICLE IV.

28 "ELECTIONS.

29 "Sec. 4.1. Conduct of Village Elections. ~~The Village elections shall be non-partisan and the~~
30 ~~results determined by a plurality of the votes cast, as provided by G.S. 163-292. The regular~~
31 ~~municipal election shall be held as provided in G.S. 163-279(a)(1) and the applicable provisions~~
32 ~~of Articles 23 and 24 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. Municipal elections shall be held at~~
33 ~~the time of the general election in each even-numbered year. Village officers shall be elected on~~
34 ~~a partisan basis. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the~~
35 ~~general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers. Except as otherwise provided,~~
36 ~~elections shall be held and conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of~~
37 ~~Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.~~

38 ...

39 "Sec. 4.3. Unaffiliated Candidates. Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for
40 municipal office shall comply with the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General
41 Statutes of North Carolina, except that the date and time petitions must be filed with the county
42 board of elections shall be in accordance with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

43 **SECTION 5.9.(b)** Article III of the Charter of Foxfire Village, being Chapter 237 of
44 the 1977 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

45 "ARTICLE III.

46 "GOVERNING BODY.

47 "~~Sec. 3.1. Temporary Officers. Until the regular municipal election to be held in November~~
48 ~~1977, Robert M. Cooper, George Anderson, Ralph Olmstead, Katie McWilliams, and Joseph N.~~
49 ~~Donovan are hereby appointed to act as the council of Foxfire Village, and they shall possess and~~
50 ~~may exercise the powers granted to the Village Council until their successors are elected and~~
51 ~~qualify. They shall appoint one member as mayor.~~

1 "Sec. 3.2. Structure of Governing Body, Number of Members. The governing body of Foxfire
2 Village is the Village Council, which has five members.

3 "Sec. 3.3. Manner of Election of Council. The qualified voters of the entire Village shall elect
4 the members of the Council. The municipal election shall be held and conducted by the County
5 Board of Elections.

6 "Sec. 3.4. Term of Office of the Members of the Council. ~~(a) Except for the temporary~~
7 ~~officers provided for in Section 3.1 of this Charter, and except as provided in Subsection (b), of~~
8 ~~this Section of the Charter, the~~ The members of the Village Council shall be elected for staggered
9 four-year terms.

10 ~~(b) At the regular municipal election in 1977, the three persons receiving the highest~~
11 ~~number of votes for seats on the Council shall be elected to four-year terms; the two persons~~
12 ~~receiving the next highest number of votes for seats on the Council shall be elected to two-year~~
13 ~~terms. Beginning at the regular municipal election to be held in 1979, and every four years~~
14 ~~thereafter, two persons shall be elected to seats on the Council and shall serve four-year terms.~~
15 ~~Beginning at the regular municipal election to be held in 1981, and every four years thereafter,~~
16 ~~three persons shall be elected to seats on the Council and shall serve four-year terms.~~

17 "Sec. 3.5. Election of the Mayor, Term of Office. At the organizational meetings of the
18 Council following each regular municipal election, the Council shall elect one of its members to
19 serve as its Mayor. The Mayor shall serve as such at the pleasure of the Council.

20 "Sec. 3.6. Vacancies. Any vacancy in the office of Mayor shall be filled by appointment of
21 the Council and the person appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.

22 If a vacancy for any reason occurs on the Council, the remaining members shall, within 30
23 days, appoint a qualified voter to fill the vacancy as provided herein. If the vacancy occurs in the
24 first two years of a four-year term, and more than 30 days prior to the regular municipal election,
25 the person appointed shall serve until the organizational meeting of the Council following the
26 election. At the regular municipal election, a person shall be elected to serve the unexpired term,
27 said term to begin on the date of the organizational meeting. A vacancy occurring otherwise shall
28 be filled for the unexpired term."

29 **SECTION 5.9.(c)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Village of
30 Foxfire Village in 2027. The terms of office for the two council members serving on the effective
31 date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one year. The
32 terms of office for the three council members serving on the effective date of this section whose
33 terms are set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections in the
34 Village of Foxfire Village shall resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same
35 staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in odd-numbered years.

