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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE  
2 MUNICIPALITIES OF STANLY COUNTY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED  
3 YEARS; TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
4 ALBEMARLE FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; TO AMEND THE CHARTER  
5 OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO SELL, EXCHANGE, OR  
6 OTHERWISE TRANSFER REAL PROPERTY; TO CLARIFY THE BOARD VOTING  
7 RULES FOR THE ELIZABETH CITY-PASQUOTANK BOARD OF EDUCATION;  
8 AND TO ADD BEAUFORT, DARE, GATES, AND HYDE COUNTIES TO THE LIST  
9 OF COUNTIES COVERED BY G.S. 153A-15.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.(a)** Section 3.1 of the Charter of the City of Albemarle, being Chapter  
12 259 of the Session Laws of 1979, as amended by Ordinance 95-18 adopted by the City Council,  
13 reads as rewritten:  
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15 "Section 3.1. Regular Municipal Elections; Conduct and Method of Election. ~~Regular~~  
16 ~~municipal elections for Mayor shall be held in the City in 1979 and every two years thereafter~~  
17 ~~and Elections~~ shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of  
18 North Carolina. The Mayor and members of the City Council shall be elected according to the  
19 partisan primary and elections method for statewide office as provided in  
20 ~~G.S. 163-291~~ G.S. 163-1."

21 **SECTION 1.(b)** Section 3.2 of the Charter of the City of Albemarle, being Chapter  
22 259 of the Session Laws of 1979, as amended by Chapter 881 of the 1987 Session Laws and  
23 Ordinance 95-18 adopted by the City Council, reads as rewritten:

24 "Section 3.2. Election of Mayor and Council Members. At the regular municipal election in  
25 2015, there shall be nominated and elected a Mayor for a term of five years. At the regular  
26 municipal election in 1991-2020 and every two-four years thereafter, there shall be nominated  
27 and elected a Mayor. Mayor to serve for a term of four years.

28 ~~At the regular municipal election to be held in 1995, members of the City Council shall be~~  
29 ~~nominated and elected as follows. The member of Council from District 1 and the member of~~  
30 ~~Council from District 3 shall be nominated and elected by and from the qualified voters of the~~  
31 ~~electoral district to serve for a four year term. The member of Council from District 2 and the~~  
32 ~~member of Council from District 4 shall be nominated and elected by and from the qualified~~  
33 ~~voters of the electoral district to serve for a two year term. Three members of Council shall be~~  
34 ~~nominated and elected at large by and from the qualified voters of the City. The two at large~~  
35 ~~members of Council receiving the highest number of votes in the regular municipal election~~



1 shall be elected to serve for a four year term. The at large member of Council receiving the next  
2 highest number of votes in the regular municipal election shall be elected to serve for a two  
3 year term.

4 The City Council shall consist of seven members, each residing in and elected from  
5 districts. At the regular municipal election held in 2015, members of the Council from District  
6 1, District 3, and the two members elected at-large in the 2011 regular municipal election shall  
7 each be elected to a term of five years. The members of the Council from District 2, District 4,  
8 and the member elected at-large in the 2013 regular municipal election shall continue to serve  
9 until 2018.

10 At the regular municipal election held in ~~1997~~2018 and every four years thereafter, the  
11 member of Council from District 2, the member of Council from District 4, and the member of  
12 Council elected at large in the ~~1995~~2013 regular municipal election ~~to serve a two year term~~  
13 shall be nominated and elected to serve a four year term.

14 At the regular municipal election held in ~~1999~~2020 and every four years thereafter, the  
15 member of Council from District 1, the member of Council from District 3, and the two  
16 members of Council elected at large in the ~~1995~~2015 regular municipal election ~~to serve a four~~  
17 ~~year term~~ shall be nominated and elected to serve for a four year term."

18 **SECTION 2.** Chapter III of the Charter of the Town of Badin, being Chapter 894  
19 of the Session Laws of 1989, reads as rewritten:

20 "CHAPTER III.  
21 "GOVERNING BODY.

