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SENATE BILL 398*
House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/17/07

Short Title: Union Co. Bd. Comm. Districts.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 28, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CITIZENS OF UNION COUNTY TO DETERMINE IF
3 DISTRICT REPRESENTATION SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE
4 UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Part 4 of Article 4 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is
7 suspended until January 1, 2012.

8 **SECTION 2.** Effective the first Monday in December 2008, the membership
9 of the Union County Board of Commissioners shall be increased by two members.
10 Effective the first Monday in December 2008, the membership of the Union County
11 Board of Commissioners shall consist of two members elected at large and five
12 members elected from electoral districts as set out in this act.

13 **SECTION 3.** For the purpose of nominating and electing members of the
14 Union County Board of Commission in 2008, and periodically thereafter, Union County
15 shall be divided into the following districts with each district electing one
16 commissioner:

17 District 1: Union County: Precinct 01, Precinct 02, Precinct 04, Precinct 08: Tract
18 206: Block Group 5: Block 5000, Block 5019, Block 5020, Block 5021, Block 5035;
19 Tract 207: Block Group 1: Block 1011, Block 1012, Block 1013, Block 1014, Block
20 1015, Block 1035, Block 1040; Block Group 2: Block 2012; Block Group 3: Block
21 3005, Block 3006, Block 3007, Block 3008, Block 3009, Block 3010, Block 3011,
22 Block 3012, Block 3013, Block 3014, Block 3015, Block 3016, Block 3017, Block
23 3018, Block 3019, Block 3020, Block 3021, Block 3022, Block 3023, Block 3024,
24 Block 3029, Block 3030, Block 3031, Block 3032, Block 3033; Precinct 09, Precinct
25 10, Precinct 25: Tract 206: Block Group 5: Block 5034, Block 5036, Block 5037,
26 Block 5038, Block 5039, Block 5040, Block 5041; Tract 207: Block Group 3: Block
27 3025, Block 3026, Block 3027, Block 3028, Block 3038, Block 3039; Precinct 27:
28 Tract 207: Block Group 3: Block 3000, Block 3001, Block 3002, Block 3003, Block
29 3004, Block 3034, Block 3035, Block 3036, Block 3037; Tract 208: Block Group 4:

1 Block 4026, Block 4028, Block 4029, Block 4034, Block 4035, Block 4036, Block
2 4040, Block 4041, Block 4042, Block 4043, Block 4044, Block 4045, Block 4046,
3 Block 4047, Block 4048, Block 4049, Block 4050, Block 4998; Precinct 34: Tract 207:
4 Block Group 2: Block 2010, Block 2011, Block 2013, Block 2014, Block 2038, Block
5 2039; Precinct 36: Tract 207: Block Group 2: Block 2033, Block 2034, Block 2035,
6 Block 2036, Block 2037, Block 2040, Block 2043, Block 2044; Tract 208: Block
7 Group 1: Block 1001, Block 1002, Block 1028, Block 1037; Block Group 2: Block
8 2009, Block 2036, Block 2037; Block Group 3: Block 3000, Block 3003, Block 3012,
9 Block 3013; Precinct 43.

