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Short Title: Precinct Boundary Cleanup.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES IN STATUTES CONCERNING
3 PRECINCT AND TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 153A-19(c) reads as rewritten:

6 "(c) ~~Township~~The county manager or, where there is no county manager, the
7 chairman of the board of commissioners, shall report township boundaries and changes
8 in those boundaries shall be reported to the United States Bureau of the Census in the
9 Boundary and Annexations Survey. In responding to the surveys, each county manager
10 or, if there is no manager, chairman of the board of commissioners shall consult with
11 the county board of elections and other appropriate local agencies as to the location of
12 township boundaries."

13 Sec. 2. G.S. 163-132.2 reads as rewritten:

14 "**§ 163-132.2. Precinct boundaries for other counties.**

15 (a) The Legislative Services Office shall send as directed by the schedule
16 contained in subsection (g) of this section the relevant copies of the United States
17 Census Bureau's official census block maps of the 1990 United States Census to each
18 county board of elections. Not later than 90 days after receiving copies of those maps,
19 the county board of elections shall:

20 (1) Alter, where necessary, precinct boundaries to be coterminous with
21 those of:

- 1 a. Townships, as certified by the county manager, or the chairman
2 of the board of county commissioners if there is not a county
3 manager, on the official map of the county;
- 4 b. The census blocks established under the latest United States
5 Census;
- 6 c. Named roads and streets and drainage features of 40 feet or
7 more in width, as certified by the North Carolina Department of
8 Transportation on its highway maps or the planning department
9 of the relevant county;
- 10 d. Municipalities, as certified by the city clerk on the official map
11 of the city; or
- 12 e. A combination of these boundaries;
- 13 Provided that if, as a result of the alteration, the polling place is no
14 longer in the precinct, it may continue to be the polling place as long
15 as the lot or tract on which the polling place is situated adjoins the
16 precinct;
- 17 (1a) Alter, where necessary, precinct boundaries so that each precinct is
18 composed solely of contiguous territory;
- 19 (2) Mark all precinct boundaries on the maps sent by the Legislative
20 Services Office, showing the precinct boundaries in effect as of the
21 time of marking, but with any changes effective at a later time as
22 provided by subsection (d) of this section; and
- 23 (3) File at a time deemed necessary by the Executive Secretary-Director of
24 the State Board of Elections with the State Board and the Legislative
25 Services Office the maps identifying the precinct boundaries. The
26 Executive Secretary-Director may require a county board of elections
27 to file a written description of the boundaries of any precinct or part
28 thereof.
- 29 (b) The Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board of Elections and the
30 Legislative Services Office shall examine the returned maps and their written
31 descriptions. After its examination of the maps and their written descriptions, the
32 Legislative Services Office shall submit to the Executive Secretary-Director of the State
33 Board of Elections its opinion as to whether the county board of elections has complied
34 with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, with notations as to where those
35 boundaries do not comply with these standards. If the Executive Secretary-Director of
36 the State Board determines that the county board of elections has complied with the
37 provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Executive Secretary-Director of the State
38 Board shall approve the maps and written descriptions as filed and these precincts shall
39 be the official precincts.
- 40 (c) If the Executive Secretary-Director of the State Board determines that the
41 county board of elections has not complied with the provisions of subsection (a) of this
42 section, he shall not approve those precinct boundaries but shall alter the precinct
43 boundaries so that each precinct consists solely of contiguous territory and that each
44 precinct's boundaries are coterminous with those boundaries set forth in subsection

1 (a)(1) of this section nearest to those existing precinct boundaries. These altered
2 precincts shall then be the official precincts.

3 (d) The changes in precinct boundaries under subsections (b) and (c) of this
4 section shall be made effective not later than January 1, 1997; unless the change would
5 result in placing a precinct in more than one State House of Representatives, State
6 Senate, or Congressional district, in which case it shall be made effective not later than
7 January 1, 2002.

8 (e), (f) Repealed by Session Laws 1991 (Regular Session, 1992), c. 927, s. 1,
9 effective July 1, 1992.

10 (g) The Legislative Services Office shall send maps, under subsection (a) of this
11 section, to the counties named below by the dates indicated:

12 (1) Maps to be sent not later than January 1, 1993, to the following
13 counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort,
14 Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Currituck,
15 Cherokee, Clay, Franklin, Gates, and Hoke;

16 (2) Maps to be sent not later than January 1, 1994, to the following
17 counties: Columbus, Dare, Davie, Graham, Greene, Haywood,
18 Hertford, Hyde, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, Martin, Mitchell,
19 Montgomery, Northampton, and Pasquotank; and

20 (3) Maps to be sent not later than January 1, 1995, to the following
21 counties: Macon, McDowell, Moore, Pamlico, Perquimans, Person,
22 Polk, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Vance,
23 Warren, Watauga, and Yadkin.

24 (h) This section shall apply only to the following counties: Alexander,
25 Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden,
26 Carteret, Caswell, Cherokee, Clay, Columbus, Currituck, Dare, Davie, Franklin, Gates,
27 Graham, Greene, Haywood, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Macon,
28 Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Northampton, Pamlico,
29 Pasquotank, Perquimans, Person, Polk, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Swain,
30 Transylvania, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Watauga, and Yadkin."

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