36 37 VILLAGE OF PINEHURST

38 **SECTION 5.10.(a)** Section III of the Charter of the Village of Pinehurst, being that
39 Charter approved by the Municipal Board of Control on May 8, 1980, as amended by Ordinance
40 Number 95-17 and by Ordinance Number 01-16, reads as rewritten:

41 "The Village Council shall consist of four Councilmembers and one Mayor. All
42 Councilmembers and the Mayor shall serve staggered terms of four years. ~~Non-partisan, plurality~~
43 ~~municipal elections shall be held by the County Board of Elections pursuant to Article Regular~~
44 municipal elections shall be held at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year.
45 Councilmembers and the Mayor shall be elected on a partisan basis. The primary and election
46 shall be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and
47 elections for county officers. Except as otherwise provided, the election shall be conducted in
48 accordance with Articles 23 and 24 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and
49 shall be conducted as provided in G.S. 163-292-Statutes.

50 At the regular municipal elections to be held in 2003, and every four years thereafter, the two
51 candidates for Village Council who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected to four-

1 year terms, while the candidate for Mayor who receives the highest number of votes shall be
2 elected to the office of Mayor for a four-year term. At the regular municipal election to be held
3 in 2005, and every four years thereafter, the two candidates for Village Council who receive the
4 highest number of votes shall be elected for four-year terms.

5 The Mayor has the right to vote on all matters before the Council. The Mayor has no right to
6 break a tie vote in which he participated.

7 Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for municipal office shall comply with the
8 requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, except that
9 the date and time petitions must be filed with the county board of elections shall be in accordance
10 with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

11 **SECTION 5.10.(b)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Village of
12 Pinehurst in 2027. The terms of office for the mayor and two councilmembers serving on the
13 effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one year.
14 The terms of office for the two councilmembers serving on the effective date of this section
15 whose terms are set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections
16 in the Village of Pinehurst shall resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with the same
17 staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in odd-numbered years.

18 VILLAGE OF WHISPERING PINES

19 **SECTION 5.11.(a)** Article III of the Charter of the Village of Whispering Pines,
20 being S.L. 2008-105, reads as rewritten:

21 "ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS.

22 "Section 3.1. Regular Municipal Elections. Regular municipal elections shall be held at the
23 time of the general election in each odd-numbered year even-numbered year. The Village Council
24 shall be elected on a partisan basis. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in
25 accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers. Except
26 as otherwise provided, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal
27 election laws of North Carolina. The Village Council shall be elected by the voters of the entire
28 Village on an at-large basis. The municipal elections in the Village of Whispering Pines shall be
29 nonpartisan and decided by a simple plurality.

30 "Sec. 3.2. Election of the Village Council. The terms of the five members elected to the
31 Village Council shall be staggered. ~~At the regular municipal election to be held in 2009, and~~
32 ~~every four years thereafter, three council members shall be elected to serve four-year terms to fill~~
33 ~~the seats of those officers whose terms are then expiring. In the regular municipal election of~~
34 ~~2011, and every four years thereafter, two council members shall be elected to serve four-year~~
35 ~~terms to fill the seats of those officers whose terms are then expiring.~~

36 ...

37 "Sec. 3.4. Unaffiliated Candidates. Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for
38 municipal office shall comply with the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General
39 Statutes of North Carolina, except that the date and time petitions must be filed with the county
40 board of elections shall be in accordance with G.S. 163-122(a)(3)."

41 **SECTION 5.11.(b)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Village of
42 Whispering Pines in 2027. The terms of office for the two council members serving on the
43 effective date of this section whose terms are set to expire in 2027 shall be extended by one year.
44 The terms of office for the three council members serving on the effective date of this section
45 whose terms are set to expire in 2029 shall be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections
46 in the Village of Whispering Pines shall resume in even-numbered years beginning in 2028 with
47 the same staggering of terms as when elections were conducted in odd-numbered years.

