



SENATE BILL 79: Boiling Springs Charter/OT Changes.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 79 would revise and consolidate the Charter of the Town of Boiling Springs and dissolve the Boiling Springs Tourism Development Authority.*

CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:

Town of Boiling Springs Charter – The Town of Boiling Springs (Town) was incorporated in 1911. The Town's Charter was last revised and consolidated in 1953 and was amended via ordinance in 2003. The Town operates under a council-manager form of government. The governing body is the Mayor and a five-member Town Council elected in odd-numbered years in non-partisan elections to serve four-year terms. Members of the Town Council are elected at-large with staggered terms.

Section 1 of the bill would do the following:

- Replace the current Charter with the updated consolidated Charter provisions concerning the property, affairs, and government of the Town.
- Establish the corporate boundaries as those existing at the time of ratification of the updated Charter, as set forth on the official map of the Town and as such limits may be altered from time to time in accordance with law.
- Authorize the Town Manager to appoint the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Finance Officer, and Chief of Police.
- Repeal previous Session Laws related to the Town which are either obsolete or have been consolidated into the updated Charter.

Town of Boiling Springs Occupancy Tax – The Town is authorized to levy a 3% room occupancy tax. The tax proceeds are remitted to the Boiling Springs Tourism Development Authority (TDA). At least two-thirds of the proceeds must be used to promote travel and tourism in the Town and the remainder for tourism-related expenditures.

Section 2 of the bill would dissolve the TDA and, instead, authorize the Town Council to expend the net proceeds from the occupancy tax. The Town must expend the net proceeds for the same purposes required under current law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1 would be effective when it becomes law. Section 2 would be effective July 1, 2025, and all occupancy tax proceeds not expended by that date must be remitted to the Town Council to be used for the same purposes as authorized for the TDA.

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