

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**SENATE BILL 1277
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STAGGERED TERMS FOR THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF MADISON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 3.3(a) of the Charter of the Town of Madison, being Chapter 289 of the 1973 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"(a) The members of the Board of Aldermen shall serve for terms of ~~two~~four years, and the Mayor shall ~~also~~ serve for a term of two years, beginning the day and hour of the organizational meeting following their election, as established by ordinance in accordance with this Charter; provided, they shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify. In the 2005 municipal election, six members shall be elected. The three persons receiving the highest numbers of votes shall receive four-year terms, and the three persons receiving the next highest numbers of votes shall receive two-year terms. In 2007 and biennially thereafter, three members shall be elected for four-year terms."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective beginning with the 2005 municipal election and does not affect the term of office of any current members.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of July, 2004.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Richard T. Morgan
Speaker of the House of Representatives