

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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SENATE BILL 617*

Short Title: Stovall Election Changes.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senators Gulley and Lucas.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

March 22, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND TOWN
3 COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF STOVALL AND STAGGERING THOSE
4 TERMS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Sections 2.2 and 2.3 of the Charter of the Town of Stovall,
7 being Chapter 596 of the 1979 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

8 "Section 2.2. Board of Commissioners; Composition; Terms of Office. The Board of
9 Commissioners shall be composed of five members, each of whom shall be elected for
10 terms of ~~two~~four years in the manner provided by Article III of this Charter; provided,
11 they shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

12 "Section 2.3. Election of the Mayor; Term of Office; Duties. The Mayor shall be
13 elected directly by voters of the Town in the manner provided by Article III of this
14 Charter for a term of ~~two~~four years; provided, the Mayor shall serve until his successor
15 is elected and qualified. The Mayor shall be the official head of the Town government
16 and shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Commissioners. He shall have the right
17 to vote only if there are equal numbers of votes in the affirmative and the negative on
18 any matter before the Board. The Mayor shall exercise such powers and perform such
19 duties as presently are or hereafter may be conferred upon him by the General Statutes
20 of North Carolina, by this Charter, and by the ordinances of the Town."

21 **SECTION 2.** Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the Charter of the Town of Stovall,
22 being Chapter 596 of the 1979 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

23 "Section 3.1. Regular Municipal Elections; Conduct and Method of Election. Except
24 as provided in Section 3.2 of this Charter, Regular-regular municipal elections shall be
25 held in the Town every ~~two~~four years in odd-numbered years and shall be conducted in
26 accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina. The Mayor and
27 members of the Board of Commissioners shall be elected according to the nonpartisan
28 plurality method of election, as provided in G.S. 163-292.

1 "Section 3.2. Election of the Board of Commissioners; Election of Mayor. ~~At the~~
2 ~~regular municipal election in 1979 and every two years thereafter, there shall be elected~~
3 ~~a Mayor and five Commissioners to fill the seats of the Mayor and Commissioners~~
4 ~~whose terms are then expiring.~~ The Commissioners and Mayor shall be elected to four-
5 year terms by the qualified voters of the entire Town, except as provided otherwise in
6 this section. In 2001, and quadrennially thereafter, a Mayor shall be elected to a four-
7 year term. In 2001, for the position of Commissioner, the two persons receiving the
8 highest numbers of votes shall be elected to four-year terms and the three persons
9 receiving the next highest numbers of votes shall be elected to two-year terms. In 2003,
10 and quadrennially thereafter, three persons shall be elected to four-year terms. In 2005,
11 and quadrennially thereafter, two persons shall be elected to four-year terms."

12 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.