48 PART VI. MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – PARTISAN ELECTIONS

49 **SECTION 6.(a)** Section 2(a) of S.L. 2015-244 reads as rewritten:
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1 "SECTION 2.(a) Notwithstanding Chapter 389 of the 1997 Session Laws, ~~effective the first~~
2 ~~Monday in December 2016,~~ the Board of Education of Moore County shall consist of seven
3 members. Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-37, all members shall be elected on a partisan basis at the
4 time of the general election in each even-numbered year as terms expire. Candidates for election
5 to the Board of Education of Moore County shall be nominated at the same time and in the same
6 manner as other county officers. Members shall take office on the first Monday in December
7 following the election. Members shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.
8 Except as otherwise provided, elections shall be conducted in accordance with Chapters 115C
9 and 163 of the General Statutes."

10 SECTION 6.(b) Section 2(d) of S.L. 2015-244 reads as rewritten:

11 "SECTION 2.(d) Members shall reside in and represent the districts, but all members ~~are~~
12 ~~shall be elected by the voters of the county at large by the nonpartisan primary and election~~
13 ~~method, all as previously provided by law. large.~~ No person shall be eligible to file for or be
14 elected to the Board of Education of Moore County unless the person is a qualified voter and
15 resident of the residency district in which the person seeks to be elected. Vacancies on the Moore
16 County Board of Education shall be filled in accordance with ~~G.S. 115C-37(f).~~G.S. 115C-37.1."

17 SECTION 6.(c) This section does not affect the term of office for any person elected
18 in 2026 to the Moore County Board of Education. Any vacancy on the Moore County Board of
19 Education for a member elected in 2026 shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members
20 of the Moore County Board of Education to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. When a
21 vacancy occurs in a seat elected from a residency district, the successor shall be selected from
22 the residency district of the vacating member. Each member of the Moore County Board of
23 Education elected in 2026, or any member appointed to fill a vacancy for a member elected in
24 2026, shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

25 SECTION 6.(d) G.S. 115C-37.1(d) reads as rewritten:

26 "(d) This section shall apply only to the Asheboro City Board of Education, the Hickory
27 City Board of Education and the Newton-Conover City Board of Education and in the following
28 counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Beaufort, Brunswick, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell,
29 Carteret, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Columbus, Craven, Dare, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Graham,
30 Harnett, Henderson, Hyde, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell,
31 Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Polk, Rowan, Rutherford, Scotland, Stanly,
32 Stokes, Surry, Vance, Washington, and Yancey."

33 SECTION 6.(e) This section becomes effective the first Monday in December 2028.
34 In order to implement this section, the 2028 elections shall be conducted as if the provisions of
35 this section were already in effect.

36 37 PART VII. REPEAL MOORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICE

38 SECTION 7.(a) S.L. 2010-64 is repealed.

39 SECTION 7.(b) This section becomes effective January 1, 2027.

40 41 PART VIII. MOORE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDS

42 SECTION 8.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Moore County may
43 expend general funds up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), other than ad valorem
44 property tax revenues, for the purpose of complying with minimum construction standards of the
45 Department of Transportation in areas damaged due to the effects of Tropical Storm Chantal that
46 are critical to the provision of public safety services and emergency services to the county.

47 SECTION 8.(b) This section is effective when it becomes law and expires June 30,
48 2028.

49 50 PART IX. ADD CHOWAN COUNTY TO ALBEMARLE DISTRICT JAIL 51 COMMISSION

1 **SECTION 9.(a)** Section 2 of Chapter 341 of the 1971 Session Laws reads as
2 rewritten:

3 "**Sec. 2.** Article 7 of Chapter 153 of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding a new
4 section to read as follows:

5 "**G.S. 153-53.8. District or regional jail commission.** – When two or more units of local
6 government have entered into an agreement as authorized in G.S. 153-53.7, the governing bodies
7 shall create a jail commission composed of representatives from each participating unit appointed
8 by the governing board of each unit. The number of members and their apportionment among
9 the participating units shall be mutually agreed upon by the participating units, but if no
10 agreement can be reached, each participating unit shall be allotted two members. Each member
11 shall be appointed for a term of two years, and shall serve until his or her successor is appointed
12 and qualified. Vacancies occurring for any cause shall be filled by appointment by the governing
13 body which made the original appointment in which the vacancy occurs.