22 ...  
23 "Sec. 3.3. Term of office of Council members. ~~The initial members of the Council shall be~~  
24 ~~elected in 1990 at the same time as the general election for county officers, and the procedure~~  
25 ~~shall be as generally provided for election of municipal officers in an odd numbered year,~~  
26 ~~except that the filing period shall open as soon as the results of the incorporation referendum~~  
27 ~~are certified, and shall end at 12:00 noon on the third Friday after that date. The initial district~~  
28 ~~members are elected for three year terms, their successors shall be elected in 1993 and~~  
29 ~~quadrennially thereafter for four year terms. In 1990, the at-large candidate receiving the~~  
30 ~~highest number of votes is elected to a three year term, and the two at large candidates~~  
31 ~~receiving the next highest numbers of votes are elected to one year terms. In 1991 and~~  
32 ~~quadrennially thereafter, two at large members are elected for four year terms. In 1993 and~~  
33 ~~quadrennially thereafter, one at large member is elected for a four year term. Initial town~~  
34 ~~officers shall take office on the Monday following the canvassing of the returns of their~~  
35 ~~election, at a time and place designated by any three of them.~~In 2015, the two at-large members  
36 shall serve for terms of five years, and their successors shall serve terms of four years. Each of  
37 the resident district members and the at-large members whose terms expire in 2017 shall  
38 continue to serve until 2018, and their successors shall be elected to serve terms of four years.  
39 Regular municipal elections shall be held in each even-numbered year thereafter in accordance  
40 with Chapter IV of this Charter.

41 "Sec. 3.4. Selection of Mayor: term of office. The members of the Town Council shall,  
42 from among their members, elect the Mayor at their organizational meeting to serve a two-year  
43 term, except that the Mayor elected in ~~1990~~2015 shall serve a ~~one year~~three-year term."

44 **SECTION 3.(a)** Article III of the Charter of the Town of Locust, being Chapter  
45 246 of the Session Laws of 1973, as amended by Chapter 41 of the 1977 Session Laws, reads  
46 as rewritten:

47 "...  
48 "Sec. 3.2. Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore. The Mayor shall be a resident and qualified  
49 voter of the City of Locust and shall be elected by the qualified voters of the City of Locust,  
50 and he shall hold office for two (2) ~~years~~years, except that the Mayor elected in 2015 shall  
51 serve a term of three years, but the Mayor's successors shall serve terms of two years. In the

1 case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the City Council shall by appointment fill the vacancy  
2 for the unexpired term. The Mayor shall be the official head of the City government and shall  
3 preside at all meetings of the City Council. When there is an equal division upon any question,  
4 or in the appointment of officers, by the Council, the Mayor shall determine the matter by his  
5 vote, and shall vote in no other case. The Mayor shall exercise such powers and perform such  
6 duties as are or may be conferred upon him by the general laws of North Carolina, by this  
7 Charter, and by the ordinances of the City. The City Council shall choose one of its number to  
8 act as Mayor Pro Tempore, and he shall perform the duties of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence  
9 or disability. The Mayor Pro Tempore as such shall have no fixed term of office, but shall serve  
10 in such capacity at the pleasure of the remaining members of the Council.

11 "Sec. 3.3. Composition of City Council. Beginning with the election to be held on  
12 November 8, ~~1977~~, 3, 2015, the City Council shall consist of seven (7) members to be elected  
13 by and from the qualified voters of the city voting at large in the manner provided by Article  
14 IV.

15 ...."

16 **SECTION 3.(b)** Section 4.1 of the Charter of the Town of Locust, being Chapter  
17 246 of the Session Laws of 1973, as amended by Chapter 41 of the 1977 Session Laws, reads  
18 as rewritten:

19 "Sec. 4.1. Regular Municipal Elections. Regular municipal elections shall be held on the  
20 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each ~~odd-numbered year which began in~~  
21 ~~1973~~ even-numbered year except as provided in this section. In the regular election in ~~1977~~  
22 ~~2015~~, there shall be elected three (3) councilmen. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest  
23 number of votes shall be elected for terms of four (4) years. In the regular election of 1979,  
24 there shall be elected four (4) councilmen, and the four (4) candidates receiving the highest  
25 number of votes shall be elected for four (4) years. four members shall be elected for terms of  
26 five years, and the three members whose terms expire in 2017 shall continue to serve until  
27 2018. Thereafter as the terms of members expire, their successors shall be elected for terms of  
28 four (4) years."

