

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 263

Short Title: City of Trinity Terms of Election. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Hurley (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Local Government.

March 18, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN THE CITY OF TRINITY.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** Chapter III of the Charter of the City of Trinity, as enacted by S.L.  
5 1997-44, reads as rewritten:

6 "CHAPTER III.  
7 "GOVERNING BODY.

8 "Section 3-1. **Structure of the Governing Body; Number of Members.** The governing  
9 body of the City of Trinity is the City Council which has ~~eight~~five members.

10 "Section 3-2. **Manner of Electing Council.** The city is divided into four wards, each with  
11 ~~two members,~~one member, and the qualified voters of the entire city elect candidates who  
12 reside in that ward for the seats apportioned to that ward. Each ward shall have the same  
13 number of persons as nearly as practicable. Additionally, one member who resides in the city  
14 shall be elected at large by all the qualified voters of the city.

15 "Section 3-3. **Term of Office of Council Members.** Members of the Council are elected to  
16 ~~four-year~~two-year terms. ~~In 1997, two persons shall be elected for each ward. The candidate in~~  
17 ~~each ward receiving the highest number of votes is elected to a four year term, and the~~  
18 ~~candidate receiving the next highest number of votes is elected to a two year term. In 1999 and~~  
19 ~~biennially thereafter, one member shall be elected from each ward for a four year term.~~

20 "Section 3-4. **Mayor; Term of Office.** In ~~1997-2017~~ and ~~quadrennially~~biennially  
21 thereafter, the Mayor shall be selected by the qualified voters of the city for a ~~four-year~~  
22 two-year term.

23 "Section 3-5. **Vacancies.** ~~Notwithstanding G.S. 160A-63, any~~Any person appointed to fill  
24 a vacancy in the City Council or as Mayor shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term."

25 **SECTION 2.** In the 2015 election, no member shall be elected from any ward. In  
26 the 2015 election, the member to be elected at-large by all the qualified voters of the City of  
27 Trinity, as established by Section 1 of this act, shall be elected.

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

