

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 192  
HOUSE BILL 642

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A REFERENDUM IN COLUMBUS COUNTY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL BE ELECTED AT THE TIME OF THE COUNTY PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION; TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR SAID BOARD; AND TO APPOINT FOUR MEMBERS TO THE WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** The Columbus County Board of Elections shall hold a referendum on the date of the November 1982 general election and present to the voters of Columbus County the question of whether the election for members of the Columbus County Board of Education shall be held at the time of the county primary election or the general election, beginning in 1984.

The question on the ballot shall be substantially as follows:

- [ ] FOR holding the county school board election at the time of the county primary in May;
- [ ] FOR holding the county school board election at the time of the county general election in November.

The issue receiving the largest number of votes shall be certified by the county board of elections to the county board of education and the clerk of superior court.

If the greatest number of votes is in favor of holding the election for the county board of education at the time of the regular primary, then the members of the board of education to be elected shall continue to be elected at the time of the regular primary.

If the greatest number of votes is in favor of holding the election for county board of education members at the time of the county general election, then the members to be elected shall be elected beginning with the general election in 1984.

**Sec. 2.** Only those qualified voters residing in the county school administrative district shall be eligible to vote in the referendum. The referendum shall be held pursuant to the applicable provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

**Sec. 3.** The members of the Columbus County Board of Education shall by resolution fix their compensation, but the current compensation shall remain effective until the board adopts the resolution.

**Sec. 4.** Pursuant to Chapter 172, Session Laws of 1977, the following persons are hereby appointed to the Board of Education for the Whiteville City School

Administrative Unit, and they shall serve for a term of two years beginning on the first Monday in April, 1981: Harry "Bobby" Jordan, Katie Powell, Donnie Graham, and Lewis S. Cokley.

**Sec. 5.** This act is effective upon ratification.

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