

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 536  
HOUSE BILL 1250

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR RICHMOND COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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District #2 shall be composed of Beaverdam, Steels, Mineral Springs and Black Jack Townships.

District #3 shall be composed of Rockingham Township.

District #4 shall be composed of Wolf Pitt Township.

District #5 shall be composed of Marks Creek Township.

**Section 2.** The chairman of the board of county commissioners shall be a separate office and the chairman shall be nominated and elected from District #1, and, in addition, one member shall be nominated and elected from District #1.

The chairman shall not have a vote on matters before the board, but shall have a vote only to break a tie.

Candidates must be residents of the district for which they seek election. All candidates shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the entire county. In the general election, the candidate for each district receiving the highest number of votes cast for candidates from that district shall be elected.

Beginning with the primary and general election for county offices in 1978, the chairman of the board of commissioners and one member shall be nominated and elected from District #1, and one candidate shall be elected from District #4 and one candidate shall be elected from District #2. The terms of the members elected in 1978 shall be for four years except the additional commissioner from District #1 shall be elected in 1978 for a two-year term. Thereafter, as the terms expire, successors shall be elected for terms of four years, provided that the additional commissioner from District #1 shall be elected every two years.

In 1980, one member shall be elected from District #3, and one member shall be elected from District #5 for terms of four years. Thereafter, as the terms expire, successors shall be elected for terms of four years.

**Section 3.** The present members of the board of commissioners from Districts #3 and #5 shall serve until 1980 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

**Sec. 4.** Chapter 1175, Session Laws of 1955, is hereby repealed.

**Sec. 5.** Immediately upon ratification of this act the clerk of superior court shall appoint a qualified resident voter of District #4 to the board of county commissioners and the person so appointed shall immediately take the oath of office and shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified as provided in Section 2 of this act.

**Sec. 6.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of June, 1977.