

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 878

Short Title: Even-Yr Elections/Towns & San.Dist./Greene Co. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Davis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Redistricting and Elections

May 27, 2022

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR CERTAIN
3 MUNICIPALITIES IN GREENE COUNTY AND THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF
4 THE MAURY SANITARY LAND DISTRICT BOARD SHALL BE HELD IN
5 EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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8 **PART I. CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES IN GREENE COUNTY**

9 **SECTION 1.1.(a)** Section 3.6 of the Charter of the Town of Hookerton, being
10 Chapter 253 of the 1985 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

11 "Sec. 3.6. Elections. Elections in the Town of Hookerton shall be conducted in accordance
12 with Subchapter IX of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, and the results determined by the
13 nonpartisan plurality method in accordance with G.S. 163-292.

14 A Mayor shall be elected in ~~1985 and biennially thereafter~~ 2024, and biennially thereafter,
15 for a two-year term. Two Commissioners shall be elected in ~~1985 and quadrennially thereafter~~
16 2026, and quadrennially thereafter, for four-year terms, and two Commissioners shall be elected
17 in ~~1987 and quadrennially thereafter~~ 2024, and quadrennially thereafter, for four-year terms."

18 **SECTION 1.1.(b)** The Mayor elected to the Town of Hookerton in 2021 shall
19 continue to serve until 2024. The two Commissioners elected to the Town of Hookerton Board
20 of Commissioners in 2021 shall continue to serve until 2026. No municipal elections shall be
21 conducted in the Town of Hookerton in 2023. The two Commissioners whose terms expire in
22 2023 are extended until 2024. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of
23 Hookerton in 2024.

24 **SECTION 1.2.(a)** Section 5 of the Charter of the Town of Walstonburg, being
25 Chapter 45 of the Private Laws of 1913, reads as rewritten:

26 "Sec. 5. ~~That an election shall be held in said town on Tuesday next after the first Monday~~
27 ~~of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and biennially thereafter,~~
28 ~~for the election of a mayor and commissioners of said town, under the rules and regulations~~
29 ~~prescribed for said town elections in chapter seventy three of the Revisal of one thousand nine~~
30 ~~hundred and five.~~ In 2024, and biennially thereafter, regular municipal elections shall be held in
31 the Town on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years in
32 accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina. The Town shall elect a
33 mayor and five commissioners who shall each serve a two-year term."

34 **SECTION 1.2.(b)** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of
35 Walstonburg in 2023. The Mayor and five Commissioners whose terms expire in 2023 are



1 extended until 2024. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Walstonburg
2 in 2024.

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4 **PART II. MAURY SANITARY LAND DISTRICT**

5 **SECTION 2.1.** G.S. 163-279(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) Officers of sanitary districts elected in 1970 shall hold office until the first Monday
7 in December, 1973, notwithstanding G.S. 130-126. Beginning in 1973, sanitary district elections
8 shall be held at the times provided in this section or in ~~G.S. 130A-50(b1)~~.G.S. 130A-50(b1) or
9 (f)."

10 **SECTION 2.2.** G.S. 130A-50 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 "(f) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this section, sanitary district
12 elections shall be held on the same date as general elections in even-numbered years under
13 G.S. 163-1."

14 **SECTION 2.3.** This Part applies to the Maury Sanitary Land District only. The terms
15 of office of those Sanitary Land District Board members whose terms expire in 2023 are extended
16 until their successors are elected and qualified in 2024. The terms of office of those Sanitary
17 Land District Board members whose terms expire in 2025 are extended until their successors are
18 elected and qualified in 2026.

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20 **PART III. EFFECTIVE DATE**

21 **SECTION 3.1.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections
22 held on or after that date.