OVERVIEW: House Bill 57 would do the following:

- Authorize the City of Hendersonville to expand the use of proceeds collected from on-street parking meters to fund any capital projects.
- Provide for even-year elections and extend the terms of elected officers to a four-year term in the Towns of Harmony and Love Valley.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S68, as introduced by Sen. Moffitt, which is currently in Senate Finance.]
To implement this change in the Town of Harmony, in the municipal election in 2023, the mayor and four council members would be elected for a one-year term. Regular municipal elections would be conducted in 2024. In the 2024 election, a mayor would be elected for a four-year term, and four council members would be elected. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes would serve a four-year term, and the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes would serve a two-year term. Staggered four-year terms for council members would begin in 2026.

To implement this change in the Town of Love Valley, in the municipal election in 2023, the mayor and five commissioners would be elected for a one-year term. Regular municipal elections would be conducted in 2024. In the 2024 election, a mayor would be elected for a four-year term, and five commissioners would be elected. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes would serve a four-year term, and the three candidates receiving the next highest number of votes would serve a two-year term. Staggered four-year terms for commissioners would begin in 2026.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Except as otherwise provided, this act would be effective when it becomes law.

**BACKGROUND:** The General Assembly has granted the following municipalities authority to use the proceeds from parking meters on public streets for expanded purposes: Atlantic Beach (S.L. 2011-79); Beaufort (S.L. 2011-79); Carolina Beach (S.L. 2001-9); Holden Beach (S.L. 2022-38); Kure Beach (S.L. 2001-9); Sunset Beach (S.L. 2016-9); Surf City (S.L. 2021-46); Wrightsville Beach (S.L. 1998-86); Wilmington (S.L. 2001-9).