

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 173
HOUSE BILL 490

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE
MEMBERS OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Camden County Board of Education shall consist of five members who shall serve for terms of four years each, and, for the purposes of electing members of the Camden County Board of Education, Camden County shall be divided into four districts bounded and described as follows:

District No. 1, South Mills Township.

District No. 2, Courthouse Township.

District No. 3, Shiloh Township.

District No. 4, Camden County at large.

Sec. 2. It is the purpose of this act that there shall be one member elected from the South Mills Township, one member elected from the Courthouse Township, one member elected from the Shiloh Township, and two members elected at large, provided each shall be from different townships, from the district representing Camden County.

Sec. 3. As the Board of Education of Camden County is presently constituted, Charles Ralph Sawyer shall represent the South Mills Township, Melvin J. Jeralds shall represent the Courthouse Township, Wilma P. Steele shall represent the Shiloh Township, and Stephen F. Sawyer and W. F. Williams shall represent the at-large positions to be elected from Camden County.

Sec. 4. In the primary to be held in Camden County in 1978, there shall be elected one member of the Camden County Board of Education from the at-large position. In the primary election to be held in Camden County in 1978, there shall be elected three members of the Camden County Board of Education. One of the said members shall be a resident of District No. 1, the South Mills Township, one shall be a representative of District No. 3, the Shiloh Township, and the other shall be a representative of District No. 4. Quadrennially thereafter, as the terms of office of the said members of the Camden County Board of Education shall expire, there shall be elected a sufficient number of members to fill all vacancies occurring by reason of expiration of office. The members so elected in said primary elections shall be residents of the district of the member or members whose terms of office are expiring. The at-large members shall not be from the same township. The said members so elected shall

take the oath of office on the next succeeding first Monday in December following their election.

Sec. 5. The members representing the various districts on the Camden County Board of Education shall be residents of the said districts and shall file with the County Board of Elections of Camden County a notice of candidacy which shall give the candidate's name, address, place of residence and a statement that he desires to be a candidate for membership on the said Camden County Board of Education for the district in which he resides. The election of said members of said board shall be in the primary as heretofore set forth and shall be by nonpartisan election. The Board of Elections of Camden County shall prepare a separate ballot for the election of said members which shall, among other things, contain the name of the candidate, the school district that he desires to represent and shall not contain any reference to party affiliation in any manner or form. The said candidates for membership on the Camden County Board of Education shall be voted on at large by the eligible voters of Camden County, and the Board of Elections of Camden County shall canvass and judicially determine the results of said election and declare the members so elected. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes in any particular district shall be declared to be elected, and there shall be no other election until the regular time above-named and after expiration of terms of office. It is the intent and purpose of this act that said members of the Camden County Board of Education shall be elected in said primary or primaries and there shall be no further election in the general election. All persons so elected shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified, and any vacancy occurring on the Camden County Board of Education by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the remaining members of the Camden County Board of Education for the unexpired term, but the person appointed to fill such vacancy must be from the same district as the person whose death, resignation or removal created the vacancy on said Camden County Board of Education.

Sec. 6. The election of said members of the Camden County Board of Education in the various primary elections as hereinabove provided shall be governed by Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, relating to primaries and elections, insofar as the same may be applicable and not in conflict with the expressed terms of this act. The Camden County Board of Elections is hereby authorized and empowered to create any necessary precincts, to appoint any necessary election officials and to set up and establish all necessary books and records for the conduct of said election in said primary.

Sec. 7. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of April, 1977.