

Budget and Effectiveness Committee

JUNE 17, 2021

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Budget Committee Agenda

Senate Bill 722

• Consideration of FY 2022 city election schedule

Redistricting Considerations

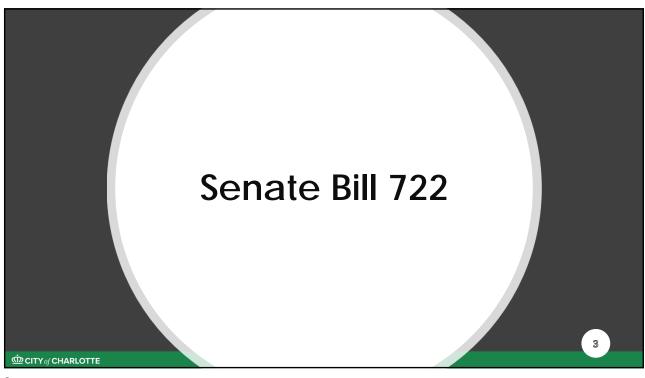
• Legal Options

Virtual Meeting Options

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Senate Bill 722 - Summary

Revise municipal redistricting after census

- $\textbf{New law}: \ \ \text{Delays 2021 municipal elections to 2022 (applies to true electoral districts)}; \ \ GS\ 160A-23.1\ does\ not\ apply\ to\ delayed\ elections$
- Term: Extends terms of office until 2023 (same as if elections held in 2021)
- **Public hearing**: Council may solicit *public input* before release of 2020 data; Council *shall* have *public hearing* before adopting revised districts
- Bifurcation: Allows option for mayoral and at-large elections to take place in 2021; if so, must notify County Board of Elections (BOE) by July 19 (5 business days before municipal filing period opens).
 Upon notification, BOE opens candidate filing period (July 26 Aug 13, 2021) with primaries on September 14, second primary on October 5, and general election on November 2.
- Redistricting deadlines: Requires Council to review and revise districts by November 17, 2021, in accordance with law and notify County Board of Elections of revised districts by November 12; if redrawing incomplete by deadline, then alternate completion and filing dates apply*
- **Filing deadline**: Filing period for delayed municipal elections begins on December 6 17, 2021; *if redistricting incomplete, alternate filing: January 3-7, 2022
- **Revised Election schedule**: For partisan municipal districts, March 8 (primary) and April 26, 2022 (general election); no second primary

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Bill Summary as it relates to the City of Charlotte

- Delays until 2022 the 2021 municipal elections for cities using true electoral districts (2022 - March primary/April general election)
 - Delaying the election to 2022 does not require City Council action.
 - Terms of current district members are extended until successor is elected, qualified, and sworn into office in 2022

Considerations for At-large Council Members and Mayor

- Current Schedule from SB 277: at-large and mayoral election same as delayed district election schedule
 - March 8 primary and April 26, 2022 general elections
- Alternative Option: keep at-large and mayoral election on normal year election schedule
 - Must notify County BOE by July 19
 - Sept/Oct primaries and Nov 2021 general municipal elections

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Estimated Additional Expense for Bifurcated Elections

Current – District, At-large, and Mayor in Spring 2022

Alternative – At-large and Mayor in Fall 2021

Additional Expense Estimate: \$850,000

City portion (40%): \$340,000 in FY 2022

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