

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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SENATE BILL 72

Short Title: Wake School Board Elections. (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Hunt; Blake, Forrester, and Tillman.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AT-LARGE, AND TO MOVE THOSE ELECTIONS TO THE EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, TO BE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER ON A PLURALITY BASIS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of Chapter 717, Session Laws of 1975, as amended by Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 321, Session Laws of 1977, and as rewritten by Section 3 of Chapter 742 of the 1981 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 7.(a) In ~~1981, 2010,~~ and biennially thereafter, members of the Wake County Board of Education shall be elected by the nonpartisan ~~election and runoff-plurality~~ election method in accordance with ~~G.S. 163-279(a)(4), G.S. 163-293, and G.S. 163-279(a)(1), 163-292, and 163-294.2.~~ 163-294.2, except that only persons who are registered to vote in the district shall be permitted to file a notice of candidacy for election in that district. Such election shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

(b) ~~The qualified voters of each district shall elect a person who resides in that district for the seat apportioned to that district. Only the qualified voters of the district may vote in that election.~~ The qualified voters of the entire county shall elect all members of the board at-large."

SECTION 2. Section 6 of Chapter 717, Session Laws of 1975, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 321, Session Laws of 1977, and as rewritten by Section 3 of Chapter 742 of the 1981 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 6. All terms of office of members of the Wake County Board of Education shall begin on the first Monday in December following their election. ~~Districts 1, 2, 7, and 9 shall elect a member in 1981.~~ Four members shall be elected in 2010 and quadrennially thereafter for a four-year term. ~~Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 shall elect a member in 1981 for a two-year term and in 1983.~~ Five members shall be elected in 2012 and quadrennially thereafter for a four-year term."

SECTION 3. The terms of office of members of the Wake County Board of Education elected in 2005 for terms to expire in 2009 are extended until the first Monday in December of 2010. The terms of office of members of the Wake County Board of Education elected in 2007 for terms to expire in 2011 are extended until the first Monday in December of 2012.

SECTION 4. Section 5 of Chapter 717, Session Laws of 1975, as rewritten by Chapter 742 of the 1981 Session Laws, is repealed. When a vacancy is filled for terms expiring in 2010 and 2012, the replacement member must reside in the district from which the vacating member had been elected in 2005 or 2007.

SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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