

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 848
HOUSE BILL 1033

AN ACT TO FIX THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY ON A FOUR-YEAR BASIS WITH STAGGERED TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE MEMBERS OF SAID BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Board of Education of Rockingham County shall consist of five (5) members, and each member shall hold office for the term and be nominated and appointed as hereinafter set forth.

Sec. 2. At the next primary election to be held in Rockingham County for the nomination of county officers in the year of 1962 there shall be nominated by each of the political parties of said county five members of the Rockingham County Board of Education. The three candidates of each political party for membership on said Board of Education receiving the highest number of votes shall be certified to the General Assembly, as hereinafter set forth, for appointment on said board for terms of office of four years each, and the two candidates of each political party receiving the next highest number of votes shall be certified, as hereinafter set forth, to the General Assembly for appointment on said board for terms of office of two years each. At the primary election to be held for county officers in 1964, and quadrennially thereafter, two members of said Board of Education from each political party shall be nominated for certification to the General Assembly, as hereafter set forth, for terms of office of four years each. At the primary election to be held for county officers in 1966, and quadrennially thereafter, three members of said Board of Education from each political party shall be nominated for certification to the General Assembly, as hereafter set forth, for terms of office of four years each.

Sec. 3. The primary for the nomination of candidates for membership on said Rockingham County Board of Education shall be held and conducted under the general primary law of the State for the nomination of county officers. In all cases the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared to be the nominees of their respective political parties. If there is no candidate for each political party for any one of said positions then the executive committee of the political party which has no candidate may, within thirty days of the date of the primary election, nominate such candidate.

Sec. 4. In the event that only five candidates of one political party file for membership on the Rockingham County Board of Education, and these are the sole

candidates for these positions in the entire primary, and no candidates from any other political party file for such offices, then the candidates filing for office first in order of time shall be certified, as hereafter provided, for the longest terms of office. The nomination for candidates for membership on the Rockingham County Board of Education shall be participated in by the qualified voters of the entire county voting as a whole and according to the political party or parties with which the voters are affiliated with as valid registered members. It shall be the duty of the Rockingham County Board of Elections to prepare and distribute the ballots for the candidates as herein provided and to conduct the primary for said nominations.

Sec. 5. The names of the persons so nominated, as provided in this Act, shall be duly certified by the Chairman of the Rockingham County Board of Elections within ten days after their nominations are declared by the said County Board of Elections to the Superintendent of Public Instruction of North Carolina. It shall then be the duty of the Superintendent of Public Instruction of North Carolina to transmit the names of said nominees to the Chairman of the Committee on Education in the next General Assembly as provided by G. S. 115-19, and to be elected or appointed to membership on said board as therein provided.

Sec. 6. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. 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 15th day of June, 1961.