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HOUSE BILL DRH30148-LU-59A

Short Title: Establish Two At-Large Seats/W-S City Council. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Lambeth.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH TWO AT-LARGE SEATS ON THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE
3 CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Paragraph 2 of Section 12A of Chapter 232 of the Private Laws of
6 1927, as amended by Chapter 53 of the Session Laws of 1965, as amended by the Ordinance of
7 January 6, 2003, and Section 1(b) of S.L. 2011-141, reads as rewritten:

8 "2. Election of City Council. The time for election of city council members shall be as
9 provided in Section 12J of this Charter. There shall be elected ~~eight~~ 10 council members for the
10 City of Winston-Salem, who shall hold their office until their successors are qualified, of whom
11 one shall be elected from North Ward, one from Northeast Ward, one from East Ward, One from
12 Southeast Ward, one from South Ward, one from ~~Southeast~~ Southwest Ward, one from West
13 Ward, ~~and one from Northwest Ward.~~ and two at-large members. Each council member
14 representing a ward shall be a resident of the ward in which elected, and shall be elected by the
15 qualified voters of the council member's ward only. The qualified voters of the entire City of
16 Winston-Salem shall elect the at-large members. Each at-large member shall be a resident of the
17 City of Winston-Salem. Except as provided in Section 12J of this Charter, city council members
18 shall serve for terms of four years commencing as provided by G.S. 160A-68 at the
19 organizational meeting of the city council following the election."

20 **SECTION 2.** The two at-large City Council members added under Section 1 of this
21 act shall be elected during the statewide general election held in November 2024 to serve
22 four-year terms. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall serve as at-large
23 members pursuant to this act.

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

