

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 64

WHEREAS, Municipalities in North Carolina have a long standing history of being well managed - with no election improprieties or gross mismanagement of power; and

WHEREAS, we as local officials care for the health, safety and well-being of our citizens and the property encompassed within our municipalities; and

WHEREAS, we believe local officials, who live and work daily in the communities they represent, can best determine the specific needs of our citizens and our communities; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Elections are purposely held in odd numbered years and in the Town of Huntersville these elections are held every two years and are nonpartisan and of North Carolina's 533 cities, only eight have chosen to have partisan elections; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Elections are held in odd years with National and State Elections held in even years, in order to separate partisan national elections from local government elections; and

WHEREAS, the separation of National and State Elections from Municipal Elections allow citizens to focus on the issues and candidates that are of singular importance to their individual neighborhoods and communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville is opposed to House Bill 64 which would move Municipal Elections to even number years due to the following reasons:

1. Elections in odd numbered years allows people to be informed regarding local issues and municipal candidates who can best serve their communities;
2. This bill is not necessary as citizens currently have the ability to move their elections to odd numbered years if they choose to do so by requesting local Legislative action;
3. There would be no cost savings as Municipal Governments pay for Municipal Elections;
4. Citizens should retain local control of their municipalities and Municipal Elections without the interference of National and State influences;
5. If moved to even number years to coordinate with National and State Elections, Municipal Elections would become partisan and driven by national issues and candidates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution is recorded in the official minutes of the meeting of the Town of Huntersville and a copy be provided to the State and Local Government II, House Standing Committee Members: Chairman John R. Bradford, II, Representatives: Jay Adams, John Autry, Cynthia Ball, James L. Boles, Jr., Beverly G. Boswell, Charles Graham, George Graham, Joe John, Phillip A. Lehman, Stephen M. Ross, John Sauls, Mitchell S. Setzer, Bob Steinburg, Sam Watford and Linda Hunt Williams.

Adopted this 6th day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

John Aneralla, Mayor of Huntersville

Janet Pierson
Town Clerk