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## HOUSE BILL No. 1147

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DIGEST OF HB 1147 (Updated January 23, 2020 9:55 am - DI 75)

**Citations Affected:** IC 3-10.

**Synopsis:** Municipal elections. Authorizes the legislative body of a town or of a city (if the city has a population of less than 3,500) to adopt an ordinance to move the election of all elected offices of the municipality to even-numbered years.

**Effective:** July 1, 2020.

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January 8, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.  
January 23, 2020, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2019 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-10-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2020]:  
4 **Chapter 6.5. Elections in Even-Numbered Years for Towns and**  
5 **Certain Cities**  
6 **Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this chapter**  
7 **applies only to the following municipalities:**  
8 **(1) A town.**  
9 **(2) A city with a population of less than three thousand five**  
10 **hundred (3,500).**  
11 **(b) This chapter does not apply to a municipality located wholly**  
12 **or partially in a county having a consolidated city.**  
13 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "municipal election year" refers**  
14 **to an odd-numbered year determined under IC 3-10-6-5.**  
15 **Sec. 3. During a year immediately before a municipal election**  
16 **year, the legislative body of a municipality may adopt an ordinance**  
17 **providing that each elected office of the municipality is elected in**

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an even-numbered year.

**Sec. 4. An ordinance described in section 3 of this chapter must provide the following:**

**(1) The term of office for each individual elected to an office of the municipality at the next municipal election year. A term of office set under this subdivision must be either:**

**(A) one (1) year; or**

**(B) three (3) years;**

**as specified in the ordinance for each elected office of the municipality.**

**(2) That the successors of the individuals elected during the next municipal election year shall be elected in the following applicable even-numbered year as determined by the term of office set for each office in the ordinance under subdivision (1).**

**(3) That the term of office of the successors of the individuals elected for the initial term of office set for each office under subdivision (1) is four (4) years, beginning January 1 after their respective elections.**

**Sec. 5. If a municipality adopts an ordinance under section 3 of this chapter, the elected officers of the municipality shall be elected under IC 3-10-6 or IC 3-10-7:**

**(1) whichever is applicable to the municipality; and**

**(2) to the extent either of those statutes is not inconsistent with this chapter.**

**Sec. 6. An ordinance adopted under this chapter:**

**(1) may not be repealed earlier than twelve (12) years after the ordinance was adopted under section 3 of this chapter; and**

**(2) may be repealed only in a year preceding a municipal election year.**

**Sec. 7. An ordinance adopted under section 3 or 6 of this chapter takes effect when the ordinance is filed with the circuit court clerk of the county in which the largest percentage of the population of the municipality is located.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Elections and Apportionment, to which was referred House Bill 1147, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete line 9, begin a new line single block indented and insert:

**"(2) A city with a population of less than three thousand five hundred (3,500)."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1147 as introduced.)

WESCO

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

