HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1147

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

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

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

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    (1) may not be repealed earlier than twelve (12) years after the ordinance was adopted under section 3 of this chapter; and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

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

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Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: _____ Time: _____

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