14 The jail commission shall be the administrative authority of the confinement facility, and
15 shall adopt rules and regulations for the operation of the facility which are not in conflict with
16 law.

17 The jail commission shall have all of the following powers and duties:

- 18 (1) ~~within~~ Within the limits of funds made available to it, and when authorized by
19 the governing bodies of the local units, to enter into contracts in the name of
20 the respective units for the construction and operation of the confinement
21 ~~facilities;~~ facilities.
- 22 (2) ~~to~~ To employ such personnel as may be necessary to carry out its ~~work;~~ work.
- 23 (3) ~~to~~ To accept, receive and disburse in furtherance of its functions any funds,
24 grants and services made available by the State or federal governments and
25 their agencies, any municipality or county and by private sources. All fiscal
26 procedures shall be in accordance with the laws applicable to the participating
27 units, and the jail commission shall prepare each year a report of its activities
28 including a financial statement, and distribute the report to each participating
29 unit.

30 The jail commission shall organize by electing a ~~chairman,~~ chair, vice ~~chairman~~ chair, and
31 secretary-treasurer. The secretary-treasurer shall provide a surety bond payable to the State of
32 North Carolina in such amount and on such terms as the jail commission may require. The jail
33 commission shall hold one regular meeting each month and may call special meetings at the
34 request of the ~~chairman~~ chair or any two members.

35 The jail commission shall perform such duties and functions relating to the confinement
36 facility as the governing bodies of the participating units by joint resolution may direct. Members
37 of the jail commission shall receive such compensation as the governing bodies of the
38 participating units may fix by resolution. The amount of financial contribution of each
39 participating unit to the jail commission shall be determined by a percentage proportion that the
40 population of each participating unit bears to the total population of all participating units as
41 indicated by the latest federal census of population.

42 This section shall apply only to the following counties: Camden, Chowan, Pasquotank, and
43 Perquimans."

44 **SECTION 9.(b)** Section 2.1 of Chapter 341 of the 1971 Session Laws reads as
45 rewritten:

46 "**Sec. 2.1.** The jail commission for Camden, Chowan, Pasquotank, and Perquimans ~~and~~
47 ~~Camden~~ Counties shall be composed of one member from Camden, one member from Chowan,
48 two members from Pasquotank, and one member from Perquimans ~~and one member from~~
49 ~~Camden.~~ Perquimans."

50 **SECTION 9.(c)** Section 2 of Chapter 371 of the 1991 Session Laws reads as
51 rewritten:

1 "Sec. 2. This act applies only to the Albemarle District Jail facility in Elizabeth City and to
2 Camden, Chowan, Pasquotank, and Perquimans Counties, which place prisoners in that facility."

3 **SECTION 9.(d)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2026.
4

5 **PART X. CLAREMONT BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITATIONS**

6 **SECTION 10.** Notwithstanding any provision of Chapter 160D of the General
7 Statutes, the City of Claremont may establish a maximum building height on any building within
8 the corporate limits of the City of Claremont not to exceed 125 feet. For purposes of this section,
9 "building height" shall mean the vertical distance measured from the average grade to the highest
10 point of the coping of a flat roof, to the deck line of a mansard roof, or to the mean height level
11 between the eaves and ridge of a gable, hip, or gambrel roof. The height limitation created by
12 this section does not apply to spires, belfries, cupolas, antennas, water tanks, ventilators,
13 chimneys, or other appurtenances usually required to be placed above the roof level and not
14 intended for human occupancy. This section does not apply to (i) buildings erected prior to July
15 1, 2026, (ii) hospitals, (iii) churches, (iv) cultural performing arts centers, or (v) government
16 buildings. Variances to this section may be granted by the council.
17

18 **PART XI. HARNETT COUNTY JETPORT**

19 **SECTION 11.(a)** G.S. 160D-904 reads as rewritten:

20 **"§ 160D-904. Airport zoning.**

21 Any local government may enact and enforce airport zoning regulations pursuant to this
22 Chapter or as authorized by Article 4 of Chapter 63 of the General Statutes. G.S. 160D-601(d)
23 shall not apply to airport zoning regulations. Airport zoning regulations for real property within
24 6 miles of any cargo airport complex site subject to regulation by the North Carolina Global
25 TransPark Authority are governed by G.S. 63A-18."

