

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 167
SENATE BILL 613

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE FOR DISTRICT AND AT-LARGE ELECTION, WITH NONPARTISAN PLURALITY ELECTIONS IN THE ODD-NUMBERED YEAR, AND TO USE THE SAME DISTRICTS FOR ELECTION OF THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ALL SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall be elected on a nonpartisan plurality basis on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years, with the results determined as provided by G.S. 163-292. Except as otherwise provided by this act, the election shall be administered in accordance with Articles 23 and 24 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

Sec. 2. (a) In 1995 and quadrennially thereafter, three members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall be elected for four-year terms by all the qualified voters of Mecklenburg County.

(b) Mecklenburg County is divided into single-member electoral districts for the purpose of electing members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education. The districts are as follows:

District 1: Precincts: 4, 79, 80, 89, 95, 105, 107, 200, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 212, 214, 222, 223, 224, 228, and 229.

District 2: Precincts: 12, 16, 22, 25, 31, 39, 41, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 76, 77, 78, 81, 97, and 98.

District 3: Precincts: 3, 11, 13, 14, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 40, 42, 43, 56, 60, 82, 104, 210, 211, and 213.

District 4: Precincts: 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 17, 21, 29, 33, 34, 35, 44, 45, 46, 61, 62, 63, 64, 84, 96, 99, and 108.

District 5: Precincts: 1, 8, 18, 19, 20, 32, 36, 37, 38, 47, 48, 49, 51, 57, 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 85, 86, 92, 93, 101, 103, and 106.

District 6: Precincts: 69, 83, 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 100, 102, 201, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 225, 226, and 227.

Precincts as defined by this section are those as they existed for the 1992 general election in Mecklenburg County. Changes in the boundaries of precincts, or creation or dissolution of precincts, do not affect the boundaries of districts as established by this section.

(c) In 1995, one member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall be elected from each district for a two-year term by all the qualified voters of the district. In 1997 and quadrennially thereafter, one member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall be elected from each district for a four-year term by all the qualified voters of the district.

Sec. 3. Terms of office of members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education elected in 1995 and thereafter commence on the first Monday in December of the year of their election. The terms of office of all members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education elected in 1990 or 1992, or persons filling vacancies in such terms, expire on the first Monday in December of 1995.

Sec. 4. Sections 5, 6, and 7 of Chapter 378, Session Laws of 1959, Chapter 1114, Session Laws of 1961, Chapter 881, Session Laws of 1967, and Chapter 56, Session Laws of 1983 are repealed.

Sec. 5. If a vacancy occurs on the board, the board shall appoint someone to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. If any vacancy occurs in a district seat, only a qualified voter of the district may be appointed.

Sec. 6. The districts for election of district members of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners shall be the same as those for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education as established by this act. Nothing in this act limits the authority of:

- (1) The Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners to redefine electoral district boundaries of that board after the 2000 and subsequent censuses under G.S. 153A-22; and
- (2) The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education to revise electoral district boundaries of that board after the 2000 and subsequent censuses under G.S. 115C-37(i).

Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 6 of this act are effective only if approved by the qualified voters of Mecklenburg County in a referendum to be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November of 1993. The referendum shall be conducted by the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections.

The question on the ballot shall be:

"[] FOR changing the manner of election of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education so it consists of three members elected at-large, and six members elected from single-member districts, and providing the same districts for election of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners.

[] AGAINST changing the manner of election of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education so it consists of three members elected at-large, and six members elected from single-member districts, and providing the same districts for election of the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners."

Sec. 8. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of June, 1993.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives