



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 115: Even-Yr. Elections/Town of Biltmore Forest.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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| Committee: | House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House | Date: | March 13, 2019 |
| Introduced by: | Rep. B. Turner | Prepared by: | Jessica Sammons Staff Attorney |
| Analysis of: | First Edition | | |

OVERVIEW: House Bill 115 would change the regular municipal election cycle from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years for the Town of Biltmore Forest, extend the terms of the current mayor and commissioners by one year to implement the new election schedule, and change the date of the next municipal election in the town to 2020.

CURRENT LAW: Generally, municipal elections are held in odd-numbered years. G.S. 163A-1585. In the Town of Biltmore Forest, officers consist of a mayor and three commissioners serving four-year non-staggered terms. Elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis and the results are determined using the plurality method in G.S. 163A-1616. Nonpartisan elections determined by a plurality are held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. G.S. 163A-1585. Terms of the current town officers expire in 2019.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 115 would amend the Charter of the Town of Biltmore Forest to require regular municipal elections to be held in even-numbered years.

To implement this change, municipal elections would not be conducted in 2019 and the terms of the current mayor and commissioners would be extended by one year to 2020 when the next municipal election would be held.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective when the bill becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

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