

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 674

Short Title: Guilford Commissioners.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representative Wood.

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Referred to: Local & Regional Government II.

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March 30, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REDUCE FROM ELEVEN TO SEVEN THE NUMBER OF GUILFORD  
2 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND TO REDISTRIBUTE THE GUILFORD COUNTY  
3 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. (a) Effective on the first Monday in December in 1996, the Board of  
7 Commissioners of Guilford County consists of seven members. The members shall be  
8 elected on a partisan basis at the time of the regular county primary and general elections.  
9 One shall be elected from each of seven single-member districts established under  
10 subsection (e) of this section.

11 (b) In 1996 and every four years thereafter, members for Districts 3 and 4 shall be  
12 elected for four-year terms. In 1998 and every four years thereafter, members for  
13 Districts 1, 6, and 7 shall be elected to four-year terms. In 1998, the members from  
14 Districts 2 and 5 shall be elected to two-year terms, and in 2000 and every four years  
15 thereafter, successors shall be elected for four-year terms. Steve Arnold, who was elected  
16 in 1994 for a four-year term, is designated as the member from District 1 until the first  
17 Monday in December of 1994. Withers G. Dunovant, who was elected in 1994 for a  
18 four-year term, is designated as the member from District 2. Charles Winfree, who was  
19 elected in 1994 for a four-year term is designated as the member from District 5. Joe E.  
20 Bostic, Jr., who was elected in 1994 for a four-year term, is designated as the member

1 from District 6. Warren Dorsett, who was elected in 1994 for a four-year term, is  
2 designated as the member from District 7.

3 (c) The districts set out in subsection (e) of this section are devised and constituted  
4 to meet the requirements of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and other  
5 applicable constitutional provisions.

6 (d) The qualified voters of each district shall elect the member of the board for that  
7 district. Candidates must reside in the district for which they seek to be elected.

8 (e) The districts are as follows:

9 (1) District 1 consists of Greensboro Precinct 43; High Point Precincts 1, 2,  
10 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17A, 17B, 20A, 20B, 23, 24A, 24B; and Deep  
11 River, Oak Ridge, and Stokesdale Precincts.

12 (2) District 2 consists of Greensboro Precincts 6, 8A, 8B, 23, 26A, 29, 42A,  
13 and 42B; High Point Precincts 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 19, and 22; and  
14 Friendship 2 Precinct.

15 (3) District 3 consists of Greensboro Precincts 24A, 24B1, 24B2, 24C, 26B,  
16 36A, and 36B; High Point Precincts 13, 14, 18, and 21; Jamestown  
17 Precincts 1, 2A, 2B, and 3; and North Sumner, South Sumner 1, and  
18 South Sumner 2.

19 (4) District 4 consists of Greensboro Precincts 33A and 33B; Fentress  
20 Precincts 1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B; and Gibsonville, Greene, North Clay,  
21 South Clay, North Jefferson 1, North Jefferson 2, South Jefferson, North  
22 Madison, South Madison, North Washington, South Washington, South  
23 Monroe 1, South Monroe 2, and Whitsett Precincts.

24 (5) District 5 consists of Greensboro Precincts 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16A, 16B,  
25 17, 18, 28, 31, 35A, 35B, 35C, 40B, 41A, and 41B; and North Monroe,  
26 North Center Grove, and South Center Grove Precincts.

27 (6) District 6 consists of Greensboro Precincts 20, 21A, 21B, 22A, 22B,  
28 27A, 27B, 27C, 32, 34A, 34B, 37A, 37B, 38, 39A, 39B, 40A1, and  
29 40A2; Friendship Precincts 1A, 1B1, and 1B2, and North Bruce and  
30 South Bruce Precincts.

31 (7) District 7 consists of Greensboro Precincts 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 7, 9,  
32 14A, 14B, 19, 25, 30, 44, and 45.

33 (f) Precincts as mentioned in subsection (e) of this section are the official  
34 precincts of Guilford County as of April 1, 1995.

35 Sec. 2. If the Attorney General of the United States interposes objection to this  
36 act under section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the Board of  
37 Commissioners of Guilford County shall enact an alternative plan for the election of the  
38 Board of Commissioners of Guilford County that:

39 (1) Provides for no more than seven commissioners; and

40 (2) Will meet the requirements of the Attorney General of the United States  
41 and shall submit that new plan to the Attorney General under section 5 of the Voting  
42 Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

43 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.