

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 79
House Committee Substitute Favorable 8/6/09

Short Title: Gatesville - No Staggered Terms.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 5, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GATESVILLE TO
3 ELIMINATE THE STAGGERING OF TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND
4 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Gatesville, being Chapter 88
7 of the 1923 Private Laws, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 10 of the 1933 Private Laws and
8 S.L. 2009-17, reads as rewritten:

9 "Sec. 3. (a) **Regular Municipal Elections.** ~~Except as provided in subsection (b) of this~~
10 ~~section, regular~~ Beginning in 2009, regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town every
11 four years and shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal elections laws of
12 North Carolina. The Mayor and members of the Board of Commissioners shall be elected
13 according to the nonpartisan plurality method of election, as provided in G.S. 163-292. The
14 Commissioners shall be elected in a multiseat contest, and the Mayor shall be elected
15 separately.

16 (b) **Election of the Board of Commissioners; Election of Mayor.** ~~The Beginning in~~
17 2009, the Commissioners and Mayor shall be elected to four-year terms by the qualified voters
18 of the entire ~~Town, except as provided otherwise in this subsection. In 2009, and quadrennially~~
19 ~~thereafter, a Mayor shall be elected separately from the Commissioners to a four-year term. In~~
20 ~~2009, for the position of Commissioner, the two persons receiving the highest numbers of votes~~
21 ~~in a multiseat contest shall be elected to four-year terms, and the one person receiving the next~~
22 ~~highest number of votes shall be elected to a two-year term. In 2011, and quadrennially~~
23 ~~thereafter, one person shall be elected to a four-year term. In 2013, and quadrennially~~
24 ~~thereafter, two persons shall be elected in a multi-seat contest to four-year terms.~~ Town."

25 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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