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**SESSION 1989**

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**HOUSE BILL 769**

Short Title: Granville School Elections.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Watkins, Church, and J. Crawford.

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Referred to: Government.

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March 21, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT CODIFYING THE NEW METHOD OF ELECTION FOR THE  
2 GRANVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ORDERED BY THE  
3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Following the 1989 special election ordered by the United States  
7 District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, the Granville County Board of  
8 Education shall consist of seven members. One member shall be elected from each of  
9 the seven districts described in Section 10, according to the schedule in Sections 3, 4, 5  
10 and 8. Only voters residing in a district may vote in the elections for that district, and  
11 only persons residing in a district may be candidates for or serve as the Board of  
12 Education member for that district. Except as provided below, all members shall serve  
13 six-year terms, elections shall be held in even-numbered years at the same time as  
14 primaries for county offices, and newly elected board members shall take office at the  
15 time set by State law.

16 Sec. 2. Elections for the Board of Education shall continue to be nonpartisan.  
17 To be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast in the district. If no  
18 candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the candidate receiving the second  
19 highest number of votes in the district shall be entitled to request a run-off according to  
20 the provisions of State law. The run-off shall be held at the same time as the second  
21 primary for county offices.

22 Sec. 3. In the 1989 special election one board member each will be elected  
23 from Districts 3 and 4. The members elected from these districts in 1989 will serve  
24 terms to expire in 1994.

1           Sec. 4. In the 1989 special election one board member also will be elected  
2 from District 6. The member elected from that district will serve a term to expire in  
3 1990.

4           Sec. 5. In the 1989 special election one board member also will be elected  
5 from District 7. The member elected from that district will serve a term to expire in  
6 1992.

7           Sec. 6. Following the 1989 special election, incumbent board member Clark  
8 shall be designated as the board member representing District 1 until 1990, when her  
9 term shall expire; incumbent board member Lumpkins shall be designated as the board  
10 member representing District 2 until his term expires in 1990; and incumbent board  
11 member Land shall be designated as the board member representing District 5 until his  
12 term expires in 1992.

13           Sec. 7. The terms of incumbent board members Cox, Lemons, Hancock and  
14 Young shall all expire in 1989 as the new members elected in the special election take  
15 office.

16           Sec. 8. In 1990 and every six years thereafter board members shall be elected  
17 from Districts 1, 2 and 6. In 1992 and every six years thereafter board members shall be  
18 elected from Districts 5 and 7. In 1994 and every six years thereafter board members  
19 shall be elected from Districts 3 and 4.

20           Sec. 9. Any vacancy on the Board of Education shall be filled by a person  
21 appointed by the remaining members of the board. The person appointed to fill the  
22 vacancy must reside in the same district as the departing member.

23           Sec. 10. The seven election districts are:

- 24           (1) **District 1** – All of Oak Hill Township, all of Walnut Grove Township,  
25 the portion of Tally Ho Township lying north of State Road 1139, and  
26 the portion of Sassafras Fork Township lying south of State Road 1430  
27 and west of Highway 15 outside Stovall (1980 Census Enumeration  
28 District 376U).
- 29           (2) **District 2** – Those portions of Salem Township, Sassafras Fork  
30 Township and Oxford Township lying within the area beginning at the  
31 intersection of the northwest corner of Sassafras Fork Township and  
32 the North Carolina State boundary, and moving in a clockwise  
33 direction east along the North Carolina State boundary to the northeast  
34 corner of Sassafras Fork Township, then southwest and south along the  
35 Vance County boundary to the intersection of the southeast corner of  
36 Oxford Township and the northeast corner of Fishing Creek Township,  
37 then west along the Oxford Township boundary to the boundary of the  
38 City of Oxford, then south along the boundary of the City of Oxford to  
39 Henderson Street (State Road 1602), then west and southwest along  
40 Henderson Street to Front Street, then west and southwest along Front  
41 Street to Linden Avenue, then northwest along Linden Avenue to  
42 Hillsboro Street, then northeast along Hillsboro Street and  
43 Williamsboro Street to a point 200 feet southwest of the intersection of  
44 the southeast corner of Pine Cone Drive and Williamsboro Street, then

1 northwest then northeast then southeast along a line parallel to and 200  
2 feet from Pine Cone Drive (encircling Pine Cone Drive to include all  
3 the homes on that street within this district) until intersecting with  
4 State Road 1522 at a point directly east of the northeastern corner of  
5 Pine Cone Drive, then northeast along State Road 1522 to the  
6 boundary between Oxford Township and Salem Township, then  
7 northwest and north along the Oxford Township boundary to Highway  
8 15, then north along Highway 15 to the boundary of the Town of  
9 Stovall, then northwest along the boundary of the Town of Stovall to  
10 State Road 1430, and then west along State Road 1430 to the western  
11 boundary of Sassafras Fork Township, then north along the western  
12 boundary of Sassafras Fork Township to the North Carolina State  
13 boundary.

