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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 478 (2025-2026) [MODIFY APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR DA VACANCIES](#). Filed Mar 20 2025, *AN ACT TO MODIFY THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO FILL DISTRICT ATTORNEY VACANCIES*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Removes provisions in GS 163-10 outlining the length of appointments for vacancies in the office of district attorney (DA's Office).

Instead provides for the following term lengths: (1) if the unexpired term of office ends on the first day of January following the next election for members of the General Assembly, then the Governor will appoint to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of office, and the election will be for a four-year term or (2) if the unexpired term of office ends on the first day of January two years following the next election for members of the General Assembly, then the Governor will appoint to fill the vacancy until the election is certified, and the election will be for the unexpired term of office. Requires the nominees to be selected by a vote of only those executive committee members who reside in the prosecutorial district of the vacating district attorney.

Removes provisions requiring any recommended nominees to be qualified persons recommended by a majority of the members of the NCGA representing any portion of the prosecutorial district of the vacating district attorney if the vacated position is one that was not elected as a nominee of a political party. Instead, specifies that, in those cases, as well as in instances where the political party of the vacating district attorney is unable to make a recommendation or does not make a recommendation within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy, then requires the Governor to appoint a qualified individual. Removes definition of *qualified person*. Makes conforming, clarifying, and conforming changes. Now specifies that if a vacancy requiring recommendations occurred prior to the date the act becomes effective and is vacant on the date this act becomes effective, the entity making recommendations as provided in GS 163-10 has the full amount of time authorized under GS 163-10(c) (was, 30 days from the date this act becomes effective) to make recommendations to the Governor.

Intro. by Balkcom, Stevens, K. Hall, Biggs.

GS 163

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LOCAL/HOUSE BILLS

H 271 (2025-2026) [CABARRUS CO LOCAL OMNIBUS. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Mar 3 2025, *AN ACT TO REQUIRE A REFERENDUM IN EACH MUNICIPALITY WHOLLY LOCATED WITHIN CABARRUS COUNTY ON WHETHER TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN; AND TO MODIFY THE PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CABARRUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS*.

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes. Makes conforming changes to act's long and short titles. Makes technical changes to municipal law citations throughout the act. Makes organizational and technical changes. Removes provisions pertaining to the Town of Kannapolis. Removes provisions specifying that the act has the effect of repealing any conflicting provisions of local or special acts or conflicting local ordinances relating to the nonpartisan municipal elections for any municipalities covered by this act.

Removes provisions in Section 3.1 of the Charter of the City of Concord (Charter), SL 1985-861, as amended, setting city council elections for the listed districts in 2025 and mayoral and city council elections for the remaining districts in 2027.

Directs instead for the city council terms to be staggered in Section 2.3 of the Charter (Section 1 of SL 1985-861, as amended).
Removes proposed changes to Section 3.2.

Specifies that elections for town officers in the Town of Mount Pleasant in Section 3.2 of SL 1883-77, as amended, be conducted in accordance with the State's uniform municipal election laws.

Requires that the voters of the City of Concord, Town of Harrisburg, Town of Midland, and Town of Mount Pleasant vote on whether to adopt the partisan method in electing city officers by referendum on November 3, 2025. Provides language for the referendum question and certification of the results by the Cabarrus County Board of Elections. If the referendum passes, then specifies that the act's changes are effective at the first regular meeting of each municipality's governing council in December 2027. Instructs for elections in 2027 and thereafter to be conducted accordingly. Clarifies that the act doesn't affect the filling of any vacancy that occurs for city or town officers prior to the effective date described above.

Amends GS 153A-27.1 (pertaining to vacancies on board of commissioners in certain counties) so that it also applies to Cabarrus County.

Further amends Section 4.1 of the Harrisburg Charter, SL 1973-111, as amended, by no longer specifying that regular municipal elections must be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Intro. by Echevarria, Campbell, Almond.

[Cabarrus, GS 153A](#)

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 74: HOUSE BUDGET TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

House: Concurred On 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Enrolled

H 478: MODIFY APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR DA VACANCIES.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Re-ref Com On State and Local Government

H 821: DRIVERS LICENSE EXPIRATION MORATORIUM.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 05/14/2025

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

H 834: SPORTSMAN'S VOTER ACT.

House: Reptd Fav

House: Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 05/14/2025

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

House: Placed On Cal For 05/14/2025

S 766: CONFIRM SECRETARY OF DEQ.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref to Agriculture, Energy, and Environment. If fav, re-ref to Select Committee on Nominations

S 767: CONFIRM SECRETARY OF ADULT CORRECTION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref to Judiciary. If fav, re-ref to Select Committee on Nominations

S 768: CONFIRM APPOINTMENT TO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION.

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Ref to Commerce and Insurance. If fav, re-ref to Select Committee on Nominations

LOCAL BILLS

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