



# HOUSE BILL 136: Town of Faith/Even-Yr. Elect./Four-Yr.Terms.

2025-2026 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Election Law. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 4, 2025
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**OVERVIEW:** *Beginning in 2026, the Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 136 would:*

- *Provide that regular municipal elections in the Town of Faith would be held at the time of the general election in even-numbered years.*
- *Extend the terms of office for members of the Board of Aldermen in the Town of Faith from two years to four years.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 163-279 provides for odd-numbered year municipal elections statewide, creating a default rule for the timing of municipal elections. The Town of Faith conducts municipal elections in odd-numbered years, held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Elections are conducted using the nonpartisan plurality method. G.S. 163-279(a)(1) and G.S. 163-292.

The Charter of the Town of Faith provides that officers for the Town consist of a five-member Board of Aldermen, with the Board of Aldermen selecting one of its members to serve as the mayor. Aldermen are elected from the Town of Faith at-large to serve a two-year term.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for House Bill 136 would provide that municipal elections in the Town of Faith would be conducted in even-numbered years, beginning with the 2026 election. To implement this change, there would be no municipal election in the Town of Faith in 2025, and the current terms of office would be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections would resume in 2026 at the time of the general election.

The PCS for House Bill 136 would also extend the terms of office for the Board of Aldermen, which would include the member selected as the mayor, from two years to four years, beginning in 2026.

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

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