



HOUSE BILL 288: Town of Raynham/Extend Mayor's Term of Office.

2017-2018 General Assembly

Committee:	House State and Local Government I. If favorable, re-refer to Elections and Ethics Law	Date:	April 4, 2017
Introduced by:	Rep. Pierce	Prepared by:	Giles Perry
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H288-CSBK-10		Jessica Sammons Committee Co-Counsel

OVERVIEW: *The proposed committee substitute (PCS) for House Bill 288 would increase the Town of Raynham's term of office for mayor from two years to four years and remove the staggering of terms for the Board of Commissioners, allowing all town officers to be elected during the same year.*

CURRENT LAW: Section 3 of the Charter for the Town of Raynham provides that officers for the town consist of a mayor, elected for a two-year term, and a Board of Commissioners composed of three at-large members, elected for staggered four-year terms. Section 4 of the Charter describes the process of staggering the commissioners' terms.

Municipal elections in the Town of Raynham are conducted in odd-numbered years on a nonpartisan basis, and the results are determined using the plurality method in G.S. 163-292. Election for mayor and commissioners must be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. G.S. 163-279. Terms of office for both the mayor and commissioners begin on the first Monday in December following their election.

The Town of Raynham is currently electing commissioners to serve two-year terms.¹

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for House Bill 288 would do the following:

- Increase the term of office for the mayor of the Town of Raynham from two years to four years, effective with the 2017 election.
- Remove the staggering of terms for the commissioners, allowing for the mayor and all three commissioners to be elected in the same year, effective with the 2017 election.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

¹ <http://co.robeson.nc.us/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/ELECTED-OFFICIALS-BOOK-3-22-17.pdf>

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