

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

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SENATE BILL 383

Short Title: Wake School Board Elections.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senators Hunt and Stevens.

Referred to: State & Local Government.

February 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY
3 BOARD OF EDUCATION AT-LARGE, AND TO MOVE THOSE ELECTIONS
4 TO THE EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, TO BE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER ON A
5 PLURALITY BASIS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 7 of Chapter 717, Session Laws of 1975, as amended
8 by Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 321, Session Laws of 1977, and as rewritten by Section
9 3 of Chapter 742 of the 1981 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

10 "Sec. 7.(a) In ~~1981, 2008~~ and biennially thereafter, members of the Wake County
11 Board of Education shall be elected by the nonpartisan ~~election and runoff plurality~~
12 election method in accordance with ~~G.S. 163-279(a)(4), G.S. 163-293, and~~
13 ~~G.S. G.S. 163-279(a)(1), 163-292, and 163-294.2. 163-294.2,~~ except that only persons
14 who are registered to vote in the district shall be permitted to file a notice of candidacy
15 for election in that district. Such election shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter
16 163 of the General Statutes.

17 (b) ~~The qualified voters of each district shall elect a person who resides in that~~
18 ~~district for the seat apportioned to that district. Only the qualified voters of the district~~
19 ~~may vote in that election. The qualified voters of the entire county shall elect all~~
20 members of the board at-large."

21 **SECTION 2.** Section 6 of Chapter 717, Session Laws of 1975, as amended
22 by Section 1 of Chapter 321, Session Laws of 1977, and as rewritten by Section 3 of
23 Chapter 742 of the 1981 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

24 "Sec. 6. All terms of office of members of the Wake County Board of Education
25 shall begin on the first Monday in December following their election. ~~Districts 1, 2, 7,~~
26 ~~and 9 shall elect a member in 1981~~ Four members shall be elected in 2010 and
27 quadrennially thereafter for a four-year term. ~~Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 shall elect a~~
28 ~~member in 1981 for a two-year term and in 1983~~ Five members shall be elected in 2008
29 and quadrennially thereafter for a four-year term."

1 **SECTION 3.** The terms of office of members of the Wake County Board of
2 Education elected in 2003 for terms to expire in 2007 are extended until the first
3 Monday in December of 2008. The terms of office of members of the Wake County
4 Board of Education elected in 2005 for terms to expire in 2009 are extended until the
5 first Monday in December of 2010.

6 **SECTION 4.** Section 5 of Chapter 717, Session Laws of 1975, as rewritten
7 by Chapter 742 of the 1981 Session Laws, is repealed. When a vacancy is filled for
8 terms expiring in 2008 and 2010, the replacement member must reside in the district
9 from which the vacating member had been elected in 2003 or 2005.

10 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.