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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Section 3.1 of the Charter of the City of Albemarle, being Chapter 259 of the Session Laws of 1979, as amended by Ordinance 95-18 adopted by the City Council, reads as rewritten:

"Section 3.1. Regular Municipal Elections; Conduct and Method of Election. ~~Regular municipal elections for Mayor shall be held in the City in 1979 and every two years thereafter and~~ Elections shall be conducted in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina. The Mayor and members of the City Council shall be elected according to the partisan primary and elections method for statewide office as provided in G.S. 163-291-G.S. 163-1."

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

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

~~At the regular municipal election to be held in 1995, members of the City Council shall be nominated and elected as follows. The member of Council from District 1 and the member of Council from District 3 shall be nominated and elected by and from the qualified voters of the electoral district to serve for a four year term. The member of Council from District 2 and the member of Council from District 4 shall be nominated and elected by and from the qualified voters of the electoral district to serve for a two year term. Three members of Council shall be nominated and elected at large by and from the qualified voters of the City. The two at large~~



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

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

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

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

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

21 "CHAPTER III.
22 "GOVERNING BODY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 "...."

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 case of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the remaining members of the Village Council shall
2 choose from their membership a person to serve as Mayor for the unexpired term."

3 **SECTION 5.** Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of New London, being Chapter
4 91 of the Private Laws of 1907, as amended by Chapter 131 of the 2001 Session Laws, reads as
5 rewritten:

6 "Sec. 3. The officers of the town shall consist of a mayor and five commissioners, and they
7 shall be elected to four-year terms by the qualified voters of the entire town, except as provided
8 otherwise in this section. ~~In 2001, and quadrennially thereafter, a mayor shall be elected to a~~
9 ~~four-year term. In 2001, for the position of commissioner, the two persons receiving the highest~~
10 ~~numbers of votes shall be elected to four-year terms and the three persons receiving the next~~
11 ~~highest numbers of votes shall be elected to two-year terms.~~The Mayor whose term expires in
12 2017 shall continue to serve until 2018. In 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, the Mayor shall
13 be elected for a term of four years. In 2015, three commissioners shall be elected for five-year
14 terms, and the two commissioners whose terms expire in 2017 shall continue to serve until
15 2018. In 2003,2020, and quadrennially thereafter, three persons shall be elected to four-year
16 terms. In 2005,2018, and quadrennially thereafter, two persons shall be elected to four-year
17 terms."

18 **SECTION 6.** Section 12 of the Charter of the Town of Norwood, being Chapter
19 212 of the Private Laws of 1905, as amended by Chapter 15 of the Session Laws of 2001, reads
20 as rewritten:

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

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

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

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

"ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY.

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

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

15"

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

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

23 **SECTION 9.(b)** Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Richfield, being Chapter
24 204 of the Private Laws of 1915, as amended by Chapter 1066 of the 1953 Session Laws, and
25 Chapter 527 of the 1961 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

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

38 **SECTION 9.(c)** Section 15 of the Charter of the Town of Richfield, being Chapter
39 204 of the Private Laws of 1915, as amended by Chapter 1066 of the 1953 Session Laws, reads
40 as rewritten:

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

47 **SECTION 10.** Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of Stanfield, being Chapter
48 1210 of the Session Laws of 1955, as amended by Chapter 485 of the 1957 Session Laws and
49 Ordinance 2009-3 adopted by the Town Commissioners, reads as rewritten:

50 "Sec. 3. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. That the government of the Town of Stanfield
51 shall be vested in a mayor and a board of five commissioners and such other officers as may be

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

17 **SECTION 11.** Section 22 of the Charter of the City of Raleigh, being Chapter
18 1184 of the 1949 Session Laws, as amended, is amended by adding the following new
19 subsection:

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

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

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

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

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

3 Terms shall be staggered, with two "inside member" seats and two "outside member" seats
4 being elected in 2006 and every four years thereafter, and one "inside member" seat, one
5 "outside member" seat, and the "at-large member" seat being elected in 2008 and every four
6 years thereafter.

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

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

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

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

29 **"§ 153A-15. Consent of board of commissioners necessary in certain counties before land**
30 **may be condemned or acquired by a unit of local government outside the**
31 **county.**

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

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

45 (c) This section applies to Alamance, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Bertie, Bladen,
46 Brunswick, Burke, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba,
47 Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare,
48 Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Graham,
49 Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hoke, Hyde, Iredell,
50 Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell,
51 Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico,

1 Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Polk, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham,
2 Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Union,
3 Vance, Wake, Warren, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties only.

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

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

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