



HOUSE BILL 229: Stagger/Extend Terms of Town Officers/Halifax.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Local Government. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 14, 2023
Introduced by:	Rep. Wray	Prepared by:	Erika Churchill
Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H229-CSCK-7		Anna Parsons Staff Attorneys

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 229 would amend the Charter for the Town of Halifax to change the terms of the Mayor and the members of the Board of Commissioners to staggered four-year terms.*

CURRENT LAW: The Town of Halifax consists of a mayor and five commissioners, serving two-year terms. G.S. 163-292. Municipal elections are conducted in odd-numbered years using the nonpartisan plurality method. All current terms of office end in 2023.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to House Bill 229 would amend the Charter for the Town of Halifax to change the terms of the Mayor and the members of the Board of Commissioners to staggered four-year terms. To implement this change, in 2023 the Mayor and the two commissioners receiving the highest number of votes would be elected to serve four-year terms and the three commissioners receiving the next highest number of votes would be elected to serve two-year terms, with elections for four-year terms resuming in 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

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