



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

# HOUSE BILL 229: Extend Mayor's Term to 4 Yrs./Carolina Shores.

2021-2022 General Assembly

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| <b>Committee:</b>     | Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate | <b>Date:</b>        | August 25, 2021                     |
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| <b>Analysis of:</b>   | First Edition   |                     | Committee Co-counsel                |

**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 229 would amend the Charter of the Town of Carolina Shores (Charter) to extend the term of Mayor from two-year terms to four-year terms beginning with the municipal election held in 2021.

**CURRENT LAW:** The governing board of the Town of Carolina Shores consists of a Mayor and five members on the Board of Commissioners. Elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis, and the results are determined by a plurality (G.S. 163-292). The Mayor serves a two-year term. The members on the Board of Commissioners serve a four-year term.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 229 would amend the Charter to provide that the Mayor is elected to a four-year term, beginning in 2021. The bill would also delete outdated language.

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

**BACKGROUND:** The original Charter, enacted in Chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1998, provided that the Mayor served four-year terms. The Mayor's term was modified to a two-year term by a local ordinance adopted in 2018.

The total population for Brunswick County is 4,588 according to the 2020 Census.

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