14 (3) **District 3** – Those portions of Oxford Township and Fishing Creek  
15 Township lying within the area beginning in the City of Oxford at the  
16 intersection of Hillsboro Street and Linden Avenue, and moving in a  
17 counterclockwise direction northeast along Hillsboro Street and  
18 Williamsboro Street to a point 200 feet southwest of the intersection of  
19 the southeast corner of Pine Cone Drive and Williamsboro Street, then  
20 northwest then northeast then southeast along a line parallel to and 200  
21 feet from Pine Cone Drive (encircling Pine Cone Drive to exclude all  
22 homes on that street from this district) until intersecting with State  
23 Road 1522 directly east of the northeastern corner of Pine Cone Drive,  
24 then northeast along State Road 1522 to the boundary between Oxford  
25 Township and Salem Township, then northwest and north along the  
26 Oxford Township boundary to Highway 15, then north along Highway  
27 15 to the northeast corner of Oxford Township, then west along the  
28 Oxford Township boundary to the northwest corner of Oxford  
29 Township, then south along the Oxford Township boundary to the  
30 southwest corner of Oxford Township, then east along the Oxford  
31 Township boundary to the City of Oxford, then south along the  
32 boundary of the City of Oxford to Hillsboro Street, then northeast  
33 along Hillsboro Street to the intersection of Hillsboro Street and  
34 Linden Avenue.

35 (4) **District 4** – Those portions of Oxford Township and Fishing Creek  
36 Township lying within the area beginning at the intersection of  
37 Hillsboro Street and the western boundary of the City of Oxford, and  
38 moving in a clockwise direction northeast along Hillsboro Street to  
39 Linden Avenue, then south along Linden Avenue to Front Street, then  
40 east along Front Street to Henderson Street, then east along Henderson  
41 Street (State Road 1602) to the Fishing Creek Township boundary,  
42 then north and east along the Fishing Creek Township boundary to the  
43 Vance County boundary, then south along the Vance County boundary  
44 to State Road 1620, then west along State Road 1620 to State Road

1 1619, then northwest along State Road 1619 to State Road 1622, then  
2 north along State Road 1622 to State Road 1643, then west along State  
3 Road 1643 to Highway 96, then north along Highway 96 to the  
4 southern boundary of the City of Oxford, then northwest along the  
5 boundary of the City of Oxford to Hillsboro Street.

6 (5) **District 5** – Those portions of Tally Ho Township, Fishing Creek  
7 Township and Brassfield Township lying within the area beginning at  
8 the intersection of State Road 1139 and the Person County boundary,  
9 and moving in a clockwise direction northeast along State Road 1139  
10 to the northwest corner of Fishing Creek Township and the southwest  
11 corner of Oxford Township, then east along the Fishing Creek  
12 Township boundary to the western boundary of the City of Oxford,  
13 then east and southeast along the boundary of the City of Oxford to the  
14 intersection of Highway 96 and Interstate Highway 85, then south  
15 along Highway 96 to State Road 1643, then east along State Road  
16 1643 to State Road 1622, then south along State Road 1622 to State  
17 Road 1619, then southeast along State Road 1619 to State Road 1620,  
18 then east along State Road 1620 to the Vance County boundary, then  
19 south along the Vance County boundary to Highway 56, then west  
20 along Highway 56 to State Road 1636, then north along State Road  
21 1636 to State Road 1129, then west along State Road 1129 to the  
22 Dutchville Township boundary, then north and west along the  
23 Dutchville Township boundary to the Durham County boundary, then  
24 north along the Durham and Person County boundary to State Road  
25 1139.

26 (6) **District 6** – All of Dutchville Township lying east of Interstate  
27 Highway 85, and the portion of Brassfield Township lying south of the  
28 line beginning at the intersection of State Road 1129 and the  
29 Dutchville/Brassfield Township boundary, then east along State Road  
30 1129 to State Road 1636, then south along State Road 1636 to  
31 Highway 56, then east along Highway 56 to the Franklin County  
32 boundary.

33 (7) **District 7** – All of Dutchville Township lying west of Interstate 85.

34 Sec. 11. Following the 1990 census and any subsequent federal census, the  
35 election districts described above may be altered as necessary to comply with the  
36 requirements of equal representation. Any such changes shall also comply with the  
37 Voting Rights Act of 1965.

38 Sec. 12. Sections 2 through 6 of Chapter 775 of the Session Laws of 1961,  
39 those sections being the election provisions of the act merging the Granville County and  
40 Oxford school systems, are repealed.

41 Sec. 13. This act is intended to codify without change the new election  
42 method ordered for the Granville County Board of Education by the United States  
43 District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina in **United States v. Granville**  
44 **County Board of Education, et al.**, No. 87-353-CIV-5 (February 17, 1989). In

1 compliance with the court's order in that case, the 1989 special election is being held on  
2 April 11, 1989; the run-offs, if needed, on May 2, 1989; and the new board members  
3 will take office at the first board meeting in June 1989.

4           Sec. 14. This act is effective upon ratification.