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HOUSE BILL DRH40243-LU-39D

Short Title: Stagger Terms/County Commissioners/Wake Co. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Gill, Holley, and Martin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD
3 OF COMMISSIONERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 4 of Chapter 983 of the 1981 Session Laws, as amended by
6 Board Resolution adopted on June 6, 2011, Section 1 of S.L. 2011-126, S.L. 2015-4, *Raleigh*
7 *Wake Citizens Association, et al., v. Wake County Board of Elections, et al.*, Court Order
8 5:15-CV-00156-D, Document 104, dated August 9, 2016, and *Raleigh Wake Citizens*
9 *Association, et al., v. Wake County Board of Elections, et al.*, Consent Decree 5:15-CV-00156-D,
10 Document 129, dated December 28, 2017, reads as rewritten:

11 "**Sec. 4.** (a). ~~Beginning with the 2018 elections for the Wake County Board of~~
12 ~~Commissioners and continuing until the North Carolina General Assembly shall duly adopt a~~
13 ~~constitutional redistricting plan, but no later than the return of the 2020 decennial census, the~~
14 ~~Wake County Board of Elections shall conduct primary and general elections for the Board of~~
15 ~~Commissioners using the 2011 redistricting plan that was used in the 2014 and 2016 Wake~~
16 ~~County Board of Commissioners elections.~~

17 ~~In 2018, candidates for the Board of Commissioners will run in residency districts 1,~~
18 ~~2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Candidates will be elected countywide in partisan elections in accordance~~
19 ~~with the election schedule for primary and general elections provided in North Carolina General~~
20 ~~Statute § 163-1. Candidates for Board of Commissioners shall file notices for candidacy with the~~
21 ~~Wake County Board of Elections in accordance with the filing period for primary elections.~~

22 ~~The elected candidates for Board of Commissioners from the seven residency districts~~
23 ~~will serve two-year terms. The General Assembly retains discretion to extend the terms of office~~
24 ~~of any incumbent elected to the Board of Commissioners. The Wake County Board of~~
25 ~~Commissioners shall consist of seven members who are elected to represent residency districts~~
26 ~~1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. In 2020, seven commissioners shall be elected to serve on the Wake County~~
27 ~~Board of Commissioners. The candidates elected in Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall each serve a~~
28 ~~four-year term. The candidates elected in Districts 2, 4, and 6 shall each serve a two-year term.~~
29 ~~In 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, three commissioners who represent residency districts 2,~~
30 ~~4, and 6 shall be elected to each serve a four-year term. In 2024, and quadrennially thereafter,~~
31 ~~four commissioners who represent residency districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 shall be elected to each serve~~
32 ~~a four-year term."~~

33 **SECTION 2.** S.L. 2015-4 is repealed.

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

