



HOUSE BILL 1059: Town of Bermuda Run/Charter Amendments.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 1059 would amend the Charter of the Town of Bermuda Run to do the following:*

- *Change the method of town elections from nonpartisan primary to nonpartisan plurality.*
- *Clarify the authority of the town manager.*
- *Clarify a majority of affirmative votes in a referendum are required for property tax rates to be increased above \$.15 on the \$100 of valuation.*

CURRENT LAW: The Town of Bermuda Run is represented by a mayor and five councilmembers serving staggered, four-year terms. The five councilmembers run at-large. The Town of Bermuda Run conducts its municipal elections using the nonpartisan primary method, in accordance with G.S. 163-294. The Town of Bermuda Run operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The Town Council has the authority to appoint officers and employees, and the Town Council also has the authority to appoint a Town Clerk.

For the Town of Bermuda run to increase property tax rates in excess of \$.15 per \$100 of valuation, the Town must first receive the vote or consent of the majority of the Town's residents.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would do the following:

- Provide that officers of the Town would be nominated and elected using the nonpartisan plurality method, in accordance with G.S. 163-292.
- Provide the Town Manager with all of the powers and duties provided in G.S. 160A-148, including the authority to appoint, suspend, or remove all city officers and employees not elected by the Town's residents, and whose appointments or removal are not otherwise provided for by law, excluding the Town Attorney.
- Clarify that an affirmative vote by the qualified voters of the Town would be required before the Town can increase its property tax rates in excess of \$.15 per \$100 of valuation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law.

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