

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 859

Short Title: Pilot Mountain Even-Year Municipal Elections. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator East.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

May 23, 2012

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF
2 PILOT MOUNTAIN ARE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS BEGINNING IN
3 2012.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 3.3 of the Charter of the Town of Pilot Mountain, being
7 Chapter 28 of the Session Laws of 1971, reads as rewritten:

8 "Sec. 3.3. Terms; Qualifications; Vacancies. (a) The Mayor shall serve for a term of two
9 years and members of the Board of Commissioners shall serve for terms of four years,
10 beginning the day and hour of the organizational meeting following their election, as
11 established by ordinance in accordance with this Charter; provided, they shall serve until their
12 successors are elected and ~~qualify~~ qualify, provided further that (i) the Mayor elected in 2011
13 shall serve a term of one year, but the Mayor's successors shall serve terms of two-years; and
14 (ii) the members of the board of commissioners elected in 2009 and 2011 shall serve terms of
15 three years, but the member's successors shall serve terms of four-years."

16 **SECTION 2.** Section 4.1 of the Charter of the Town of Pilot Mountain, being
17 Chapter 28 of the Session Laws of 1971, is rewritten to read:

18 "Sec. 4.1. Regular Elections. Elections shall be held biennially on the Tuesday after the
19 first Monday in November, beginning in 2012. In the 2012 election and biennially thereafter,
20 the candidate for Mayor who receives the largest number of votes cast for Mayor shall be
21 declared elected for a term of two years. In the 2012 election and quadrennially thereafter, the
22 two candidates for Commissioner who receive the largest numbers of votes cast for
23 Commissioner shall be declared elected for terms of four years. In the 2014 election and
24 quadrennially thereafter, the two candidates for Commissioner who receive the largest numbers
25 of votes cast for Commissioner shall be declared elected for terms of four years. Regular
26 municipal elections shall be held biennially in even-numbered years, but shall otherwise be
27 conducted in accordance with the general law governing municipal elections, except that
28 absentee ballots shall be available on the same schedule as for county and State officers at that
29 election."
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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

