

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015**

**SESSION LAW 2015-244
HOUSE BILL 503**

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO REDISTRICT THEIR RESIDENCY DISTRICTS AND TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM EIGHT MEMBERS TO SEVEN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-22.1, as enacted by Chapter 215 of the 1995 Session Laws, and as rewritten by S.L. 1998-175 and S.L. 2011-126, is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"§ 153A-22.1. Redefining residency district boundaries.

...
(b1) If a county is divided into residency districts, the board of county commissioners may find as a fact whether the residency districts negatively impact compactness, contiguity, or respect for political subdivisions or communities of interest among the districts. If the board finds there is substantial negative impact among the districts, it may, by resolution, redefine the residency districts to address the identified negative impact.
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SECTION 2.(a) Notwithstanding Chapter 389 of the 1997 Session Laws, effective the first Monday in December 2016, the Board of Education of Moore County shall consist of seven members.

SECTION 2.(b) One member of the Moore County Board of Education shall be elected each from Electoral Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 for members of the Moore County Board of Commissioners as those districts existed on January 1, 1997, and two members of the Moore County Board of Education shall be elected from the county at large.

SECTION 2.(c) In 2016 and quadrennially thereafter, members shall be elected from Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5 for four-year terms. In 2018 and quadrennially thereafter, a member shall be elected from District 3 and two members shall be elected from the county at large for four-year terms.

SECTION 2.(d) Members shall reside in and represent the districts, but all members are elected by the voters of the county at large by the nonpartisan primary and election method, all as previously provided by law. Vacancies on the Moore County Board of Education shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37(f).

SECTION 3. In order to implement the changes to the size of the Moore County Board of Education, as required by Section 2 of this act, one member at large shall be elected in 2016 to fill the unexpired term on the Board pursuant to G.S. 115C-37(f).

SECTION 4. This act applies to Moore County only.

SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held in 2016 and thereafter.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of September, 2015.

s/ Tom Apodaca
President of the Senate

s/ Paul Stam
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