26 **SECTION 11.(b)** This Part applies only to Harnett County.
27

28 **PART XII. CLAYTON VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION**

29 **SECTION 12.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any interlocal
30 agreement impacting area annexed in Wake County, upon adoption of an ordinance annexing
31 property in accordance with Part 4 of Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes or upon
32 entering into an annexation agreement in accordance with Part 6 of Article 4A of Chapter 160A
33 of the General Statutes, the Town of Clayton shall make available to the annexed area each major
34 municipal service on substantially the same basis and in the same manner as such services are
35 provided within the rest of the Town of Clayton on the date of annexation.
36

37 **PART XIII. PREVENT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND HISTORIC** 38 **OVERLAY DISTRICTS IN SOUTHPORT**

39 **SECTION 13.(a)** The Southport Historic Preservation Commission is abolished.

40 **SECTION 13.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 160D-103, G.S. 160D-303, and Part 4 of
41 Article 9 of Chapter 160D of the General Statutes, the City of Southport shall not have authority
42 to do any of the following:

- 43 (1) Designate a historic preservation commission.
- 44 (2) Create a new historic district or historic overlay district in the City.
- 45 (3) Expand a historic district or historic overlay district in the City.

46 **SECTION 13.(c)** Any historic district in the City of Southport that is in effect on the
47 effective date of this section shall remain in effect but shall not be expanded.
48

49 **PART XIV. LELAND ANNEXATION AUTHORITY**

1 **SECTION 14.** Notwithstanding G.S. 160A-58.1(b)(1), as enacted by S.L. 2022-26,
2 the Town of Leland may voluntarily annex territory up to 3 miles from the primary corporate
3 limits of the Town if either of the following applies:

4 (1) The property is owned by the Town of Leland.

5 (2) A petition for annexation has been received by the Town no later than July 1,
6 2026, and the territory described in the petition for annexation does not extend
7 west of Maco Road NE or Ocean Highway East in Brunswick County.

8
9 **PART XV. ADD CERTAIN DESCRIBED NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF**
10 **TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE**
11 **TOWN OF FRANKLINTON**

12 **SECTION 15.(a)** The corporate limits of the Town of Franklinton are extended to
13 include the entirety of the North Carolina Department of Transportation right-of-way for State
14 Road 1297 (North Main Street), beginning at the intersection of Pine Street and North Main
15 Street and extending northward to the intersection of North Main Street and U.S. Highway 1,
16 described as follows:

17 All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the Franklinton Township, Franklin
18 County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the
19 southeast corner of Parcel ID 041448, as shown on Plat Book 2010, Page 138 of the Franklin
20 County Register of Deeds, said point also being located at the north side of the intersection of
21 Pine Street and State Road 1297, also known as North Main Street; thence proceeding
22 east-southeast a distance of approximately 83 feet across the North Carolina Department of
23 Transportation maintained right-of-way of North Main Street to the northwest corner of Parcel
24 ID 007669, as described in Deed Book 1595, Page 691; thence proceeding northward along and
25 with the eastern boundary of the North Main Street right-of-way for a distance of approximately
26 2,114 feet to the northwest corner of Parcel ID 010199, as shown on Plat Book 2, Page 197;
27 thence turning and continuing southwest across the North Carolina Department of Transportation
28 right-of-way to the corner of Parcel ID 007112, as described in Deed Book 953, Page 509; thence
29 continuing southwest a distance of approximately 176 feet to the southwest corner of said Parcel
30 ID 007112; thence turning and proceeding approximately 75 feet east to the southeast corner of
31 Parcel ID 007112; thence continuing southward along the western boundary of the North
32 Carolina Department of Transportation right-of-way of North Main Street a distance of
33 approximately 1,820 feet to the point and place of beginning at the southeast corner of Parcel ID
34 041448.

35 **SECTION 15.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2027.

36
37 **PART XVI. EFFECTIVE DATE**

38 **SECTION 16.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
39 law.