

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 540

Short Title: Pleasant Garden/Voters Elect Mayor. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Dorsett.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

March 12, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF PLEASANT GARDEN TO
3 ALLOW FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MAYOR BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
4 THE TOWN.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Chapter III of the Charter of the Town of Pleasant Garden, being S.L.
7 1997-344, reads as rewritten:

8 "CHAPTER III.

9 "GOVERNING BODY.

10 "Sec. 3-1. **Structure of the Governing Body; Number of Members.** The governing body
11 of the Town of Pleasant Garden is the Town ~~Council which has five members.~~Council, which
12 shall have four members and a Mayor.

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14 "Sec. 3-3. **Term of Office of Council Members.** Members of the Council are elected to
15 four-year terms. ~~In 1999, five~~Beginning in 2011, four members shall be elected to the Council.
16 The ~~three-two~~ members receiving the highest number of votes shall serve four-year terms. The
17 two receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve two-year terms. In ~~2001, 2013~~ and
18 quadrennially thereafter, two members shall be elected to the Council. In ~~2003, 2015~~ and
19 quadrennially thereafter, ~~three-two~~ members shall be elected to the Council.

20 "Sec. 3-4. **Mayor; Term of Office; Office; Duties.** ~~The Mayor shall be selected by the~~
21 ~~Council from among its membership to serve at its pleasure.~~ The qualified voters of the entire
22 Town shall elect the Mayor. Beginning in 2011 and biennially thereafter, the Mayor shall be
23 elected for a term of two years. The Mayor shall attend and preside over meetings of the Town
24 Council, shall advise the Town Council from time to time as to matters involving the Town of
25 Pleasant Garden, and shall have the right to vote as a member of the Town Council on all
26 matters before the Town Council, but shall have no right to break a tie vote in which the Mayor
27 has participated."

28 **SECTION 2.** Section 4-1 of the Charter of the Town of Pleasant Garden, being
29 S.L. 1997-344, reads as rewritten:

30 "Sec. 4-1. **Method.** ~~Council members~~Elections shall be ~~elected~~conducted on a nonpartisan
31 primary basis and the results determined in accordance with G.S. 163-294."

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

