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HOUSE BILL DRH10252-LU-74

Short Title: Revise W-S Charter/Elections/Redistricting. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Lambeth and Conrad (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM TO PROVIDE
3 FOR THE ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM WARDS AND TO
4 PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THOSE WARDS; MODIFY THE TERMS OF THE
5 MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PROVIDE THAT THE
6 MAYOR HAS A RIGHT TO VOTE; AND MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING
7 VACANCIES ON THE CITY COUNCIL.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1.(a) Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Winston-Salem, being
10 Chapter 232 of the Private Laws of 1927, as amended by Chapter 152 of the Session Laws of
11 1949, Chapter 11 of the Session Laws of 1965, and Chapter 1023 of the Session Laws of 1973,
12 reads as rewritten:

13 ~~"Sec. 8. Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Winston-Salem, being Section 2 of Chapter~~
14 ~~11 of the 1965 Session Laws of North Carolina, is hereby deleted. The City of Winston-Salem is~~
15 ~~hereby divided into eight wards to be known and designated as North Ward, Northeast Ward,~~
16 ~~East Ward, Southeast Ward, South Ward, Southwest Ward, West Ward, and Northwest Ward.~~
17 ~~The boundaries of each of the above named wards shall be as fixed in the most recent map~~
18 ~~adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Winston-Salem in accordance with the~~
19 ~~provisions of G.S. 160A-22 and G.S. 160A-23. It is the purpose of this section to eliminate the~~
20 ~~necessity of the ward boundaries for the City of Winston-Salem being prescribed by metes and~~
21 ~~bounds in a legislative enactment, and to substitute authority for the Board of Aldermen to fix~~
22 ~~the boundaries by the adoption of a map as authorized in G.S. 160A-22 and G.S. 160A-23.~~
23 The City of Winston-Salem is hereby divided into five wards, to be known and designated as Ward
24 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4, and Ward 5, as set forth in this section. If this section does not
25 specifically assign any area within the City to a ward, and the area is entirely surrounded by a
26 single ward, the area shall be deemed to have been assigned to that ward. If this section does not
27 specifically assign any area within the City to a ward, and the area is contiguous to one or more
28 wards, the area shall be deemed to have been assigned to that ward which contains the least
29 population according to the most recent federal decennial census. If this section specifically
30 assigns to a ward any area that is not in the corporate limits of the City, that area outside the
31 corporate limits is not added to the corporate limits and no voter that resides in that area outside
32 the corporate limits may vote in the City election. The names and boundaries of voting tabulation
33 districts, tracts, block groups, and blocks specified in this section are shown on the 2010 Census
34 Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles. If any voting tabulation district boundary is changed, that
35 change shall not change the boundary of a ward, which shall remain the same as it is depicted by
36 the 2010 Census Redistricting TIGER/Line Shapefiles.



The wards are as follows:

