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(Local)

Sponsors:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT MAKING SUNDRY AMENDMENTS CONCERNING LOCAL
3 GOVERNMENTS IN CHATHAM COUNTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **FOX TRAPPING SEASON**

6 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to trapping of
7 foxes, there will be open season for taking foxes with traps of the leghold type no larger
8 than one and one-half, with coil spring and with trap chain and at least three swivels set
9 on dry land with solid anchor. No trap larger than number one and one-half coil spring
10 may be used. This season shall be from December 1 to February 15 of each year.

11 (b) No person shall place traps on the land of another without first obtaining
12 written permission from the landowner or lessee.

13 (c) There shall be no bag limit for foxes taken during the trapping season
14 established in this section.

15 (d) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall provide for the sale of foxes taken
16 lawfully pursuant to this section.

17 (e) This section applies only to Chatham County.

18 (f) This section becomes effective October 1, 1995.

19 **ALLOW CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO LEASE**
20 **CERTAIN PROPERTY TO THE CHATHAM COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING**

21 Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-15, the Board of Trustees of Central
22 Carolina Community College may lease a portion of its real property in Center

1 Township of Chatham County, and grant necessary easements for utilities, to the
2 Chatham County Council on Aging, Inc., upon such terms and conditions as it shall
3 determine in its discretion.

4 (b) This section applies only to the proposed lease of property in Chatham
5 County.

6 **CHATHAM SCHOOL BOARD/COUNTY COMMISSIONER**
7 **ELECTIONS**

8 Sec. 3. (a) Section 5 of Chapter 501 of the Session Laws of 1975 reads as
9 rewritten:

10 "Sec. 5. Candidates must reside in the district which they seek to represent, but shall
11 be voted on by the voters of the entire county. The candidates in each district receiving
12 the highest number of votes, equal to the number of positions to be filled in the district,
13 shall be declared elected. The provisions of G.S. 115C-37(i) apply to the Chatham
14 County Board of Education regardless of whether all the voters of the entire county vote
15 on each district seat."

16 (b) Article 3 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
17 new section to read:

18 **§ 153A-22.1. Redefining residency district boundaries.**

19 (a) 'Residency district' means a district in which the candidates reside and
20 represent the district, but the candidates are voted on in the primaries and general
21 elections by the qualified voters of the entire county. It includes districts established
22 either by local act or under G.S. 153A-58(3)d.

23 (b) If a county is divided into residency districts, the board of commissioners
24 may find as a fact whether there is substantial inequality of population among the
25 districts. If the board finds that there is substantial inequality of population among the
26 districts, it may by resolution redefine the residency districts to make them more nearly
27 equal. The test for compliance with this section is a reduction in the relative overall
28 range of deviation.

29 (c) No change in the boundaries of a residency district may affect the unexpired
30 term of office of a commissioner residing in the district and serving on the board on the
31 effective date of the resolution. If the terms of office of members of the board do not all
32 expire at the same time, the resolution shall state which seats are to be filled at the initial
33 election held under the resolution.

34 (d) A resolution adopted pursuant to this section shall be the basis of electing
35 persons to the board of commissioners at the first general election for members of the
36 board of commissioners occurring after the resolution's effective date, and thereafter. A
37 resolution becomes effective upon its adoption, unless it is adopted during the period
38 beginning 150 days before the day of a primary and ending on the day of the next
39 succeeding general election for membership on the board of commissioners, in which
40 case it becomes effective on the first day after the end of the period.

41 (e) Not later than 10 days after the day on which a resolution becomes effective,
42 the clerk shall file in the Secretary of State's office, in the office of the register of deeds
43 of the county, and with the chairman of the county board of elections, a certified copy of
44 the resolution.

1 (f) This section applies to Chatham County only."

2 **CHATHAM SCHOOL BOARD TIME OF TAKING OFFICE**

3 Sec. 4. Section 6 of Chapter 501 of the Session Laws of 1975 reads as
4 rewritten:

5 "Sec. 6. The provisions of G.S. ~~115-24-115C-37(f)~~ shall be applicable to the
6 members of the Chatham County Board of Education. ~~The persons elected shall qualify by~~
7 ~~taking the oath of office 30 days after the election.~~ The members of the Chatham County
8 Board of Education shall hold a meeting on the first Monday in December following the
9 election. At that meeting, newly elected members of the Board of Education shall
10 qualify by taking the oath of office as prescribed in Article VI, Section 7 of the
11 Constitution."

12 Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.