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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF RURAL HALL TO PROVIDE A  
PROCESS FOR UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR ELECTED OFFICE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Charter of the Town of Rural Hall, being Chapter 1100 of the 1973  
Session Laws, as amended by S.L. 2023-31 and by S.L. 2024-14, is amended by adding a new  
section to read:

"Sec. 4.1. Any candidate seeking nomination by petition for municipal office shall comply  
with the requirements of Article 11 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina,  
provided that the date and time petitions must be filed with the county board of elections in  
G.S. 163-122(a)(4) shall not apply, and the date and time petitions must be filed with the county  
board of elections in G.S. 163-122(a)(3) shall apply."

**SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding Section 1 of this act, for purposes of the 2026 election  
only, any candidate seeking nomination by petition for municipal office must file a petition with  
the county board of elections no later than 12:00 noon on July 6, 2026. Except as otherwise  
provided by this section, candidates shall comply with the requirements set out in Article 11 of  
Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

**SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective January 1, 2027, and applies to  
elections held in 2028 and thereafter. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law  
and applies to petitions filed on or after that date.



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