

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 291\***

Short Title: Johnston School Board Elections.

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Sponsors: Senators Wellons; Miller, Page, and Reeves.

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Referred to: State Government, Local Government, and Personnel.

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March 3, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS OF THE JOHNSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Beginning with the 1998 election, the Johnston County Board of Education shall be elected in nonpartisan elections held in even-numbered years as provided in this act.

Section 2. The Board of Education shall continue to consist of seven members elected at large for four-year staggered terms. Three members shall be elected in 1998 and every four years thereafter; and four members shall be elected in 2000 and every four years thereafter.

Section 3. The period of filing of candidates for the Board of Education shall be the same as for other county offices. If the number of candidates who qualify to run for the board in any election year is at least three more than twice the number of seats being elected that year, there shall be a nonpartisan primary held at the same time as party primaries for other county offices; otherwise, there shall be no primary. The purpose of the primary, if one is required, shall be to reduce the number of candidates to twice the number of seats open. The number of candidates receiving the most votes in the primary, equal to twice the number of seats open, shall be nominated for the November general election, with no second primary.

1           Section 4. If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Education, the remaining  
2 members of the board shall appoint a person to fill that seat. The person appointed to fill  
3 the vacancy shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the office.

4           Section 5. Members of the Board of Education elected in 1996 for four-year  
5 terms under the partisan method of selection shall be entitled to complete the terms for  
6 which they were elected.

7           Section 6. Chapter 218 of the Session Laws of 1991 and Chapter 261 of the  
8 Session Laws of 1969 are repealed.

9           Section 7. This act is effective when it becomes law.