

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT AMENDING THE WINSTON-SALEM CITY  
CHARTER REGARDING TIME OF ELECTION**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1:** Section 12J of Chapter 232 of the Private Laws of 1927, as amended by Chapter 53, Session Laws of 1965, as amended by the Ordinance of January 6, 2003 adopted under Part 4 of Article 5 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, and as amended by Session Law 2011-141 reads as rewritten:

“Sec. 12J. - Time of election; terms.

(a) In 2013, the primary and election for mayor and council members shall be held on the dates provided in G.S. 163-279(a)(2).

(b) The terms of the mayor and council members of the City of Winston-Salem elected in ~~2013- 2016~~ shall be extended by one year and shall expire at the organizational meeting after the ~~2016~~ 2021 regular municipal election.

(c) Notwithstanding G.S. 163-279, in ~~2016~~ 2021, the term of mayor and council members shall be for four years and expire at the organizational meeting after the 2021 regular municipal election for said seats and quadrennially thereafter, primaries and elections for mayor and city council shall be held in odd numbered years ~~at the same time as for county officers as provided in G.S. 163-1.~~”

**SECTION 2:** This act shall be applicable to the City of Winston-Salem only and shall become effective when it becomes law.