Ward 1: Forsyth County: VTD 032: Block(s) 0670028041001, 0670028041002, 0670028041003, 0670028041004, 0670028041005, 0670028041006, 0670028041007, 0670028041015, 0670028041016, 0670028041017, 0670028041018, 0670028041019, 0670028041021, 0670028041022, 0670028041024, 0670028041025, 0670028061013, 0670028061014, 0670028061015, 0670028061024, 0670028091000, 0670028091001, 0670028091002, 0670028091003, 0670028091004, 0670028091005, 0670028091006, 0670028091007, 0670028091008, 0670028091009, 0670028091010, 0670028091011, 0670028091012, 0670028091013, 0670028091014, 0670028091015, 0670028091016, 0670028091017, 0670028091018, 0670028091022, 0670028091023, 0670028091024, 0670028091025, 0670028091026, 0670028091027, 0670028091034, 0670028091038, 0670028091040, 0670028091041, 0670028091042, 0670028092049, 0670028092069, 0670028092070, 0670028092071, 0670028092072, 0670028092074, 0670028092075, 0670028092076, 0670028092077, 0670028092079, 0670028092080, 0670028092086, 0670028092087, 0670028092088, 0670028092089, 0670028092090, 0670028092098; VTD 033: Block(s) 0670028061006; VTD 092: Block(s) 0670028013040, 0670028013041, 0670028013042, 0670028013045, 0670028013046, 0670028013047, 0670028013052, 0670028013053, 0670028013054, 0670028013055, 0670028013066, 0670028013067, 0670028013068, 0670028013070, 0670028013071, 0670028013072, 0670028013077, 0670028013078, 0670028092091; VTD 101: Block(s) 0670028013048, 0670028013049, 0670028013050, 0670028013051, 0670028013056, 0670028013059, 0670028013060, 0670028013061, 0670028013062, 0670028013063, 0670028041008, 0670028041009, 0670028041010, 0670028041012, 0670028041020, 0670028042000, 0670028042001, 0670028042002, 0670028042003, 0670028042004, 0670028042005, 0670028042006, 0670028042007, 0670028042008, 0670028043000, 0670028043001, 0670028043003, 0670028043004, 0670028043005, 0670028043006, 0670028043007, 0670028043008, 0670028043010, 0670028043012, 0670028043014, 0670028043015, 0670028043016, 0670028043028; VTD 131: Block(s) 0670041031000, 0670041031001, 0670041031004, 0670041031005, 0670041031011, 0670041031013, 0670041031014, 0670041031015, 0670041032000, 0670041032002; VTD 132: Block(s) 0670028013069, 0670028013073, 0670028013074, 0670028013075, 0670028013076, 0670028013079, 0670028013080, 0670028013084, 0670028013085, 0670028013086, 0670028013087, 0670028013090, 0670041022046, 0670041041000, 0670041041001, 0670041041002, 0670041041003, 0670041041004, 0670041041005, 0670041041006, 0670041041007, 0670041041008, 0670041041009, 0670041041010, 0670041041011, 0670041041012, 0670041041013, 0670041041014, 0670041041015, 0670041041016, 0670041041017, 0670041041018, 0670041041019, 0670041041020, 0670041041021, 0670041041022, 0670041041023, 0670041041024, 0670041041025, 0670041042019, 0670041042020, 0670041042021, 0670041042022, 0670041043000, 0670041043001, 0670041043002, 0670041043003, 0670041043004, 0670041043005, 0670041043007, 0670041043008, 0670041043009; VTD 201: Block(s) 0670027021015, 0670027021018, 0670027021038, 0670027022007, 0670027022008, 0670027022009, 0670027022010, 0670027022011, 0670027022012, 0670027022013, 0670027023000, 0670027023001, 0670027023002, 0670027023003, 0670027023004, 0670027023005, 0670027023006, 0670027023007, 0670027023008, 0670027023009, 0670027023010, 0670027023011, 0670027023012, 0670027023013, 0670027024000, 0670027024001, 0670027024002, 0670027024003, 0670027024004, 0670027024005, 0670027024006, 0670027024007, 0670027024008, 0670027024009, 0670027031002, 0670027031003, 0670027031007, 0670027031018, 0670027034000, 0670027034001, 0670027034002, 0670027034003, 0670027034004, 0670027034005, 0670027034006, 0670027034007, 0670027034008, 0670027034009; VTD 203: Block(s) 0670003011011, 0670003011017, 0670003021029; VTD 204: Block(s) 0670003021003,

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21 VTD 404.
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45 VTD 901, VTD 902."

46 **SECTION 1.(b)** Nothing in this act shall affect the authority of the City of
47 Winston-Salem to annex any property pursuant to Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General
48 Statutes and any local act of the General Assembly. Annexed property shall be assigned in
49 accordance with Section 8 of the Charter of the City of Winston-Salem.

50 **SECTION 1.(c)** The Legislative Services Officer shall certify a true copy of the
51 block assignment file associated with any mapping software used to generate the language in

1 subsection (a) of this section. The certified true copy of the block assignment file shall be
2 delivered by the Legislative Services Officer to the Secretary of the City of Winston-Salem.

3 **SECTION 1.(d)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
4 elections held on or after that date.

