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Short Title: High Point Elections. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Faircloth.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY  
3 COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT TO HOLD THE ELECTIONS  
4 IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS AND BY A NONPARTISAN PRIMARY AND  
5 ELECTION METHOD AS PROVIDED BY GENERAL LAW.  
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
7 **SECTION 1.** Section 3.1 of the Charter of the City of High Point, being Chapter  
8 501 of the 1979 Session Laws, as amended by Ordinance Number 86-7 under Part 4 of Article  
9 5 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes and Section 2(a) of S.L. 2006-171, reads as  
10 rewritten:  
11 "Sec. 3.1. Method of election. ~~Regular~~Beginning with the 2017 election, regular municipal  
12 elections shall be held in the City biennially in ~~even-numbered~~ odd-numbered years, and shall  
13 be conducted in accordance with State law governing municipal elections. The mayor and  
14 members of the council shall be elected by the nonpartisan ~~plurality~~ primary and election  
15 method provided for in ~~G.S. 163-292~~ G.S. 163-294."  
16 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the 2014 election, the  
17 terms of the mayor and council members elected shall be for three years.  
18 **SECTION 3.** If, on the date this act becomes law, the changes affecting voting  
19 required by Section 1 of this act are subject to preclearance under section 5 of the Voting  
20 Rights Act of 1965, the municipal attorney for the City of High Point shall submit the date of  
21 the election under this act to the Attorney General of the United States within 30 days of this  
22 act becoming law, as provided by G.S. 120-30.9F. If it is not so submitted, the Attorney  
23 General of North Carolina shall submit it under G.S. 120-30.9I.  
24 **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective only if approved by a  
25 majority of the qualified voters of the City of High Point in a referendum, and upon  
26 preclearance by the Attorney General of the United States if required under section 5 of the  
27 Voting Rights Act of 1965. The election shall be conducted by the appropriate county board(s)  
28 of elections in the November 2014 general election. The question on the ballot shall be:  
29 "[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST  
30 Beginning in the 2017 election and every two years thereafter, electing the mayor  
31 and the city council members by using the nonpartisan primary and election method pursuant to  
32 State law, and the mayor and city council members elected at the 2014 election serving a  
33 three-year term to expire in 2017."  
34 **SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act is effective when it  
35 becomes law.

