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SENATE BILL DRS35019-NMe-18

Short Title: China Grove Even Year Elections. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Ford (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF  
3 CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** Article III of the Charter of the Town of China Grove, being Chapter  
6 42 of the 2002 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

7 "ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS.

8 "Section 3.1. **Regular Municipal Elections.** Regular municipal elections shall be held in  
9 each ~~odd-numbered~~ even-numbered year in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws  
10 of North Carolina. Elections shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined  
11 using the nonpartisan plurality method as provided in G.S. 163-292.

12 "Section 3.2. **Election of Aldermen.** The Town shall continue to have staggered terms for its  
13 Aldermen. ~~Two~~ Three Aldermen shall be elected at the regular municipal election in ~~2003-2026~~  
14 to four-year terms and quadrennially thereafter. ~~Three~~ Two Aldermen shall be elected at the  
15 regular municipal election in ~~2005-2028~~ to four-year terms and quadrennially thereafter.

16 "Section 3.3. **Election of Mayor.** A Mayor shall be elected in the regular municipal election  
17 in ~~2003-2028~~ to a four-year term and quadrennially thereafter.

18 ...."

19 **SECTION 1.(b)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of China  
20 Grove in 2025. The terms of office for the three Aldermen serving on the effective date of this  
21 act whose terms are set to expire in 2025 are extended by one year. The terms of the two  
22 Aldermen and the Mayor serving on the effective date of this act whose terms are set to expire  
23 in 2027 are extended by one year. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town  
24 of China Grove in even-numbered years beginning in 2026 and biennially thereafter.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held  
26 on or after that date.



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