

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2001-63  
SENATE BILL 678**

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH RESIDENCE DISTRICTS FOR THE GATES COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE GATES COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 2 of Chapter 1047 of the 1973 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"**Sec. 2.** For the purpose of electing members to the Board of Education, the County is divided into five residence districts and herein described. One member shall be elected from each district, and the candidates must reside in the district from which they seek election but they shall be voted on by the voters of the entire County.

~~District I (Gatesville): Beginning at a point on the Chowan River, in the mouth of Sarem Creek, proceeding up Sarem Creek in a northerly direction to a point where Cole's Creek intersects; thence proceeding up Cole's Creek in a northern direction to a point where Cole's Creek crosses U.S. 158; thence proceeding in a westerly direction along U.S. 158 through White Oak to Roduco to a point where U.S. 158 intersects U.S. 13; thence continuing on U.S. 13 in a northerly direction to a point where county road 1221 intersects U.S. 13; thence continuing on county road 1221 to the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and proceeding on said railroad in a northerly direction to county road 1217; thence proceeding down county road 1217 to a point where county road 1225 intersects county road 1217; thence proceeding down county road 1225 to county road 1220; thence proceeding on county road 1220 in a northerly direction to where county road 1220 intersects N.C. 37; thence proceeding on N.C. 37 a short distance to a point where county road 1303 intersects N.C. 37 at Buckland; thence continuing down county road 1303 in an easterly direction to a point where county road 1303 touches county road 1300; thence proceeding down county road 1300 in a southerly direction to Eason's Crossroads; thence continuing on a southerly direction on county road 1400 to a point where county road 1404 intersects county road 1400; thence proceeding in an easterly direction down county road 1404 to a point where county road 1411 intersects county road 1404; thence proceeding in a southeasterly direction down county road 1411 to where said road intersects county road 1410; thence proceeding down county road 1410 in a southerly direction to a place where county road 1410 intersects N.C. 37; thence continuing across N.C. 37 to the mouth of Trotman Creek; thence continuing down Trotman Creek in a southerly direction to a place where Trotman Creek runs into Catherine's Creek; thence down Catherine's Creek in a southerly direction to a point where Catherine's Creek flows into the Chowan River; thence proceeding up the Chowan River in a northwest direction to the point where Sarem Creek flows into the Chowan River, at the beginning point.~~

~~District II (Eure): Beginning at a point on the Chowan River and proceeding due east to the point where county road 1221 intersects U.S. 13; thence proceeding south down said U.S. 13 to where U.S. 158 intersects U.S. 13 at Tarheel; continuing down U.S. 158 through Roduco to a point where Cole's Creek crosses U.S. 158; thence proceeding down Cole's Creek to Sarem Creek to the Chowan River; thence proceeding in a northwesterly direction to the beginning point, on Chowan River.~~

~~District III (Gates): Beginning at a point where the Virginia Line crosses the Chowan River; thence proceeding along the North Carolina Virginia line in an easterly direction until the point where the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad intersects the State line; thence following said railroad to a point where the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad intersects county road 1308; proceeding down county road 1308 in an easterly direction to a point where county road 1311 intersects county road 1308; proceeding along county road 1311 in a southerly direction to a point where county road 1311 intersects county road 1304 at Hazelton; thence along county road 1304 in a southwesterly direction to a point where county road 1300 intersects county road 1304 at Willeyton; thence following county road 1300 in a southerly direction to a point where county road 1303 intersects county road 1300; thence from county road 1300 in a westerly direction along county road 1303 to Buckland, where county road 1303 intersects N.C. 37; thence proceeding south on N.C. 37 to a point where county road 1220 intersects N.C. 37; thence proceeding in a southwesterly direction along county road 1220 to a point where said road is intersected by county road 1225; thence proceeding along said county road 1225 in a westerly direction to a point where county road 1217 intersects county road 1225; thence proceeding along said county road 1217 to a point where county road 1217 intersects the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad; thence down said railroad in a southerly direction to a point where county road 1221 intersects said railroad; thence along county road 1221 to where it intersects U.S. 13; thence across said U.S. 13 and proceed due west to a point where this line reaches the Chowan River; thence following the Chowan River in a northerly direction to the Virginia Line.~~

~~District IV (Sunbury): Beginning at a point on the Virginia Line where the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad crosses the State Line; thence proceeding down the Atlantic Coast Railroad in a southerly direction to a point where county road 1308 crosses the said railroad; thence proceeding down county road 1308 to a point where county road 1311 intersects county road 1308; thence proceeding down county road 1311 to where county road 1311 intersects county road 1304 at Hazelton; thence continuing down county road 1304 in a southerly direction to county road 1300 at Willeyton; thence continuing down county road 1300 in a southerly direction to Eason's Crossroads where county road 1403 intersects county road 1300; thence continuing down county road 1403 in a southerly direction; thence down said county road 1400 in a southerly direction to a point where county road 1400 is intersected by county road 1404; thence continuing down county road 1404 in an easterly direction to a point where county road 1411 intersects county road 1404; thence continuing down county road 1411 to a point where it intersects county road 1410; thence continuing in an easterly direction to a point where county road 1410 terminates and county road 1428 begins; thence continuing down county road 1428 in a westerly direction to Green Forks; thence in a due east direction from Green Forks to the Pasquotank County line; thence proceeding along the Gates County line in a northerly direction to a point where it touches the Virginia State Line; thence along said Virginia Line to the point where the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad crosses the Virginia Line, at the point of beginning.~~

