



SENATE BILL 124: Small Town Mixed Beverage Election Reqs.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 124 would authorize additional small towns to hold mixed beverage elections.*

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 small town to hold a mixed beverage election if the town meets the following criteria:

- 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 add an additional option authorizing a small town to hold a mixed beverage election if the town meets the following criteria:

- 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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