10 District 2: Union County: Precinct 03, Precinct 07: Tract 205: Block Group 4:
11 Block 4011, Block 4012, Block 4013, Block 4015, Block 4016, Block 4017, Block
12 4018, Block 4019, Block 4020, Block 4021, Block 4022, Block 4023, Block 4024,
13 Block 4025, Block 4026, Block 4027, Block 4028, Block 4029, Block 4030, Block
14 4031, Block 4032, Block 4033, Block 4034; Tract 209.02: Block Group 2: Block
15 2000, Block 2001, Block 2002, Block 2013; Tract 210.03: Block Group 3: Block
16 3000, Block 3001, Block 3041, Block 3042, Block 3043, Block 3044; Precinct 08:
17 Tract 207: Block Group 1: Block 1009, Block 1010, Block 1016, Block 1017, Block
18 1018, Block 1019, Block 1020, Block 1021, Block 1022, Block 1023, Block 1024,
19 Block 1025, Block 1026, Block 1027, Block 1028, Block 1029, Block 1030, Block
20 1031, Block 1032, Block 1033, Block 1034, Block 1036, Block 1037, Block 1038,
21 Block 1039; Block Group 2: Block 2015, Block 2016, Block 2017, Block 2018, Block
22 2019, Block 2020, Block 2021, Block 2022, Block 2023, Block 2024, Block 2025,
23 Block 2026, Block 2027, Block 2028, Block 2029, Block 2030, Block 2031, Block
24 2032, Block 2041, Block 2042, Block 2045, Block 2046, Block 2047, Block 2048,
25 Block 2049, Block 2050, Block 2051, Block 2052, Block 2053, Block 2054, Block
26 2055, Block 2056, Block 2057, Block 2058, Block 2059; Precinct 11, Precinct 23,
27 Precinct 24, Precinct 25: Tract 206: Block Group 4: Block 4028, Block 4034, Block
28 4035, Block 4036, Block 4038, Block 4039, Block 4040, Block 4997, Block 4998,
29 Block 4999; Tract 207: Block Group 4: Block 4004, Block 4005, Block 4006, Block
30 4007, Block 4008, Block 4009, Block 4010, Block 4011, Block 4012, Block 4013,
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32 4039, Block 4040, Block 4041, Block 4042, Block 4043, Block 4044, Block 4045,
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34 4055, Block 4056, Block 4057, Block 4058, Block 4059, Block 4060, Block 4061,
35 Block 4062, Block 4066, Block 4998, Block 4999; Tract 209.01: Block Group 3:
36 Block 3000, Block 3001, Block 3002, Block 3003, Block 3004, Block 3009, Block
37 3010, Block 3011, Block 3012, Block 3013, Block 3014, Block 3015, Block 3016,
38 Block 3017, Block 3018, Block 3019, Block 3020, Block 3021, Block 3022, Block
39 3023, Block 3024, Block 3033, Block 3034, Block 3035, Block 3036, Block 3037,
40 Block 3038; Precinct 26, Precinct 27: Tract 207: Block Group 4: Block 4000, Block
41 4001, Block 4002, Block 4003, Block 4014, Block 4015, Block 4016, Block 4017,
42 Block 4018, Block 4019, Block 4020, Block 4021, Block 4022, Block 4023, Block
43 4024, Block 4025, Block 4026, Block 4027, Block 4028, Block 4029, Block 4030,
44 Block 4031, Block 4032, Block 4052, Block 4053, Block 4054; Tract 208: Block

1 Group 4: Block 4000, Block 4001, Block 4002, Block 4003, Block 4004, Block 4005,
2 Block 4006, Block 4007, Block 4008, Block 4011, Block 4037, Block 4038, Block
3 4039; Block Group 5; Tract 209.01: Block Group 1: Block 1007, Block 1008;
4 Precinct 34: Tract 201: Block Group 2: Block 2047, Block 2048; Block Group 3:
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8 3045, Block 3046, Block 3047, Block 3048, Block 3049, Block 3050, Block 3051,
9 Block 3052, Block 3053, Block 3054, Block 3055, Block 3056, Block 3057, Block
10 3058, Block 3059, Block 3060, Block 3061, Block 3062, Block 3063, Block 3064,
11 Block 3065, Block 3066, Block 3067, Block 3068, Block 3069, Block 3070, Block
12 3071, Block 3072, Block 3998, Block 3999; Tract 206: Block Group 1: Block 1000,
13 Block 1001, Block 1002, Block 1003, Block 1004, Block 1005, Block 1006, Block
14 1007, Block 1008, Block 1009, Block 1010, Block 1011, Block 1012, Block 1013,
15 Block 1014, Block 1015, Block 1029, Block 1030, Block 1998, Block 1999; Tract 207:
16 Block Group 1: Block 1000, Block 1001, Block 1002, Block 1003, Block 1004, Block
17 1005, Block 1006, Block 1007, Block 1008; Block Group 2: Block 2000, Block 2001,
18 Block 2002, Block 2003, Block 2004, Block 2005, Block 2006, Block 2007, Block
19 2008, Block 2009; Precinct 36: Tract 201: Block Group 1: Block 1029, Block 1031,
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21 1038, Block 1039, Block 1040, Block 1041, Block 1042, Block 1043, Block 1044,
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25 Group 2: Block 2034, Block 2035, Block 2036, Block 2037, Block 2038, Block 2039,
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28 Block 2055; Tract 208: Block Group 1: Block 1000, Block 1003, Block 1004, Block
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33 1032, Block 1033, Block 1034, Block 1035, Block 1036, Block 1038; Block Group 2:
34 Block 2000, Block 2001, Block 2002, Block 2003, Block 2004, Block 2005, Block
35 2006, Block 2007, Block 2008, Block 2010, Block 2011, Block 2017, Block 2019,
36 Block 2020; Block Group 3: Block 3001, Block 3002, Block 3004, Block 3006, Block
37 3019, Block 3046, Block 3047, Block 3056, Block 3057.