5 **SECTION 2.** Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Section 12A of the Charter of the City of
6 Winston-Salem, being Chapter 232 of the Private Laws of 1927, as amended by Chapter 13 of
7 the Session Laws of 1965, Chapter 53 of the Session Laws of 1965, City Ordinance dated January
8 6, 2003, as adopted under Part 4 of Article 5 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, and Section
9 1(b) of S.L. 2011-141, reads as rewritten:

10 "1. Election of Mayor. The time for election of Mayor shall be as provided in Section 12J of
11 this Charter. The mayor shall be a resident of the City of Winston-Salem. The Mayor shall be
12 elected by all the qualified voters of the City. Except as provided in Section 12J of this Charter,
13 the Mayor shall serve for a term of ~~four~~two years commencing as provided by G.S. 160A-68 at
14 the organizational meeting of the city council following the election. Notwithstanding
15 G.S. 160A-69, the Mayor shall have the right to vote as a city council member on all matters
16 before the council but shall have no right to break a tie vote in a matter in which the Mayor
17 participated.

18 2. Election of City Council. The time for election of city council members shall be as provided
19 in Section 12J of this Charter. There shall be elected eight council members for the City of
20 Winston-Salem, who shall hold their office until their successors are ~~qualified, of whom one shall~~
21 ~~be elected from North Ward, one from Northeast Ward, one from East Ward, One from Southeast~~
22 ~~Ward, one from South Ward, one from Southeast Ward, one from West Ward, and one from~~
23 ~~Northwest Ward.~~qualified. Five city council members shall be elected to each represent one of
24 the five wards as set forth in Section 8 of this Charter. The remaining three city council members
25 shall be elected from the City at-large. Each council member elected to represent a ward shall be
26 a resident of the ward in which elected, and shall be elected by the qualified voters of the council
27 member's ward only. Except as provided in Section 12J of this Charter, city council members
28 shall serve for terms of ~~four~~two years commencing as provided by G.S. 160A-68 at the
29 organizational meeting of the city council following the election."

30 **SECTION 3.** Section 12J of the Charter of the City of Winston-Salem, being Chapter
31 232 of the Private Laws of 1927, as amended by Section 1(d) of S.L. 2011-141, reads as rewritten:

32 "Sec. 12J. Time of Election; Terms.

33 (a) In ~~2013, 2020~~, the primary and election for mayor and council members shall be held
34 on the dates provided in ~~G.S. 163-279(a)(2)~~G.S. 163A-1585(a)(2).

35 (b) The terms of the mayor and council members of the City of Winston-Salem elected
36 in ~~2013-2020~~ shall expire at the organizational meeting after the ~~2016-2022~~ regular municipal
37 election.

38 (c) Notwithstanding ~~G.S. 163-279, G.S. 163A-1585~~, in ~~2016-2022~~, and ~~quadrennially~~
39 ~~biennially~~ thereafter, primaries and elections for mayor and city council shall be held at the same
40 time as for county officers as provided in ~~G.S. 163-1~~G.S. 163A-700."

41 **SECTION 4.(a)** Sections 1 through 3 of Chapter 1248 of the Session Laws of 1971
42 are incorporated as Section 12K in the Charter of the City of Winston-Salem. Section 12K of the
43 Charter of the City of Winston-Salem, being Chapter 232 of the Private Laws of 1927, as
44 amended, reads as rewritten:

45 "Section ~~1~~12K. Vacancies.

46 (a) Should a vacancy exist on the ~~Board of Aldermen~~City Council of the City of
47 Winston-Salem by death, resignation, or otherwise than by expiration of term, and should the
48 unexpired term at the time the vacancy occurs be for twelve months or more, then the ~~Forsyth~~
49 ~~County Executive Committee of each political party shall immediately designate a candidate for~~
50 ~~said vacancy and the Board of Aldermen City Council shall cause to be held, adopt a resolution~~
51 ~~calling for a special primary and election for the at-large seat or in the Ward-ward which the~~

