

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 347  
HOUSE BILL 758

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MITCHELL COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE STAGGERED TERMS FOR THE  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** Beginning with the regular election for County officers in 1974, there shall be nominated and elected in Mitchell County a Board of County Commissioners consisting of a Chairman and four members. The candidate who is elected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners shall serve for a term of two years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The two candidates elected to seats on the Board of County Commissioners who received the highest number of votes in the general election shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The remaining two candidates elected to seats on the Board of County Commissioners who received the next highest number of votes in the general election shall serve for terms of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified. As the term of the Chairman and of each member of the Board of County Commissioners expires, his successor shall be elected for a term of four years.

**Sec. 2.** Vacancies occurring for any reason shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the remaining members of the Board of County Commissioners and said appointee shall be a member of the same political party as the person causing the vacancy.

**Sec. 3.** All laws and clauses of laws pertaining to the election of the Board of County Commissioners of Mitchell County in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 4.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 7th day of May, 1973.