38 District 3: Union County: Precinct 14, Precinct 15, Precinct 16, Precinct 29,
39 Precinct 35, Precinct 37, Precinct 38, Precinct 40.

40 District 4: Union County: Precinct 05, Precinct 06, Precinct 12, Precinct 13,
41 Precinct 17, Precinct 30, Precinct 32, Precinct 39, Precinct 42.

42 District 5: Union County: Precinct 07: Tract 210.03: Block Group 1: Block 1021,
43 Block 1022, Block 1026, Block 1027, Block 1042, Block 1043, Block 1044, Block
44 1045; Block Group 3: Block 3002, Block 3003, Block 3004, Block 3005, Block 3006,

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2 3030, Block 3031, Block 3032, Block 3033, Block 3034, Block 3035, Block 3036,
3 Block 3037, Block 3038, Block 3039, Block 3040, Block 3045; Precinct 18, Precinct
4 19, Precinct 20, Precinct 21, Precinct 22 & 33, Precinct 28, Precinct 31, Precinct 41.

5 **SECTION 4.** The terms of office of any commissioner elected prior to the
6 effective date of this act shall not be altered. In 2008 and quadrennially thereafter, one
7 member shall be elected at large by all of the qualified voters of Union County to serve
8 a four-year term, one member shall be a resident of District 1 and be elected by the
9 qualified voters of that district to serve a four-year term, one member shall be a resident
10 of District 2 and be elected by the qualified voters of that district to serve a four-year
11 term, and one member shall be a resident of District 3 and be elected by the qualified
12 voters of that district to serve a four-year term. In 2010 and quadrennially thereafter,
13 one member shall be elected at large by all of the qualified voters of Union County to
14 serve a four-year term, one member shall be a resident of District 4 and be elected by
15 the qualified voters of that district to serve a four-year term, and one member shall be a
16 resident of District 5 and be elected by the qualified voters of that district to serve a
17 four-year term.

18 **SECTION 5.** In accordance with G.S. 153A-22, the electoral districts as set
19 out in Section 2 of this act may be redrawn as required by federal and State law
20 following each decennial federal census.

21 **SECTION 6.** The Union County Board of Elections shall place on the ballot,
22 on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2007, a referendum for
23 the purpose of submission to the qualified voters of Union County the question of
24 whether or not the structure of the board of county commissioners shall be altered to
25 increase the number of commissioners to seven and create electoral districts. The Union
26 County Board of Elections shall adopt a procedure to provide for legal notice of the
27 referendum consistent with the intent of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

28 **SECTION 7.** In the election, the ballot question shall be separate from other
29 ballot questions, and the question on the ballot shall be:

30 "Shall the structure of the county board of commissioners be altered such that
31 the number of commissioners is increased to seven and electoral districts are created.

32 [] FOR [] AGAINST"

33 **SECTION 8.** In the election, if a majority of the votes are cast "YES,"
34 Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall become effective on the date that the Union
35 County Board of Elections certifies the results of the election. Otherwise, Sections 1
36 through 5 of this act shall have no force and effect.

37 **SECTION 9.** This act applies only to Union County.

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