



SENATE BILL 124: Small Town Mixed Beverage Election Reqs.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 124 would add an additional set of criteria to the Small Town Mixed Beverage Election requirements.*

CURRENT LAW: Mixed Beverage Elections are elections to approve the sale of mixed beverages by ABC permittees in a specific jurisdiction. Currently, G.S. 18B-600(e3) provides for Small Town Mixed Beverage Elections and allows a town that meets the following criteria to hold a mixed beverage election:

- The town has at least 200 registered voters;
- The town is located in a county bordering the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound that has not approved the sale of mixed beverages; and
- The town is in a county that has only one city that has approved the sale of mixed beverages.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 124 would provide a town can meet the above requirements or an additional set of requirements to have a Small Town Mixed Beverage Election. Towns would be able to hold mixed beverage elections if they meet the following:

- The town has at least 200 registered voters;
- The town has a total area of less than one square mile;
- The town operates an ABC store; and
- The town is located in a county that has at least three cities that have approved the sale of mixed beverages.

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

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