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Short Title: Superintendent Renamed Secretary of Education. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Wood.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO RENAME  
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AS THE SECRETARY  
OF EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 7(1) of Article III of the North Carolina Constitution reads as rewritten:

"(1) Officers. A Secretary of State, an Auditor, a Treasurer, a ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction~~, Secretary of Education, an Attorney General, a Commissioner of Agriculture, a Commissioner of Labor, and a Commissioner of Insurance shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State in 1972 and every four years thereafter, at the same time and places as members of the General Assembly are elected. Their term of office shall be four years and shall commence on the first day of January next after their election and continue until their successors are elected and qualified."

**SECTION 2.** Section 4(2) of Article IX of the North Carolina Constitution reads as rewritten:

"(2) ~~Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Superintendent of Public Instruction~~ Secretary of Education. The Secretary of Education shall be the secretary and chief administrative officer of the State Board of Education."

**SECTION 3.** The amendments set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election in November of 2004, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

" [ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

1 Constitutional amendments changing the name of the office of  
2 Superintendent of Public Instruction to be the Secretary of Education."

3 **SECTION 4.** If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the  
4 amendments set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall  
5 certify the amendments to the Secretary of State whereupon the amendments shall  
6 become effective. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendments so certified  
7 among the permanent records of that office.

8 **SECTION 5.** The following statutes are amended by deleting  
9 "Superintendent of Public Instruction" and inserting "Secretary of Education":

- 10 (1) G.S. 7A-343.1
- 11 (2) G.S. 7B-1402
- 12 (3) G.S. 7B-1404
- 13 (4) G.S. 20-7
- 14 (5) G.S. 20-11
- 15 (6) G.S. 20-79.5
- 16 (7) G.S. 20-88.1
- 17 (8) G.S. 20-129
- 18 (9) G.S. 20-321
- 19 (10) G.S. 58-79-35
- 20 (11) G.S. 90-9
- 21 (12) G.S. 104-12
- 22 (13) G.S. 104-19
- 23 (14) G.S. 115C-11
- 24 (15) G.S. 115C-13
- 25 (16) G.S. 115C-18
- 26 (17) G.S. 115C-19
- 27 (18) G.S. 115C-20
- 28 (19) G.S. 115C-21
- 29 (20) G.S. 115C-47
- 30 (21) G.S. 115C-81
- 31 (22) G.S. 115C-85
- 32 (23) G.S. 115C-90
- 33 (24) G.S. 115C-94
- 34 (25) G.S. 115C-102.5
- 35 (26) G.S. 115C-102.15
- 36 (27) G.S. 115C-105-31
- 37 (28) G.S. 115C-113.1
- 38 (29) G.S. 115C-115
- 39 (30) G.S. 115C-116
- 40 (31) G.S. 115C-121
- 41 (32) G.S. 115C-174.12
- 42 (33) G.S. 115C-205
- 43 (34) G.S. 115C-206
- 44 (35) G.S. 115C-215

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| 1  | (36) | G.S. 115C-231    |
| 2  | (37) | G.S. 115C-263    |
| 3  | (38) | G.S. 115C-275    |
| 4  | (39) | G.S. 115C-276    |
| 5  | (40) | G.S. 115C-278    |
| 6  | (41) | G.S. 115C-288    |
| 7  | (42) | G.S. 115C-307    |
| 8  | (43) | G.S. 115C-317    |
| 9  | (44) | G.S. 115C-323    |
| 10 | (45) | G.S. 115C-325    |
| 11 | (46) | G.S. 115C-338    |
| 12 | (47) | G.S. 115C-358    |
| 13 | (48) | G.S. 115C-381    |
| 14 | (49) | G.S. 115C-458    |
| 15 | (50) | G.S. 115C-468    |
| 16 | (51) | G.S. 115C-469    |
| 17 | (52) | G.S. 115C-471    |
| 18 | (53) | G.S. 115C-525    |
| 19 | (54) | G.S. 116-30.01   |
| 20 | (55) | G.S. 116-37.1    |
| 21 | (56) | G.S. 116-74.7    |
| 22 | (57) | G.S. 116-74.41   |
| 23 | (58) | G.S. 116C-1      |
| 24 | (59) | G.S. 120-217     |
| 25 | (60) | G.S. 135-1       |
| 26 | (61) | G.S. 135-6       |
| 27 | (62) | G.S. 143-138     |
| 28 | (63) | G.S. 143-200     |
| 29 | (64) | G.S. 143-726     |
| 30 | (65) | G.S. 143A-44.3   |
| 31 | (66) | G.S. 143A-45     |
| 32 | (67) | G.S. 143A-47     |
| 33 | (68) | G.S. 143A-48.1   |
| 34 | (69) | G.S. 143B-89     |
| 35 | (70) | G.S. 143B-94     |
| 36 | (71) | G.S. 143B-115    |
| 37 | (72) | G.S. 143B-152.5  |
| 38 | (73) | G.S. 143B-152.6  |
| 39 | (74) | G.S. 143B-152.13 |
| 40 | (75) | G.S. 143B-152.14 |
| 41 | (76) | G.S. 143B-168.12 |
| 42 | (77) | G.S. 143B-179.5  |
| 43 | (78) | G.S. 143B-216.31 |
| 44 | (79) | G.S. 143B-216.32 |

- 1 (80) G.S. 143B-344.18  
2 (81) G.S. 143B-394.15  
3 (82) G.S. 143B-411.1  
4 (83) G.S. 143B-426.9  
5 (84) G.S. 143B-438.10  
6 (85) G.S. 143B-478  
7 (86) G.S. 143B-556  
8 (87) G.S. 147-3  
9 (88) G.S. 147-4  
10 (89) G.S. 147-11.1  
11 (90) G.S. 163-8  
12 (91) G.S. 163-278.27.

13 **SECTION 6.** Any local act or session law referring to the "Superintendent of  
14 Public Instruction" is amended by deleting "Superintendent of Public Instruction" and  
15 inserting "Secretary of Education".

16 **SECTION 7.** This act does not require changing of any signage, letterheads,  
17 or documents. Existing signage or letterheads may be used until replacement would  
18 have otherwise been required. Any contracts or other documents referring to the  
19 Superintendent of Public Instruction are deemed to refer to the Secretary of Education.

20 **SECTION 8.** Sections 5 through 7 of this act become effective only if the  
21 constitutional amendment proposed by Sections 1 and 2 of this act is approved as  
22 provided by Section 3 of this act, and if so approved are effective at the same time as  
23 the constitutional amendments as provided by Section 4 of this act.

24 **SECTION 9.** This act is effective when it becomes law.