29 **SECTION 4.(a)** Section 3.3 of the Charter of the Village of Misenheimer, being  
30 Chapter 268 of the Session Laws of 2003, as amended by Chapter 19 of the 2004 Session  
31 Laws, reads as rewritten:

32 "Section 3.3. Manner of Electing Village Council; Term of Office. The qualified voters of  
33 the entire Village shall elect the members of the Village Council, and, except as provided in  
34 this section, they shall serve four-year terms. In ~~2005, the three candidates receiving the highest~~  
35 ~~numbers of votes shall be elected to four-year terms, and the two candidates receiving the next~~  
36 ~~highest numbers of votes shall be elected to two-year terms.~~ 2015, two members shall be elected  
37 for five-year terms, and the three members whose terms expire in 2017 shall continue to serve  
38 until 2018. In ~~2007~~, 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, two members shall be elected to  
39 four-year terms. In ~~2009~~, 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, three members shall be elected to  
40 four-year terms."

41 **SECTION 4.(b)** Section 3.4 of the Charter of the Village of Misenheimer, being  
42 Chapter 268 of the Session Laws of 2003, reads as rewritten:

43 "Section 3.4. **Manner of Electing Mayor; Term of Office; Duties.** At the organizational  
44 meeting following each municipal election, the Village Council shall elect one of its members  
45 as Mayor, and the Mayor shall serve at the pleasure of the Village ~~Council~~ Council, provided  
46 that the Mayor elected in 2015 shall serve pursuant to the manner provided in Section 3.3 of  
47 this Charter. The Mayor shall be the official head of Village government and shall preside at all  
48 meetings of the Village Council. The Mayor shall exercise such powers and duties as conferred  
49 by the general laws of this State and this Charter and as directed by the Village Council. In the  
50 case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the remaining members of the Village Council shall  
51 choose from their membership a person to serve as Mayor for the unexpired term."

1           **SECTION 5.** Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of New London, being Chapter  
2 91 of the Private Laws of 1907, as amended by Chapter 131 of the 2001 Session Laws, reads as  
3 rewritten:

4           "Sec. 3. The officers of the town shall consist of a mayor and five commissioners, and they  
5 shall be elected to four-year terms by the qualified voters of the entire town, except as provided  
6 otherwise in this section. ~~In 2001, and quadrennially thereafter, a mayor shall be elected to a~~  
7 ~~four-year term. In 2001, for the position of commissioner, the two persons receiving the highest~~  
8 ~~numbers of votes shall be elected to four-year terms and the three persons receiving the next~~  
9 ~~highest numbers of votes shall be elected to two-year terms.~~ 2015, the Mayor shall be elected to  
10 serve a term of five years, but the Mayor's successors shall serve four-year terms. In 2015, three  
11 commissioners shall be elected for five-year terms, and the two commissioners whose terms  
12 expire in 2017 shall continue to serve until 2018. In 2003,2020, and quadrennially thereafter,  
13 three persons shall be elected to four-year terms. In 2005,2018, and quadrennially thereafter,  
14 two persons shall be elected to four-year terms."

15           **SECTION 6.** Section 12 of the Charter of the Town of Norwood, being Chapter  
16 212 of the Private Laws of 1905, as amended by Chapter 15 of the Session Laws of 2001, reads  
17 as rewritten:

18           "Sec. 12. The Commissioners and Mayor shall be elected to four-year terms by the qualified  
19 voters of the entire Town, except as provided otherwise in this section. ~~In 2001, and~~  
20 ~~quadrennially thereafter, a Mayor shall be elected to a four-year term. In 2001, for the position~~  
21 ~~of Commissioner, the two persons receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be elected to~~  
22 ~~four-year terms and the three persons receiving the next highest numbers of votes shall be~~  
23 ~~elected to two-year terms.~~ 2015, the Mayor shall be elected to serve a term of five years, but the  
24 Mayor's successors shall serve four-year terms. In 2015, three commissioners shall be elected  
25 for five-year terms, and the two commissioners whose terms expire in 2017 shall continue to  
26 serve until 2018. In 2003,2020, and quadrennially thereafter, three persons shall be elected to  
27 four-year terms. In 2005,2018, and quadrennially thereafter, two persons shall be elected to  
28 four-year terms."

