



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

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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 filing period for the office of Mayor for the Town of Carolina Shores would be reopened from September 7, 2021, to September 10, 2021.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to municipal elections conducted in 2021 and thereafter.

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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