



# HOUSE BILL 6: Pamlico Co. Muni. Even-Yr. Elect.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 6 would provide that municipal elections for every town in Pamlico County be held in even-numbered years at the time of the general election.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The following chart summarizes the current town officers, terms of office, and method of election in the Towns of Alliance, Arapahoe, Bayboro, Grantsboro, Mesic, Minnesott Beach, Oriental, Stonewall, and Vandemere.

Unit of Government	Officers	Term of Offices	Election of Current Members	Method of Election
<b>Town of Alliance</b>	Board of Commissioners (5 members)  The Commissioner receiving the most votes is selected as Mayor.	<u>Commissioners:</u> two years	<u>Commissioners:</u> Elected in 2023	Nonpartisan plurality
<b>Town of Arapahoe</b>	Mayor Board of Commissioners (5 members)	<u>Mayor:</u> two years <u>Commissioners:</u> two years	<u>Mayor:</u> Elected in 2023 <u>Commissioners:</u> Elected in 2023	Nonpartisan plurality
<b>Town of Bayboro</b>	Mayor Town Commissioners (5 members)	<u>Mayor:</u> four years <u>Commissioners:</u> four years, staggered	<u>Mayor:</u> Elected in 2021 <u>Commissioners:</u> Two Commissioners elected in 2021, three Commissioners elected in 2023	Nonpartisan plurality
<b>Town of Grantsboro</b>	Mayor Council Members (5 members)	<u>Mayor:</u> four years <u>Council Members:</u> four years, not staggered	<u>Mayor:</u> Elected in 2023 <u>Council Members:</u> Elected in 2023	Nonpartisan plurality

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<b>Town of Mesic</b>	Mayor Board of Commissioners (5 members)	<u>Mayor:</u> two years <u>Commissioners:</u> two years	<u>Mayor:</u> Elected in 2023 <u>Commissioners:</u> Elected in 2023	Nonpartisan plurality
<b>Town of Minnesott Beach</b>	Mayor Board of Commissioners (4 members)	<u>Mayor:</u> two years <u>Commissioners:</u> two years	<u>Mayor:</u> Elected in 2023 <u>Commissioners:</u> Elected in 2023	Nonpartisan plurality
<b>Town of Oriental</b>	Mayor Board of Commissioners (5 members)	<u>Mayor:</u> two years <u>Commissioners:</u> two years	<u>Mayor:</u> Elected in 2023 <u>Commissioners:</u> Elected in 2023	Nonpartisan plurality
<b>Town of Stonewall</b>	Mayor Board of Commissioners (3 members)	<u>Mayor:</u> two years <u>Commissioners:</u> two years	<u>Mayor:</u> Elected in 2023 <u>Commissioners:</u> Elected in 2023	Nonpartisan plurality
<b>Town of Vandemere</b>	Mayor Board of Commissioners (5 members)	<u>Mayor:</u> two years <u>Commissioners:</u> two years	<u>Mayor:</u> Elected in 2023 <u>Commissioners:</u> Elected in 2023	Nonpartisan plurality

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 6 would provide that the municipal elections for every town in Pamlico County would be conducted in even-numbered years, beginning in the following years:

- For the Towns of Alliance, Arapahoe, Bayboro, Mesic, Minnesott Beach, Oriental, Stonewall, and Vandemere, with the 2026 elections. To implement this change, there would be no municipal elections for these Towns in 2025, and the current terms of office for the mayor and commissioners for each Town would be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections would resume in 2026 at the same time as the general election and would be conducted every two years thereafter. For the Town of Bayboro, the mayor and two of the commissioners would be elected in 2026 and three commissioners would be elected in 2028 to continue the staggering of terms.
- For Grantsboro, with the 2028 elections. To implement this change, there would be no municipal elections in 2027, and the current terms of office for the mayor and council members would be extended by one year. Regular municipal elections would resume in 2028 at the same time as the general election and would be conducted every four years thereafter.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Effective when it becomes law and applies to municipal elections held in the Towns of Alliance, Arapahoe, Bayboro, Grantsboro, Mesic, Minnesott Beach, Oriental, Stonewall, and Vandemere on or after that date.