29           **SECTION 7.** Section 15 of the Charter of the Town of Oakboro, being Chapter 51  
30 of the Private Laws of 1915, as amended by ordinance adopted by the Town Board, reads as  
31 rewritten:

32           "Sec. 15. That the Mayor of the town of Oakboro shall hold office for the term of two years  
33 and until its successor is elected and ~~qualified-qualified, except that in 2015, the Mayor elected~~  
34 ~~shall serve a term of three years, but the Mayor's successors shall serve terms of two years. At~~  
35 ~~the regular municipal election held in 2009, the three members of the Board elected who have~~  
36 ~~the highest total of votes shall serve for a four-year term. Those members of the Board who~~  
37 ~~have the lowest total number of votes shall serve for a two-year term. At the regular election~~  
38 ~~held in 2011, and every four years thereafter, members of the Board who were elected for~~  
39 ~~two-year terms in the election of 2009, shall be elected to serve for a four-year term. In 2015,~~  
40 ~~three members of the Board shall be elected for five-year terms, and the two members whose~~  
41 ~~terms expire in 2017 shall continue to serve until 2018. In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter,~~  
42 ~~three persons shall be elected to four-year terms. In 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, two~~  
43 ~~persons shall be elected to four-year terms. That in the absence of any officer of the town, or~~  
44 ~~during sickness of any of the officers, the commissioners may appoint a man to fill the office~~  
45 ~~during his absence or during his inability, and no longer. If the absence be caused by~~  
46 ~~resignation, the board may appoint an officer to fill the unexpired term."~~

47           **SECTION 8.** Article III of the Charter of the Town of Red Cross, being Chapter 56  
48 of the Session Laws of 2002, reads as rewritten:

49                           "ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY.

50                           ...

1 "Section 3.3. **Manner of Electing Town Council; Term of Office.** The qualified voters of  
2 the entire Town shall elect the members of the Town Council and, except as provided in this  
3 section, they shall be elected to four-year terms. In ~~2003, the two candidates receiving the~~  
4 ~~highest number of votes shall be elected to four year terms and the two candidates receiving the~~  
5 ~~next highest number of votes shall be elected to two year terms.~~2015, two members shall be  
6 elected for five-year terms, and the two members whose terms expire in 2017 shall continue to  
7 serve until 2018. In ~~2005,2018,~~ and biennially thereafter, two members shall be elected to  
8 four-year terms.

9 "Section 3.4. **Manner of Electing Mayor; Term of Office; Duties.** The qualified voters of  
10 the entire Town shall elect the Mayor. In 2015, the Mayor shall be elected to serve a term of  
11 five years. In ~~2003,2020,~~ and quadrennially thereafter, the Mayor shall be elected for a term of  
12 four years.

13 ...."

14 **SECTION 9.(a)** Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of Richfield, being Chapter  
15 204 of the Private Laws of 1915, as amended by Chapter 1066 of the 1953 Session Laws,  
16 Chapter 527 of the 1961 Session Laws, and by resolution adopted by the Town Board of  
17 Commissioners, reads as rewritten:

18 "Section 3. That the officers of said town shall consist of a mayor and five commissioners,  
19 to be elected ~~for staggered 4 year terms , and a marshal and secretary and treasurer, to be~~  
20 ~~appointed every two years by the commissioners as provided in Section 4 of this Charter."~~

21 **SECTION 9.(b)** Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Richfield, being Chapter  
22 204 of the Private Laws of 1915, as amended by Chapter 1066 of the 1953 Session Laws, and  
23 Chapter 527 of the 1961 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

24 "Section 4. ~~That there shall be a convention held in said town for the purpose of electing a~~  
25 ~~mayor and five commissioners. The said convention shall be called on the first Tuesday after~~  
26 ~~the first Monday in May, 1915, and every two years thereafter.~~The Mayor whose term expires  
27 in 2017 shall continue to serve until 2018. In 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, the Mayor  
28 shall be elected for a term of four years. In 2015, the three members elected shall serve terms of  
29 five years, and their successors shall serve terms of four years. The two members whose terms  
30 expire in 2017 shall continue to serve until 2018, and their successors shall serve terms of four  
31 years. Notice of said ~~convention~~ election shall be posted at four public places within said town  
32 at least thirty days prior to the holding of the convention and all citizens residing within the  
33 corporate limits of said town who are qualified voters in Stanly County and who have resided  
34 in said town for a period of ninety (90) days before said convention shall be allowed to vote."

