

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2021**

**SESSION LAW 2021-27
HOUSE BILL 282**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MOUNT AIRY SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article III of the Charter of the City of Mount Airy, being Section 1 of S.L. 2003-281, reads as rewritten:

"ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS.

"Section 3.1. **Regular Municipal Elections.** Regular municipal elections shall be held in each ~~odd-numbered~~ even-numbered year in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina. The Mayor and the Board shall be elected by the nonpartisan primary and election ~~method as provided in G.S. 163-279(a)(3) and G.S. 163-294.~~ method in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. Board members shall be elected by all the qualified voters of the City and shall reside in the wards they represent.

"Section 3.2. **Election of Mayor.** A Mayor shall be elected in the regular municipal election in ~~2005-2022~~ and quadrennially thereafter.

"Section 3.3. **Election of Commissioners.** The Commissioners serving on the date of ratification of this Charter shall serve until the expiration of their terms or until their successors are elected and qualified. In the ~~2003-2024~~ election and quadrennially thereafter, three commissioners shall be elected, the Commissioner-at-Large, one commissioner representing the North Ward for the term then expiring, and one commissioner representing the South Ward for the term then expiring. In the ~~2005-2022~~ election and quadrennially thereafter, two commissioners shall be elected, one commissioner representing the North Ward for the term then expiring, and one commissioner representing the South Ward for the term then expiring.

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SECTION 2. No municipal elections shall be conducted in the City of Mount Airy in 2021. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the City of Mount Airy in 2022. The terms of office of the Mayor and all Commissioners serving on the effective date of this act shall be extended by one year.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of June, 2021.

s/ Carl Ford
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

