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HOUSE BILL DRH10799-LU-168

Short Title: No Sp. Election Certain Vacancy/Town of Watha. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative C. Smith.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT NO SPECIAL ELECTION IS REQUIRED IN THE TOWN OF  
3 WATHA WHEN A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OR  
4 COMMISSIONER DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF A FOUR-YEAR TERM FOR  
5 THAT OFFICE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of Watha, being Chapter 158 of  
8 the 1909 Private Laws, as amended by Chapter 884 of the 1989 Session Laws and Section 1 of  
9 S.L. 2005-141, reads as rewritten:

10 "Sec. 3. The elected officers of the town shall be a mayor and three commissioners, and they  
11 shall be elected by all the qualified voters of the entire town. In 2005, and quadrennially  
12 thereafter, the mayor and the town commissioners shall be elected for four-year terms or until  
13 their successors are elected and qualified. However, when a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor  
14 or in one or more of the offices of town commissioner during the first two years of a four-year  
15 term, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term  
16 without the requirement of holding a special election to fill the vacancy. The commission's  
17 organizational meeting shall be fixed as provided in G.S. 160A-68."

18 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