35 **SECTION 9.(c)** Section 15 of the Charter of the Town of Richfield, being Chapter  
36 204 of the Private Laws of 1915, as amended by Chapter 1066 of the 1953 Session Laws, reads  
37 as rewritten:

38 "Section 15. That the officers elected in said town at any ~~convention~~ election shall hold  
39 office for the term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified, and that  
40 during the absence of any officer of the town or the sickness of any officer or officers, the  
41 commissioners may appoint a man to fill the vacancy during his or their absence, or during his  
42 or their inability to fill the same, and no longer. If the absence be caused by resignation, the  
43 board of commissioners shall appoint an officer to fill said vacancy or unexpired term."

44 **SECTION 10.** Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of Stanfield, being Chapter  
45 1210 of the Session Laws of 1955, as amended by Chapter 485 of the 1957 Session Laws and  
46 Ordinance 2009-3 adopted by the Town Commissioners, reads as rewritten:

47 "Sec. 3. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. That the government of the Town of Stanfield  
48 shall be vested in a mayor and a board of five commissioners and such other officers as may be  
49 provided for in the Municipal Incorporation Act of North Carolina. The mayor and board of  
50 commissioners shall be quadrennially elected by the qualified voters of the town, ~~shall provided~~  
51 that in 2015, the Mayor shall serve a term of five years, but the Mayor's successors shall serve

1 terms of four years. At the regular municipal election to be held in 2009, the mayor and two  
2 members of the Board elected who have the highest total of votes shall serve for a four-year  
3 term. The three members of the Board who have the lowest total number of votes shall serve  
4 for a two-year term. At the regular municipal election held in 2011, and every four years  
5 thereafter, members of the board who were elected for two-year terms in the election of 2009  
6 shall be elected to serve for a four-year term. In 2015, three members of the Board shall be  
7 elected for five-year terms, and the two members whose terms expire in 2017 shall continue to  
8 serve until 2018. In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, three persons shall be elected to  
9 four-year terms. In 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, two persons shall be elected to four-year  
10 terms. The Mayor and board of commissioners shall take such oaths of office as provided by  
11 law, law and shall have such rights, powers, duties and responsibilities as provided in Article 2  
12 of Chapter 160-160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina relating to municipal officers."

13 **SECTION 11.** Section 22 of the Charter of the City of Raleigh, being Chapter  
14 1184 of the 1949 Session Laws, as amended, is amended by adding the following new  
15 subsection:

16 "(88). Conveyance of Real Property. When the City Council determines that a sale or  
17 disposition of real property will advance or further any Council adopted economic  
18 development, transportation, urban revitalization, community development, or other City  
19 policy, the City may, in addition to other authorized means, sell, exchange, or transfer the fee  
20 or any lesser interest in real property, either by public sale or by negotiated private sale. Any  
21 conveyance under this section may be made only pursuant to a resolution of the City Council  
22 authorizing the conveyance. Notice of the proposed transaction shall be given at least 10 days  
23 prior to adoption of the resolution by generally authorized legal advertising methods, and the  
24 notice shall generally describe: (i) the property involved; (ii) the nature of the interest to be  
25 conveyed; and (iii) all of the material terms of the proposed transaction. The notice shall give  
26 the time and place of the City Council meeting where the proposed transaction will be  
27 considered and shall announce the Council's intention to authorize the proposed transaction."

28 **SECTION 12.** Section 3 of Chapter 29 of the 1967 Session Laws, as amended by  
29 Chapter 8 of the 1977 Session Laws and by Section 9(b) of S.L. 2005-305, reads as rewritten:

30 "Sec. 3. Three members of the Board shall be residents within the Elizabeth City Township,  
31 hereinafter referred to as "inside members", and three members of the Board shall be residents  
32 of the other townships outside Elizabeth City Township, hereinafter referred to as "outside  
33 members". The remaining member shall hereinafter be referred to as the "at-large member" and  
34 shall be a county resident with no residence required within a particular township area.

