# HOUSE BILL 3:
## Simpson Even-Year Elections.

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*OVERVIEW: House Bill 3 would change the regular municipal election cycle from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years for the Village of Simpson, beginning with the 2026 election, and extend the terms of the current Mayor and Council members by one year to implement the new election cycle.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 163-279 provides for odd-numbered year municipal elections statewide, creating a default rule for the timing of municipal elections. Officers for the Village of Simpson consist of a Mayor and a three-member Village Council, all of which serve two-year terms. The Village of Simpson 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.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill would amend the Charter for the Village of Simpson to require regular municipal elections be held in even-numbered years, beginning in 2026. To implement this change, municipal elections would not be conducted in the Village of Simpson in 2025 and the next municipal election would be conducted in the Village of Simpson in 2026. The terms of office for the current Mayor and three Village Council members would be extended until 2026.

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

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