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HOUSE BILL 294

Short Title: Jackson Co Bd of Ed Election Partisan. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Clampitt.

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Referred to: Election Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 6, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE
JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL
CHANGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Section 5(a) of S.L. 2024-14 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 5.(a) The Jackson County Board of Education shall consist of five members elected from five single-member residency districts to serve staggered four-year terms. One member shall be elected from each residency district by the qualified voters of the entire county. Elections for the Jackson County Board of Education shall be held in even-numbered years at the time of the general election with results determined ~~by the nonpartisan plurality method in accordance with G.S. 163-292.~~ on a partisan basis as provided in G.S. 163-291 as terms expire. Candidates for election to the board of education shall be nominated at the same time and manner as other county officers. Members shall take office on the first Monday in December following the election. Members shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 115C and 163 of the General Statutes. All vacancies on the Jackson County Board of Education shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1."

SECTION 1.(b) This section becomes effective December 1, 2025.

SECTION 2.(a) Section 5(f) of S.L. 2024-14 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 5.(f) This section is effective the first Monday in December ~~2026,~~ 2025, and the ~~2026-2025~~ elections and elections thereafter shall be conducted accordingly."

SECTION 2.(b) G.S. 115C-37.1(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) This section shall apply only to the Hickory City Board of Education and the Newton-Conover City Board of Education and in the following counties: Alleghany, Ashe, Beaufort, Brunswick, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Carteret, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Craven, Dare, Davie, Forsyth, Graham, Harnett, Henderson, Hyde, Iredell, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Polk, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Vance, Washington, and Yancey."

SECTION 2.(c) This section becomes effective December 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections occurring on or after that date.

