



HOUSE BILL 1067: Rural Hall - Unaffiliated Candidates.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 1067 would establish a process for qualified voters seeking to appear on the ballot as an unaffiliated candidate for municipal office in the Town of Rural Hall, with the petition required to be filed with the Forsyth County Board of Elections no later than noon on the date of the primary election.*

CURRENT LAW: The Charter of the Town of Rural Hall provides that officers for the Town consist of a mayor and four council members, elected by the Town at-large for staggered four-year terms. Terms of office for both the mayor and council members begin on the first Monday in December following their election.

Beginning in 2026, officers for the Town are to be elected on a partisan basis in even-numbered years at the time of the general election for county officers.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would provide a process for a qualified voter who is not affiliated with a party or who does not wish to be the party nominee of their political party to be able to have his or her name printed on the ballot as an unaffiliated candidate for municipal office in the Town of Rural Hall.

The petition requirements would be required to comply with Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, except that the individual would be required to file a written petition with the chair or director of the Forsyth County Board of Elections on or before 12:00 noon on the day of the primary election. The petition would be required to be signed by a number of qualified voters of the Town of Rural Hall equal to at least one and a half percent (1.5%) of the whole number of voters qualified to vote in the municipal election according to the voter registration records of the State Board of Elections as of January 1 of the year in which the general municipal election is held.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective January 1, 2027, and applies to elections held in 2028 and thereafter.

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