



# HOUSE BILL 287: City of Randleman Charter Consolidation.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 287 would revise and consolidate the Charter of the City of Randleman (Charter) and increase the term length for an at-large member of the Board of Aldermen from two years to four years.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The City of Randleman (City) was incorporated in 1880, and the Charter was last revised and consolidated in 1905. Since then, the Charter has been modified by multiple acts of the General Assembly. The Charter has not been consolidated and updated into one document since 1905.

The governing body of the City consists of a mayor and five members on a Board of Aldermen. The mayor serves a four-year term. Four aldermen are elected from residence wards and serve four-year staggered terms, and one alderman is elected at-large and serves a two-year term. Elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis, and the results are determined using the plurality method (G.S. 163-292).

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 287 would increase the at-large alderman's term length from two years to four years, and it would revise and consolidate the Charter. Specifically, the bill would do the following:

- Repeal the initial Charter and replace it with standard modern Charter provisions setting out the City's basic powers, name, location, and governance.
- Consolidate two local acts adding an at-large member to the Board of Alderman and allowing for the recall of City officials.
- Repeal obsolete sections of a local act on aldermen term lengths and candidate filing fees for municipal elections.
- Repeal a local act limiting Board of Aldermen compensation to \$250.00.
- Repeal local acts on polling locations, police authority, and fiscal management that are obsolete or have been superseded by State law.

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

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