HOUSE BILL 227:
Even-Year Elections/Town of Vanceboro.

OVERVIEW: House Bill 227 would provide that municipal elections in the Town of Vanceboro be held in even-numbered years.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 163-279 establishes a statewide default rule for the timing of municipal elections as the odd-numbered years.

The Town of Vanceboro is represented by a mayor and five aldermen serving non-staggered, four-year terms. All current terms of office end in 2023. The Town of Vanceboro conducts its municipal election using the nonpartisan plurality method, and elected officials remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would provide that municipal elections in the Town of Vanceboro be conducted in the even-numbered years, beginning with the 2024 elections. To implement this change, there would be no election in 2023, and the current terms of office for the mayor and five aldermen would be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections would resume in 2024 at the same time as the general election, and be conducted every four years thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to elections in the Town of Vanceboro on or after that date.

BACKGROUND: Currently, six of the eight municipalities in Craven County and the First Craven Sanitary District conduct municipal elections in the even-numbered years. The Craven County municipalities conducting elections in the even-numbered years are Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, River Bend, and Trent Woods. S.L. 2021-39. New Bern conducts elections in the odd-numbered year.

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