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HOUSE BILL 472

Short Title: Roper Elections. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Spear.

Referred to: Local Government I, if favorable, Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform.

March 5, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO MOVE ELECTIONS FOR THE TOWN OF ROPER TO THE
EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163-279 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-279. Time of municipal primaries and elections.

(a) Primaries and elections for offices filled by election of the people in cities, towns, incorporated villages, and special districts shall be held in 1973 and every two or four years thereafter as provided by municipal charter on the following days:

- (1) If the election is nonpartisan and decided by simple plurality, the election shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- (2) If the election is partisan, the election shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, the first primary shall be held on the second Tuesday after Labor Day, and the second primary, if required, shall be held on the fourth Tuesday before the election.
- (3) If the election is nonpartisan and the nonpartisan primary method of election is used, the election shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November and the nonpartisan primary shall be held on the fourth Tuesday before the election.
- (4) If the election is nonpartisan and the election and runoff election method of election is used, the election shall be held on the fourth Tuesday before the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, and the runoff election, if required, shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(a1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, elections for the following municipalities shall be held in even-numbered years: Roper (beginning in 2010).

1 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), the next regular municipal
2 primary and election in Winston-Salem shall be held at the time of the primary and
3 election for county officers in 1974, officers elected at that time shall serve terms of
4 office expiring on the first Monday in December, 1977. Beginning in 1977, municipal
5 primaries and elections in Winston-Salem shall be held at the time provided in this
6 section.

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

11 **SECTION 2.** The Charter of the Town of Roper, being Chapter 24, Private
12 Laws of 1907, is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 "Section 3.1. At the regular municipal election in 2007, a Mayor shall be elected for
14 a three-year term, and two members of the Town Council for five-year terms. In 2009,
15 two members of the Town Council shall be elected for five-year terms. All subsequent
16 elections for Mayor shall be for two-year terms and for Town Council for four-year
17 terms."

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