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SENATE BILL 521*

Short Title: Mecklenburg School Election Changes.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Rucho.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

March 25, 1999

1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO	MAKE CHANGES IN THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE
3	CHARLOT	TE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION SO AS TO PROVIDE
4	FOR NONP.	ARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTIONS.
5	The General As	sembly of North Carolina enacts:
6	Sectio	on 1. Section 1 of Chapter 167 of the 1993 Session Laws reads as
7	rewritten:	
8	"Section 1. (a) The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall be elected on a
9	nonpartisan plurality primary basis on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in	
10	odd-numbered years, with the results determined as provided by G.S. 163-292. G.S. 163-	
11	294. Notwithsta	inding G.S. 163-279(a), if any municipality in the county conducts its
12	election on a par	rtisan basis:
13	<u>(1)</u>	The nonpartisan primary for the board of education shall be held on the
14		sixth Tuesday before the election;
15	<u>(2)</u>	Any municipality in the county which conducts its election on a
16		nonpartisan primary basis shall have the nonpartisan primary on the
17		sixth Tuesday before the election;
18	<u>(3)</u>	Any municipality in the county which conducts its election on a
19		nonpartisan election and runoff election basis shall have the election on

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the sixth Tuesday before the Tuesday after the first Monday in 1 2 November. 3 Except as otherwise provided by this act, the election shall be administered in (b) accordance with Articles 23 and 24 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes." 4 Section 2. The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections shall conduct an 5 6 election on November 2, 1999, on the question of approval of Section 1 of this act. The 7 question on the ballot shall be: 8 "[]FOR []AGAINST 9 Election of the members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Board of Education with 10 nonpartisan primaries". If a majority of the votes cast are FOR the question, then Section 1 of this act 11 12 becomes effective beginning with the 2001 election. If less than a majority of the votes cast are FOR the question, then Section 1 of this act does not become effective. 13 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law. 14