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HOUSE BILL 1059

Short Title: Town of Bermuda Run/Charter Amendments. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Howard.

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 8, 2024

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN TO CHANGE THE CONDUCT OF TOWN ELECTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPOINT, SUSPEND, OR REMOVE TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND TO APPOINT THE TOWN CLERK; AND TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM FOR PROPERTY TAX RATE INCREASES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Charter of the Town of Bermuda Run, being Section 2 of S.L. 1999-94, reads as rewritten:

"CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BERMUDA RUN.

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"CHAPTER IV.

"ELECTIONS.

"Section 4.1. **Conduct of Town Elections.** Town officers shall be nominated and elected on a nonpartisan basis using the plurality method as provided in ~~G.S. 163-294~~.G.S. 163-292.

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"CHAPTER V.

"ADMINISTRATION.

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"Section 5.2. ~~**Officers and Employees.** The Council may appoint such officers and employees as may be necessary, and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Council shall fix all salaries, prescribe bonds, and require such oaths as they may deem necessary.~~ **Town Manager; officers and employees.** The Town Manager shall have the powers and duties prescribed in G.S. 160A-148 and the provisions of this Charter, including the power to appoint and suspend or remove all Town officers and employees not elected by the people, and whose appointment or removal is not otherwise provided for by law, except the Town Attorney, in accordance with such general personnel rules, regulations, policies, or ordinances as the council may adopt.

"Section 5.3. **Town Clerk.** ~~The Council may~~ Town Manager shall appoint a Town Clerk who shall keep the records of the Council and perform other duties as may be required by general law or the Council.

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"CHAPTER VI.

"SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

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1 "Section 6.2. **Property Taxes.** The Town of Bermuda Run shall not increase its property  
2 tax rates in excess of fifteen cents (\$0.15) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation without  
3 the vote or consent of a majority of the ~~residents~~ qualified voters of the Town participating in the  
4 referendum. The referendum shall be held in accordance with G.S. 160A-209(f)."

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