

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 828
HOUSE BILL 883

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MERGER OF TWO OR MORE ADJOINING COUNTY
2 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS AND CITY UNITS CONTAINED THEREIN.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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6 **Section 1.** A new section, to be designated G.S. 115-74.2, shall be inserted in
7 Chapter 115 of the General Statutes immediately following G.S. 115-74.1 and shall read as
8 follows:

9 **Section 115-74.2. Merger of Two or More Adjoining County School Administrative**
10 **Units.**

11 (a) Boards of education of contiguous counties or boards of education in a group of
12 counties in which each county is contiguous with at least one other county in the group, and
13 any city administrative unit located in counties to be merged, may merge school administrative
14 units upon approval by the State Board of Education of a written plan for merger submitted by
15 the boards of education involved and bearing the approval of the tax levying body for the
16 school units. The plan shall be consistent with the General Statutes, shall contain provisions
17 covering those items listed in G.S. 115-74.1 (providing for the merger of units in the same
18 county), and shall contain any other provision deemed necessary or appropriate by the State
19 Board of Education or the local boards of education for the merger of school units in two or
20 more counties.

21 (b) The plan of merger, including any arrangements for financing or taxing for the
22 schools in the new administrative unit, may be, but is not required to be, submitted for the
23 approval of the voters of the geographic area affected in a referendum or election called for the
24 purpose of approving these matters. Such elections or referendums, if held, shall be held under
25 the provisions governing elections or referendums as set forth in G.S. 115-122. Each board of
26 county commissioners shall have authority to have such elections or referendums conducted by
27 the board of elections of its county under the provisions set forth in G.S. 115-122.

28 (c) If twenty percent (20%) of the qualified voters of a county to be merged, petition the
29 Board of County Commissioners of their county for an election as to whether their county shall
30 be included in the proposed merger, the Board of County Commissioners shall call an election
31 on this question for its county under the provisions of G.S. 115-122. The petition must be
32 submitted to the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days following the public
33 hearing required by G.S. 115-74.1 on the proposed plan of merger. The Board of County
34 Commissioners shall have authority to have such an election conducted by the Board of
35 Election of its county under the provisions set forth in G.S. 115-122.

36 (d) Boards of education considering a merger of two or more counties may spend
37 money necessary for studying and preparing for such a merger.

38 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are
39 hereby repealed.

40 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect upon its ratification.

41 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of June,
42 1969.