35 Candidates for membership on the Board shall file for office at the same time and on the  
36 same terms and conditions as candidates for other county offices. Candidates shall file, based  
37 upon residency, for any available "inside member" seats, "outside member" seats, or the  
38 "at-large member" seat that they qualify for by virtue of the residency at the time of filing.  
39 However, there shall be no primary, and filed candidates for each type of available seat shall be  
40 placed on the general election ballot to be voted on by all qualified voters of the county. Each  
41 voter shall have the right to vote in each race for "inside member" seats, "outside members"  
42 seats, or the "at-large member" seat up to the number of open seats up for election as to each  
43 particular type of seat, but may not cast more than one vote for each candidate. The election  
44 shall be held on a nonpartisan plurality basis with the candidates receiving the highest number  
45 of votes for each type of seat filling the available open seat or seats in descending order of their  
46 vote totals. Candidates elected shall take office the first Monday in December, and shall serve a  
47 four-year term.

48 All vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the remainder of the Board within 60 days,  
49 and the person so appointed shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

50 Terms shall be staggered, with two "inside member" seats and two "outside member" seats  
51 being elected in 2006 and every four years thereafter, and one "inside member" seat, one

1 "outside member" seat, and the "at-large member" seat being elected in 2008 and every four  
2 years thereafter.

3 ~~The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education shall elect a chairman and vice~~  
4 ~~chairman to preside over its meetings, and the vice chairman shall be entitled to vote in all~~  
5 ~~matters being considered by said Board but neither the chairman nor the vice chairman shall~~  
6 ~~have the authority to cast a vote to create a tie vote and then vote again to break the tie.~~

7 The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education shall elect a chair to preside over its  
8 meetings and a vice-chair to preside over its meetings in the chair's absence. The chair shall not  
9 vote on any matters being considered by said Board, unless there is a tie vote, in which case the  
10 chair shall cast the deciding vote. When the chair is present at a meeting, the vice-chair shall be  
11 entitled to vote on all matters being considered by said Board. When the vice-chair is presiding  
12 over a meeting in the chair's absence, the vice-chair shall not vote on any matters being  
13 considered by said Board, unless there is a tie vote, in which case the vice-chair shall cast the  
14 deciding vote. Neither the chair nor the vice-chair shall have the authority to cast a vote to  
15 create a tie vote and then vote again to break the tie.

16 The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education shall control, administer and operate all  
17 of the public schools in Pasquotank County, including the public schools now located in the  
18 Elizabeth City Administrative Unit, as well as the public schools now located in the Pasquotank  
19 County Administrative Unit. The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Board of Education shall exercise  
20 all the powers, authority and duties as are now exercised and performed by city and county  
21 boards of education and as provided by Chapter 115 of the General Statutes, as revised and  
22 amended, and as the same may hereafter be revised and amended. All members of the said  
23 Board shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified."

24 **SECTION 13.** G.S. 153A-15 reads as rewritten:

25 **"§ 153A-15. Consent of board of commissioners necessary in certain counties before land**  
26 **may be condemned or acquired by a unit of local government outside the**  
27 **county.**

28 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 40A of the General Statutes or any other  
29 general law or local act conferring the power of eminent domain, before final judgment may be  
30 entered in any action of condemnation initiated by a county, city or town, special district, or  
31 other unit of local government which is located wholly or primarily outside another county,  
32 whereby the condemnor seeks to acquire property located in the other county, the condemnor  
33 shall furnish proof that the county board of commissioners of the county where the land is  
34 located has consented to the taking.

35 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 153A-158, 160A-240.1, 130A-55, or any  
36 other general law or local act conferring the power to acquire real property, before any county,  
37 city or town, special district, or other unit of local government which is located wholly or  
38 primarily outside another county acquires any real property located in the other county by  
39 exchange, purchase or lease, it must have the approval of the county board of commissioners of  
40 the county where the land is located.

41 (c) This section applies to Alamance, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Bertie, Bladen,  
42 Brunswick, Burke, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba,  
43 Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare,  
44 Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Graham,  
45 Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hoke, Hyde, Iredell,  
46 Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell,  
47 Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico,  
48 Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Polk, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham,  
49 Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Union,  
50 Vance, Wake, Warren, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties only.

1 (d) This section does not apply as to any condemnation or acquisition of real property  
2 or an interest in real property by a city where the property to be condemned or acquired is  
3 within the corporate limits of that city."

4 **SECTION 14.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and  
5 except as otherwise provided by federal law, municipal elections held pursuant to this act may  
6 be combined on the same official ballot as other ballot items for elections held at the same time.

7 **SECTION 15.** This act is effective when it becomes law.