

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 189  
SENATE BILL 255

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HOSPITALS TO  
CONFORM THE VARIOUS ELECTIONS THEREIN TO THE GENERAL ELECTION  
LAWS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 131-4(2) is amended by rewriting the first paragraph thereof to read:

"(2) Election. — Upon the filing of such petition, the governing body of the county, township or town shall request the board of elections to hold an election on the question of a tax to be levied. Notice of the election shall be given as provided in G.S. 163-33(8) and the question shall be as set forth in G.S. 131-5. The notice shall state the amount of the tax to be levied upon the property."

**Sec. 2.** G.S. 131-5 is amended by deleting from lines 1 and 2 the words "The governing body" and inserting the words "The Board of Elections".

**Sec. 3.** G.S. 131-7 is amended by deleting the last two sentences and inserting the following new language in lieu thereof:

"The appointed trustees shall hold their office until the next election for municipal and district officers which is held more than 90 days after their appointment. At that election seven trustees shall be elected for staggered terms. The two trustees receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of six years, the two receiving the second highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four years, and the three receiving the third highest number of votes, shall be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter, as their terms expire, trustees shall be elected for terms of six years. The election shall be nonpartisan and decided by simple plurality and shall be held as provided in G.S. 163-279(a)(1) and in accordance with the applicable provisions of Articles 23 and 24 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

No practicing physician may serve as a trustee.

The terms of any members now serving on such board are hereby adjusted so that their successors shall be elected in odd-numbered years beginning in 1981. For example, those trustees whose terms would normally expire in 1982 shall expire in 1981, those who would expire in 1984 shall expire in 1983, etc."

**Sec. 4.** G.S. 131-39 is amended by deleting the first four sentences and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"The board of commissioners for each county is authorized to request the county board of elections to hold an election to determine whether the qualified voters of the county approve or disapprove of a county tubercular hospital as authorized under this Article.

The board of elections shall hold such election in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The form of the ballot shall be:

'[ ] FOR County Tuberculosis Hospital.

'[ ] AGAINST County Tuberculosis Hospital'."

**Sec. 6.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 9th day of April, 1981.