1 vacating Alderman represented, an election to fill said vacancy. The candidate receiving a
2 majority of the votes cast shall assume office forthwith. The election shall be held no later than
3 60 days after the vacancy occurs. Insofar as possible, the member represented to fill the vacancy
4 for the unexpired term. Regarding a resignation, a vacancy is deemed to exist once the City
5 Council accepts the resignation of a member, even if the effective date of the resignation is a
6 future date. The candidate elected shall be installed at the next regular or special meeting of the
7 City Council, or if the resigning member is still seated, the next regular or special meeting
8 following the effective date of the resignation. The effective date of the resignation and
9 installation of the elected candidate may occur at the same meeting, provided the resignation
10 occurs before the installation. The primary and election shall be called and conducted in
11 accordance with G.S. 163A-1592 and the remainder of the laws governing other municipal
12 elections in the City of ~~Winston-Salem~~ Winston-Salem, as modified by the following provisions:

- 13 (1) The Forsyth County Board of Elections shall conduct a special primary and
14 election and determine the results of the election in accordance with the
15 partisan primary and election method set out in G.S. 163A-1615.
- 16 (2) The Forsyth County Board of Elections shall set the date and time candidates
17 seeking party nomination may file notices of candidacy, provided that the
18 filing period opens within 14 business days after the adoption of the resolution
19 and is open for 14 business days. Each candidate shall be a resident of the
20 ward that the vacating member represented.
- 21 (3) The Forsyth County Board of Elections shall hold the primary election no later
22 than 60 calendar days after the close of the filing period, or as soon thereafter
23 as practicable, and shall allow for absentee ballots to be applied for and cast.
- 24 (4) The Forsyth County Board of Elections shall hold the general election no later
25 than 60 calendar days after the primary, or as soon thereafter as practicable,
26 and shall allow for absentee ballots to be applied for and cast. A space for
27 write-in candidates shall be printed on the ballot.
- 28 (5) The City Council shall reimburse the Forsyth County Board of Elections for
29 the actual cost involved in the administration of the primary and election.

30 ~~Sec. 2.(b)~~ Should a vacancy exist on ~~said Board~~ the City Council for any of the reasons
31 stated ~~above~~, in Section 1 of this act, and should the unexpired term at the time the vacancy
32 occurs be for less than twelve months, then the Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem shall
33 immediately appoint for the unexpired part of the term the person recommended by the Forsyth
34 County Executive Committee of the political party with which the former member was affiliated
35 when elected.

36 ~~Sec. 3.(c)~~ Should a member of the ~~Board of Aldermen~~ City Council of the City of
37 Winston-Salem remove himself or herself from the City, or fail to attend the meetings of the
38 ~~Board~~ City Council for 90 consecutive days, or should ~~he~~ the member willfully neglect or refuse
39 to serve, a vacancy to be filled as provided in Sections 1 and 2 shall be deemed to have been
40 created."

41 **SECTION 4.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
42 vacancies existing on or after that date.

43 **SECTION 5.(a)** Any seat that meets all of the following shall be subject to a special
44 primary and election, to be conducted using the process described in Section 1 of Chapter 1248
45 of the Session Laws of 1971, as amended by Section 1 of this act:

- 46 (1) A vacancy for that seat occurs in 2018 or 2019.
- 47 (2) The vacancy was filled by the City Council using the appointment process set
48 forth in G.S. 160A-63.
- 49 (3) The Forsyth County Board of Elections receives a petition calling for a special
50 primary and election signed by at least one percent (1%) of the total number
51 of registered voters in the ward which the seat represents, as reflected by the

1 voter registration records of the State Board of Elections as of January 1 of
2 the year in which the petition is received. The chair or director of the Forsyth
3 County Board of Elections shall verify signatures on the petition no later than
4 15 business days after receipt of the petition as provided in
5 G.S. 163A-1005(a)(1)b.

6 (4) The unexpired term of office for the seat is 12 months or more, as of the date
7 the petition, signed by at least one percent (1%) of the residents of the ward,
8 is received by the Forsyth County Board of Elections.

9 **SECTION 5.(b)** The City Council of the City of Winston-Salem shall reimburse the
10 Forsyth County Board of Elections for the actual cost involved in the administration of any
11 special primary and election conducted under this section.

12 **SECTION 5.(c)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to any
13 seat that was vacated in 2018 or 2019.

14 **SECTION 6.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
15 law.