



# Budget and Effectiveness Committee

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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

- **New law:** 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