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SENATE BILL 613

Constitution and Election Laws Committee Substitute Adopted 5/6/93

Short Title: Mecklenburg Elections.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 29, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

19 District 1: Precincts: 4, 79, 80, 89, 95, 105, 107, 200, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206,
20 207, 208, 209, 212, 214, 222, 223, 224, 228, and 229.

21 District 2: Precincts: 12, 16, 22, 25, 31, 39, 41, 50, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 76,
22 77, 78, 81, 97, and 98.
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1 District 3: Precincts: 3, 11, 13, 14, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 30, 40, 42, 43, 56, 60,
2 82, 104, 210, 211, and 213.

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

5 District 5: Precincts: 1, 8, 18, 19, 20, 32, 36, 37, 38, 47, 48, 49, 51, 57, 65, 66,
6 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 85, 86, 92, 93, 101, 103, and 106.

7 District 6: Precincts: 69, 83, 87, 88, 90, 91, 94, 100, 102, 201, 215, 216, 217,
8 218, 219, 220, 221, 225, 226, and 227.

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

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

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

23 Sec. 4. Sections 5, 6, and 7 of Chapter 378, Session Laws of 1959, Chapter
24 1114, Session Laws of 1961, Chapter 881, Session Laws of 1967, and Chapter 56,
25 Session Laws of 1983 are repealed.

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

29 Sec. 6. The districts for election of district members of the Mecklenburg
30 County Board of Commissioners shall be the same as those for the Mecklenburg County
31 Board of Education as established by this act.

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

36 The question on the ballot shall be:

37 "[] FOR changing the manner of election of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg
38 Board of Education so it consists of three members elected at-large,
39 and six members elected from single-member districts.

40 [] AGAINST changing the manner of election of the Charlotte-
41 Mecklenburg Board of Education so it consists of three members
42 elected at-large, and six members elected from single-member
43 districts."

44 Sec. 8. This act is effective upon ratification.