

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 150
HOUSE BILL 257

AN ACT TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS OF CASWELL COUNTY THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CASWELL COUNTY SHALL BE ELECTED FOR STAGGERED FOUR-YEAR TERMS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. At the general election held in Caswell County in 1962 there shall be submitted to the qualified and registered voters of said county the question of whether the Board of Commissioners of Caswell County shall be elected for staggered four-year terms. Separate ballots for this purpose in the usual form for submitting propositions at county elections shall be prepared and provided to each qualified and registered voter voting. The proposition shall be submitted in substantially the following language and form:

"Vote by marking an (X) in the square to the left of your choice:

For electing County Commissioners for alternating four-year terms.

Against electing County Commissioners for alternating four-year terms."

Sec. 2. Should a majority of the voters voting on the propositions submitted as set forth in Section 1 determine that the Board of Commissioners of Caswell County shall be elected by the voters of the county for alternating terms of four years, the following provisions relating thereto shall be applicable:

(a) The two members of the Board of Commissioners of Caswell County elected at the general election in 1962 who receive the highest number of votes of those elected to said board shall be declared elected for terms of four years each, and the other three members of said board elected at the general election in 1962 shall be declared elected for terms of two years each.

(b) At the general election in 1964 and biennially thereafter successors to those members of the Board of Commissioners of Caswell County whose terms have expired shall be elected for terms of four years each.

Sec. 3. If a majority of the voters voting on the proposition submitted as set forth in Section 1 of this Act shall determine that members of the Board of Commissioners of Caswell County shall not be elected for staggered terms of four years, then Section 2 of this Act shall be null and void.

Sec. 4. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal or modify the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Session Laws of 1943 requiring the election of County Commissioners of Caswell County by districts.

Sec. 5. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 31st day of March, 1961.