

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 137
HOUSE BILL 107

AN ACT TO REWRITE G.S. 130-13 RELATING TO PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND TO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130-13 is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 130-13. **Provision of public health services.** — (a) Each county shall make public health services available to its residents. Counties may furnish services by operating a county health department, by contracting with the State for provision of services or by operating, jointly with other counties, a district health department.

(b) Where a county furnishes public health services by operating a county health department, the policy-making body for the county health department shall be a county board of health composed of nine members appointed by the board of county commissioners, upon consultation with the Local Health Director.

(c) The county board of health shall include: one licensed physician, one licensed dentist, one licensed pharmacist, one county commissioner, and five persons appointed from the general public.

(d) The composition of the local board shall reasonably reflect the population makeup of the entire county.

(e) Members of county boards of health shall serve three-year terms, but no board member may serve more than three consecutive three-year terms.

(f) The county board of health shall elect its own chairman annually. The county health director shall serve as secretary to the county board of health. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

(g) Employees of a county health department shall be deemed county employees."

Sec. 2. The terms of all members of a county board of health holding office on the date of the ratification of this act shall expire on the same date they would have had this act not been passed. Upon expiration of these terms, their successors shall be appointed to terms of three years and shall serve until their successors have been appointed and qualified. At the expiration of the term of the board member now holding office whose term first expires, the board of county commissioners shall appoint his successor and a sufficient number of persons to bring the membership of the board to nine. The county commissioners may appoint persons to fill vacancies from time to time.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 5th day of April, 1973.