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HOUSE BILL DRH30014-NM-12

Short Title: Oriental Election Changes - Even Years. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Kidwell.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF
3 ORIENTAL SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Section 5 of the Charter of the Town of Oriental, being Chapter 184
6 of the Private Laws of 1899, reads as rewritten:
7 "Section 5. ~~That there shall be held on the First Monday in May, eighteen hundred and ninety-~~
8 ~~nine, and on the first May every year thereafter, an election for mayor and commissioners for~~
9 ~~said town at some convenient place therein, to be selected by the commissioners, which election~~
10 ~~shall be held by a registrar and two poll holders under regulations in other respects prescribed by~~
11 ~~the state election law, which from time to time may be enacted — at which election, all duly~~
12 ~~qualified voters of the State of North Carolina under the state election laws existing at the time~~
13 ~~of such election, residing in the corporate limits of said town, shall be permitted to~~
14 ~~vote.~~Beginning in 2026, regular municipal elections shall be held on the Tuesday after the first
15 Monday in November of each even-numbered year in accordance with the uniform municipal
16 election laws of North Carolina. In 2026 and biennially thereafter, a mayor and five town
17 commissioners shall be selected by the qualified voters of the town to each serve two-year terms."
18 **SECTION 1.(b)** In the 2025 municipal election, the mayor and five town
19 commissioners shall be elected for a one-year term. Beginning in 2026, municipal elections shall
20 be conducted in the Town of Oriental in even-numbered years and biennially thereafter.
21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held
22 on or after that date.

