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SENATE BILL 36

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

Sponsors: Senator Ford (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 3, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF  
CHINA GROVE SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

