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HOUSE BILL DRH30231-MK-108A

Short Title: Stokes Co. Bd. Ed./Requested Election Changes. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative K. Hall.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD  
3 OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN AND TO MAKE THE TERMS  
4 OF ALL MEMBERS FOUR YEARS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter 66 of the 1995 Session Laws reads as rewritten:  
7 "Section 1. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 115C-37, beginning in 1996 the~~  
8 Beginning in 2020, the members of the Stokes County Board of Education shall be elected on a  
9 nonpartisan-partisan basis at the time set by G.S. 163-1 for the general election in each  
10 even-numbered year as terms expire. The election shall be conducted on a nonpartisan plurality  
11 basis, with the results determined in accordance with G.S. 163-292. Candidates shall file notices  
12 of candidacy not earlier than noon on the first Monday in June and not later than noon on the last  
13 Friday in July. The names of the candidates shall be printed on the ballot without reference to  
14 any party affiliations. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in accordance with  
15 the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers, except as otherwise  
16 provided herein. Members elected to the Stokes County Board of Education shall take office the  
17 first Monday of December immediately following their election, and the terms of their  
18 predecessors shall expire at the same time. Members shall serve until a successor has been elected  
19 and qualified."

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 2 of Chapter 66 of the 1995 Session Laws reads as rewritten:  
21 "Sec. 2. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 115C-37, in 1998~~ In 2020, and biennially  
22 quadrennially thereafter, three members shall be elected to the Stokes County Board of  
23 Education. The two persons receiving the highest numbers of votes are elected to four-year terms,  
24 and the person receiving the next highest number of votes is elected to a two-year term. Education  
25 for four-year terms. In 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, two members shall be elected to the  
26 Stokes County Board of Education for four-year terms.

27 Beginning in 2020, vacancies on the Stokes County Board of Education for seats elected on  
28 a partisan basis shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1. Appointments to fill vacancies  
29 on the Stokes County Board of Education for seats elected on a nonpartisan basis in 2016 or 2018  
30 shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37(f)."

31 **SECTION 3.** This act does not affect the terms of office of any person elected in  
32 2016 or 2018 to the Stokes County Board of Education. Each member of the Stokes County  
33 Board of Education elected in 2016 and 2018, or any member appointed to fill a vacancy for a  
34 member elected in 2016 or 2018, shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

35 **SECTION 4.** Effective on the first Monday in December of 2020, G.S. 115C-37.1(d)  
36 reads as rewritten:



1       "(d) This section shall apply only in the following counties: Alleghany, Beaufort,  
2 Brunswick, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Dare, Davie, Graham, Guilford, Harnett, Hyde,  
3 Iredell, Lee, Madison, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Vance,  
4 Washington, and Yancey."

5               **SECTION 5.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act  
6 are hereby repealed.

7               **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.