

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

**HOUSE BILL 501
RATIFIED BILL**

**AN ACT REDRAWING THE ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR THE
TOWN OF ENFIELD IN HALIFAX COUNTY.**

Whereas, the Enfield Town Board of Commissioners consists of five members, four of whom are elected from two districts; and

Whereas, those districts, designated as Districts A and B, are subject to the requirements of one-person, one-vote and were redrawn following the 2000 census; and

Whereas, before the districts were redrawn, the boundary was the CSX railroad track which runs through the middle of town and is an obvious and well-known dividing line; and

Whereas, as a result of the 2001 redistricting, the current boundary between Districts A and B is irregular and confusing; and

Whereas, an annexation which occurred after the 2001 redistricting has added sufficient population to the Town that Districts A and B would be within the correct population ranges for one-person, one-vote if the old boundary, the railroad track, were used; and

Whereas, a return to the railroad track as the boundary between Districts A and B would make the line more understandable to voters, candidates, and election officials; and

Whereas, the Enfield Town Board of Commissioners unanimously has requested such a change; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The boundary between Districts A and B used for the election of the Enfield Town Board of Commissioners shall be the CSX railroad track which runs on a north-south line through the middle of the Town. This restores the language of Section 2.1(b) of the Charter of the Town of Enfield as enacted by Chapter 479 of the 1993 Session Laws.

SECTION 2. The boundary established by this act shall apply to any town election for which filing opens at least five days after the boundary has taken effect.

SECTION 3. The boundary established by this act shall take effect upon preclearance pursuant to section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of June,
2003.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives