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SENATE BILL 327

Short Title: Gatesville Term Limits. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Jones.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GATESVILLE TO EXTEND
3 THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
4 COMMISSIONERS FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS AND STAGGERING THOSE
5 TERMS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Gatesville, being Chapter 88
8 of the 1923 Private Laws, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 10 of the 1933 Private Laws,
9 reads as rewritten:

10 "~~Sec. 3. That there shall be an election for the offices of mayor and three commissioners for~~
11 ~~the town of Gatesville held on Tuesday after the first Monday in May, one thousand nine~~
12 ~~hundred and thirty three, and biennially thereafter as now provided by law for elections in~~
13 ~~cities and towns of this State.~~

14 (a) **Regular Municipal Elections.** Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
15 regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town every four years and shall be conducted
16 in accordance with the uniform municipal elections laws of North Carolina. The Mayor and
17 members of the Board of Commissioners shall be elected according to the nonpartisan plurality
18 method of election, as provided in G.S. 163-292.

19 (b) **Election of the Board of Commissioners; Election of Mayor.** The Commissioners
20 and Mayor shall be elected to four-year terms by the qualified voters of the entire Town, except
21 as provided otherwise in this subsection. In 2009, and quadrennially thereafter, a Mayor shall
22 be elected to a four-year term. In 2009, for the position of Commissioner, the two persons
23 receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to four-year terms, and the one person
24 receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected to a two-year term. In 2011, and
25 quadrennially thereafter, one person shall be elected to a four-year term. In 2013, and
26 quadrennially thereafter, two persons shall be elected to four-year terms."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

