

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 302  
HOUSE BILL 849

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR FIVE MEMBERS OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THREE ELECTED FROM DISTRICTS AND TWO ELECTED AT LARGE, AND PROVIDING FOR STAGGERED TERMS OF FOUR YEARS, SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM OF THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** The Board of County Commissioners of Camden County shall consist of five members. For the purpose of nominating and electing the members of the Board of Commissioners, the county is divided into four resident districts with one commissioner elected from Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and two commissioners to be elected from District No. 4, which shall be the county at large.

District No. 1 shall be composed of South Mills Township.  
District No. 2 shall be composed of Courthouse Township.  
District No. 3 shall be composed of Shiloh Township.  
District No. 4 shall be composed of the entire county.

Until their successors are elected and qualified, the incumbent members of the Camden County Board of Commissioners shall represent the districts as follows:

District No. 1 - M. J. Johnson, for a term expiring in 1980.  
District No. 2 - Franklin Williams, for a term expiring in 1978.  
District No. 3 - T. F. Leary, for a term expiring in 1978.

In the primary and general election to be held for county officers in 1978, two commissioners shall be elected from District No. 4, one commissioner shall be elected from District No. 2, and one commissioner shall be elected from District No. 3. The candidate elected from District No. 4 with the highest number of votes shall be elected for a four-year term, and the other candidate elected from District No. 4 shall be elected for a two-year term. Of the remaining two candidates elected in 1978, the candidate with the highest number of votes shall be elected for a four-year term, and the other for a two-year term. Thereafter, as the term of each member expires, his successor shall be elected for a term of four years.

**Sec. 2.** At the next countywide primary, election or referendum held in Camden County, the county board of elections shall submit to the qualified voters of Camden County the question of whether the membership of the Board of County Commissioners shall be increased to five and elected as provided in Section 1 of this

act. The special election shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the State, and notice of the election shall be given as provided in G.S. 163-33(8).

The issue on the ballot shall be as follows:

FOR increasing the number of county commissioners from three to five, three to be elected from districts, and two to be elected at large for four-year staggered terms.

AGAINST increasing the number of county commissioners from three to five, three to be elected from districts, and two to be elected at large for four-year staggered terms.

**Sec. 3.** If a majority of those voting are in favor of the issue submitted, then Section 1 of this act shall become effective upon the certification of the results by the Board of Elections. If a majority of votes be against the issue submitted, then this act shall be null and void.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 2nd day of May, 1977.