

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE DRH60032-LB-85A (2/2)**

Short Title: Wake School Board Elections.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Dollar and Avila (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF  
3 EDUCATION TO RESIDE IN THE DISTRICTS THEY REPRESENT, BUT TO  
4 PROVIDE THAT THE VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY SHALL ELECT  
5 ALL MEMBERS, AND TO MOVE THOSE ELECTIONS TO THE  
6 EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, TO BE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER ON A  
7 PLURALITY BASIS.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 7 of Chapter 717, Session Laws of 1975, as amended  
10 by Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 321, Session Laws of 1977, and as rewritten by Section  
11 3 of Chapter 742 of the 1981 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

12 "Sec. 7.(a) In ~~1981, 2008~~ and biennially thereafter, members of the Wake County  
13 Board of Education shall be elected by the nonpartisan ~~election and runoff plurality~~  
14 election method in accordance with ~~G.S. 163-279(a)(4), G.S. 163-293, and~~  
15 ~~G.S. G.S. 163-279(a)(1), 163-163-292, and~~ 163-294.2, except that only persons who  
16 are registered to vote in the district shall be permitted to file a notice of candidacy for  
17 election in that district. Such election shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter  
18 163 of the General Statutes.

19 (b) ~~The qualified voters of each district shall elect a person who resides in that~~  
20 ~~district for the seat apportioned to that district. Only the qualified voters of the district~~  
21 ~~may vote in that election. Members shall reside in and represent the districts, but the~~  
22 qualified voters of the entire county shall elect all members of the board."

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 6 of Chapter 717, Session Laws of 1975, as amended  
24 by Section 1 of Chapter 321, Session Laws of 1977, and as rewritten by Section 3 of  
25 Chapter 742 of the 1981 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

26 "Sec. 6. All terms of office of members of the Wake County Board of Education  
27 shall begin on the first Monday in December following their election. Districts 1, 2, 7,

1 and 9 shall elect a member in ~~1981~~2010 and quadrennially thereafter for a four-year  
2 term. Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 shall elect a member in ~~1981 for a two-year term and in~~  
3 ~~1983~~2008 and quadrennially thereafter for a four-year term."

4           **SECTION 3.** The terms of office of members of the Wake County Board of  
5 Education elected in 2003 for terms to expire in 2007 are extended until the first  
6 Monday in December of 2008. The terms of office of members of the Wake County  
7 Board of Education elected in 2005 for terms to expire in 2009 are extended until the  
8 first Monday in December of 2010.

9           **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.