~~District V (Hobbsville): Beginning at point on the Chowan River where Catherine's Creek intersects the river, going in a northerly direction along Catherine's Creek to a point where Trotman's Creek intersects Catherine's Creek; thence proceeding along Trotman's Creek in a northerly direction to a point where N.C. 37 is intersected by county road 1410; thence across N.C. 37 on county road 1410 in a northerly direction to a point where county road 1410 meets N.C. 32; thence across N.C. 32 on county road 1428 in an easterly direction to Green Forks on county road 1002; thence continuing due east to the Pasquotank County Line; thence along the Gates County Line in a southerly direction; thence in a westerly direction to the point on the Chowan River that is the beginning point.~~

District 1: Beginning at a point on the Chowan River in the mouth of Sarem Creek, proceeding up Sarem Creek in a northerly direction to a point where Cole's Creek intersects; thence proceeding up Cole's Creek in a northerly direction to a point where

Cole's Creek crosses US-158; thence proceeding in a westerly direction along US-158 to the intersection of SR-1220, Hackley Road; thence proceeding in a northeasterly direction to NC-37; thence proceeding in a northerly direction along NC-37 to the intersection of SR-1303, Parker Road; thence proceeding in an easterly direction along Parker Road to SR-1300, Medical Center Road; thence in a northerly direction along Medical Center Road to SR-1304, Willeyton Road; thence in a northeasterly direction along Willeyton Road to the intersection with SR-1312, Black Mingle Road; thence in a southeasterly direction along Black Mingle Road to the intersection with SR-1318, Middle Swamp Road; thence in a southwesterly direction along Middle Swamp Road to US-158; thence along US-158 in a westerly direction to SR-1403, Mill Pond Road at Easons Crossroads; thence in a southerly direction along SR-1403, Mill Pond Road to SR-1400, Honey Pot Road; thence in a southerly direction along SR-1400 also identified as Mill Pond Road to NC-37; thence in a westerly direction along NC-37 to SR-1106, Horace Carter Road; thence in a southerly direction along SR-1106, Horace Carter Road to the intersection with SR-1107, Carter Loop Road; thence in a southeasterly direction along Carter Loop Road to Carters Road, thence in a easterly direction to a point where Carters Road crosses Trotman's Creek; thence in a southerly direction along Trotman's Creek to Catherine Creek; thence in a southerly direction along Catherine Creek to the Chowan River; thence in a northerly direction along the Chowan River to the beginning point.

**District 2:** Beginning at a point on the Chowan River and traveling due East along the boundary between Hall and Reynoldson Townships to Vehicle Trail A-51; thence in a southerly direction along Vehicle Trail A-51 to SR-1201, Tinkham Road; thence along Tinkham Road to US-13/158 at Corner High; thence along US-13/158 in a northeasterly direction to Tarheel; thence in an easterly direction along US-158 to and through Roduco continuing on US-158 to and through White Oak to a point where US-158 crosses Cole's Creek; thence in a southerly direction along Cole's Creek to Sarem Creek; thence in a southerly direction along Sarem Creek to the Chowan River; thence along the Chowan River in a northwesterly direction to the beginning point.

**District 3:** Beginning at a point on the North Carolina/Virginia border where SR-1308, Drum Hill Road intersect and continuing in a southeasterly direction along Drum Hill Road to the intersection with SR-1311, Hazleton Road; thence in a southerly direction along Hazleton Road to an intersection with SR-1304, Willeyton Road; thence in a westerly direction along Willeyton Road to SR-1300, Medical Center Road; thence in a southerly direction along Medical Center Road to SR-1303, Parker Road; thence in a westerly direction along Parker Road to NC-37; thence in a southerly direction NC-37 to SR-1220, Hackley Road; thence in a southwesterly direction along Hackley Road to US-158; thence in a westerly direction along US-158 to and through White Oak, to and through Roduco; thence in a westerly direction along US-158 to Tarheel and the intersection with US-13; thence in a westerly direction along US-13/158 to an intersection with SR-1201, Tinkham Road; thence in a northwesterly direction along Tinkham Road to Vehicle Trail A-51; thence in a northerly direction along Vehicle Trail A-51 to the Boundary between Hall and Reynoldson Townships; thence in a due west direction along the Township Boundary to the Chowan River; thence in a northerly direction on the river to the North Carolina/Virginia border; follow the North Carolina/Virginia border to the beginning point.

**District 4:** Beginning at a point on the North Carolina/Virginia border where SR-1308, Drum Hill Road intersect and continuing in a southeasterly direction along Drum Hill Road to the intersection with SR-1311, Hazelton Road; thence in a southerly direction along Hazelton Road to an intersection with SR-1304, Willeyton Road; thence in a southwesterly direction along Willeyton Road to an intersection with SR-1312, Black Mingle Road; thence in a southerly direction along Black Mingle Road to an intersection with SR-1318, Middle Swamp Road; thence in a southwesterly direction along Middle Swamp Road to US-158; thence in a westerly direction along US-158 to

the intersection with SR-1403, Mill Pond Road; thence in a southerly direction along SR-1403, Mill Pond Road; thence in a southerly direction along SR-1403, Mill Pond Road to SR-1400, Honey Pot Road; thence in a southerly direction along SR-1400, also identified as Mill Pond Road to SR-1404, Silver Springs Road; thence in an easterly direction along SR-1411, Water Swamp Road to SR-1410, Zion Road; thence in a northerly and easterly direction along SR-1410 to NC-32; thence in a southerly direction along NC-32 to SR-1428, Bosley Road and along Bosley Road to the intersection of SR-1429, Sugar Run Road; thence in a northerly direction to US-158; thence in an easterly direction along US-158 into the Dismal Swamp to the Pasquotank County Line; thence in a northerly direction along the Pasquotank County Line to the Camden County Line; thence along the Camden County Line to the North Carolina/Virginia border; thence along the North Carolina/Virginia border in a westerly direction to the beginning point at the intersection of SR-1308, Drum Hill Road.

**District 5:** Beginning in the Dismal Swamp at the Pasquotank County Line and traveling in a southerly direction along the Pasquotank County Line to the Perquimans County Line; thence in a southwesterly direction along the Perquimans County Line to the Chowan County Line to Trotman's Creek; thence in a northerly direction along Trotman's Creek to SR-1100, Carters Road; thence in a westerly direction along Carters Road to SR-1107, Carter Loop Road; thence in a northerly direction along Carter Loop Road to SR-1106, Horace Carter Road; thence in a northerly direction along Horace Carter Road to NC-37; thence in a southerly direction along NC-37 to SR-1404, Silver Springs Road; thence in an easterly direction along Silver Springs Road to the intersection with SR-1411, Water Swamp Road; thence in an easterly direction along SR-1410 to NC-32; thence in a southerly direction along NC-32 to SR-1428, Bosley Road; thence in an easterly direction along Bosley Road to the intersection of SR-1429, Sugar Run Road; thence in a northerly direction to US-158; thence in an easterly direction along US-158 into the Dismal Swamp to the beginning point at the Pasquotank County Line."

**SECTION 2.** Section 2 of Chapter 1048 of the 1973 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

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**District 2:** Beginning at a point on the Chowan River and traveling due East along the boundary between Hall and Reynoldson Townships to Vehicle Trail A-51; thence in a southerly direction along Vehicle Trail A-51 to SR-1201, Tinkham Road; thence along Tinkham Road to US-13/158 at Corner High; thence along US-13/158 in a northeasterly direction to Tarheel; thence in an easterly direction along US-158 to and through Roduco continuing on US-158 to and through White Oak to a point where US-158 crosses Cole's Creek; thence in a southerly direction along Cole's Creek to Sarem Creek; thence in a southerly direction along Sarem Creek to the Chowan River; thence along the Chowan River in a northwesterly direction to the beginning point.

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**District 5:** Beginning in the Dismal Swamp at the Pasquotank County Line and traveling in a southerly direction along the Pasquotank County Line to the Perquimans County Line; thence in a southwesterly direction along the Perquimans County Line to the Chowan County Line to Trotman's Creek; thence in a northerly direction along Trotman's Creek to SR-1100, Carters Road; thence in a westerly direction along Carters Road to SR-1107, Carter Loop Road; thence in a northerly direction along Carter Loop Road to SR-1106, Horace Carter Road; thence in a northerly direction along Horace Carter Road to NC-37; thence in a southerly direction along NC-37 to SR-1404, Silver Springs Road; thence in an easterly direction along Silver Springs Road to the intersection with SR-1411, Water Swamp Road; thence in an easterly direction along SR-1410 to NC-32; thence in a southerly direction along NC-32 to SR-1428, Bosley Road; thence in an easterly direction along Bosley Road to the intersection of SR-1429, Sugar Run Road; thence in a northerly direction to US-158; thence in an easterly direction along US-158 into the Dismal Swamp to the beginning point at the Pasquotank County Line."

**SECTION 3.** This act shall not affect the terms of those persons presently serving on the Board of Education of Gates County or the Board of Commissioners of Gates County.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives