

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1983 SESSION

CHAPTER 236  
HOUSE BILL 576

AN ACT TO REAPPORTION THE NEW BERN-CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF  
EDUCATION AND TO REDUCE ITS SIZE FROM TWELVE TO SEVEN  
MEMBERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Sections 4, 5, and 6 of the Plan of Consolidation and Merger of Craven County Board of Education and New Bern City Board of Education and to Create and Establish One Administrative Unit for Both of the Public School Units in Craven County, as filed with the Secretary of State under former G.S. 115-74.1 on May 17, 1979, are repealed.

Sec. 2. Beginning with the 1984 primary and election, there are established seven voting districts, numbered one through seven for the purpose of nominating and electing School Board members from each voting district as hereinafter set out.

The New Bern-Craven County Board of Education shall consist of seven members who shall be nominated and elected, as hereinafter provided, from each of the following seven districts:

- (1) DISTRICT NO. 1: Consisting of Township Number One and Township Number Two: One member.
- (2) DISTRICT NO. 2: Consisting of Township Number Three and Township Number Nine and that part of Township Number Eight bounded by a perimeter which begins at the intersection of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and Deep Gully, running thence with the railroad in a northeastwardly direction to its intersection with S.R. #1219 (Slaughter House Road); thence continuing along a centerline of the Seaboard Coastline Railway North 89 degrees 1 minute 16 seconds East, 1044.83 feet to the proposed City Limits of the City of New Bern; thence along the proposed City Limits line of the City of New Bern, the following courses and distances: North 13 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds West 606.99 feet; North 17 degrees 17 minutes 52 seconds West 417.64 feet; North 10 degrees 51 minutes 12 seconds West 578.48 feet; North 86 degrees 7 minutes 27 seconds East 1083.78 feet; North 42 degrees 59 minutes 3 seconds East 272.79 feet; South 54 degrees 6 minutes 48 seconds West 29.96 feet; North 52 degrees 44 minutes 41 seconds East 579.45 feet; North 30 degrees 18 minutes 48 seconds West 314.41 feet; thence along the centerline of the Carolina Power and Light Company 70 foot easement (which is also the city

limits line of the City of New Bern) North 31 degrees 00 minutes East 2586.45 feet; thence continuing along the city limits line North 59 degrees 00 minutes East extended to its intersection with Race Track Road; thence up the centerline of Race Track Road in a northerly direction to its intersection with N. C. Highway #55 (U.S. Highway #70 Business); thence with N.C. #55 (U.S. Highway #70 Business) in a southerly direction to its intersection with the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway; thence along the railway in an easterly direction to its intersection with Jack Smith Creek; thence down the run of the creek in a northeastwardly direction to the Neuse River; running thence up the river in a northwestwardly direction to the mouth of Bachelors Creek; thence with the run of the creek in a southerly direction to its intersection with Deep Gully, the Craven-Jones County line; thence in a southeastwardly direction along Deep Gully with the County line to its intersection with the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, the point of beginning: One member.

- (3) DISTRICT NO. 3: Consisting of that part of Township Number Eight bounded by a perimeter which begins at the intersection of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and Deep Gully, running thence with the railroad in a northeastwardly direction to its intersection with S.R. #1219 (Slaughter House Road); thence continuing along the centerline of the Seaboard Coastline Railway North 89 degrees 1 minute 16 seconds East 1044.83 feet to the proposed City Limits line of the City of New Bern; thence along the proposed City Limits line of the City of New Bern, the following courses and distances: North 13 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds West, 606.99 feet; North 17 degrees 17 minutes 52 seconds West 417.64 feet; North 10 degrees 51 minutes 12 seconds West, 578.48 feet; North 86 degrees 7 minutes 27 seconds East 1083.78 feet; North 42 degrees 59 minutes 3 seconds East 272.79 feet; South 54 degrees 6 minutes 48 seconds West 29.96 feet; North 52 degrees 44 minutes 41 seconds West 314.41 feet; thence along the centerline of the Carolina Power & Light Company 70 foot easement (which is also the city limits line of the City of New Bern) North 31 degrees 00 minutes East 2586.45 feet; thence continuing along the city limits line North 59 degrees 00 minutes East extended to its intersection with Race Track Road; thence along the centerline of Race Track Road (S.R. #1220) in a southerly direction to its intersection with U.S. Highway #70 By-Pass; thence in a southeastwardly direction along the centerline of U.S. Highway #70 By-Pass to its intersection with U.S. Highway #17; thence along U.S. Highway #17 in a northeastwardly direction to its intersection with Queen Street; running thence with the centerline of Queen Street in a northeastwardly direction to its terminus on the Neuse River; thence down the Neuse River in a southerly direction to its confluence with the Trent River;

thence up the Trent River in a westwardly direction to Deep Gully, the Craven-Jones County line; thence up Deep Gully in a northerly direction to its intersection with the Seaboard Coastline Railway, the point of beginning: One member.

- (4) DISTRICT NO. 4: Consisting of that part of Township Number Eight bounded by a perimeter which begins at the terminus of Queen Street and the Neuse River; running thence with the centerline of Queen Street in a southwestwardly direction to its intersection with U.S. Highway #17 (Broad Street); thence in a westwardly direction and southwestwardly direction along the centerline of U.S. Highway #17 to its intersection with U.S. Highway #70 By-Pass; thence along the centerline of U.S. Highway #70 By-Pass in a northwestwardly direction to the centerline of S.R. #1220 extended (Old Race Track Road); thence along the centerline of S.R. #1220 in a northerly direction to its intersection with N.C. Highway #55; thence along the centerline of N.C. Highway #55 in a southeastwardly direction to its intersection with the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway; running thence with the centerline of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railway in a southeastwardly direction to its intersection with Jack Smith's Creek; running thence down the creek in a northeastwardly direction to the Neuse River; thence down the river in a southerly direction to the terminus of Queen Street, the point of beginning: One member.
- (5) DISTRICT NO. 5: Consisting of Township Number Seven and that part of Township Number Six bounded by a perimeter which begins at the intersection of S.R. #1101 with the Craven- Jones County line; running thence in an eastwardly direction along the centerline of S.R. #1101 to its intersection with S.R. #1104; thence in a northerly direction with the centerline of S.R. #1104 extended to the Neuse River; thence down the river in an eastwardly direction to the western boundary of the U.S. Marine Corps Cherry Point Air Station; thence running with the western boundary line of USMAC in a southerly direction to its intersection with Cedar Creek; thence in a southerly direction along the run of Cedar Creek to its intersection with Slocum Creek; thence in a southerly direction with the southwest prong of Slocum Creek to its intersection with the Atlantic & East Carolina Railroad; thence along the centerline of the railroad to its intersection with S.R. #1756; thence along the centerline of S.R. #1756 in a southwestwardly direction to its intersection with the Camp Lejeune Railroad; thence with the railroad in a southwestwardly direction to the Carteret County line; thence with the Craven-Carteret County line in a southwestwardly direction to the Jones County line; thence in a northerly direction with the Craven-Jones County line to its intersection with S.R. #1101, the point of beginning: One member.

- (6) DISTRICT NO. 6: Consisting of that part of Township Number Six bounded by a perimeter which begins at the intersection of the Camp Lejeune Railroad with the Carteret County line; thence with the centerline of the railroad in a northeastwardly direction to its intersection with S.R. #1756; thence with the centerline of S.R. #1756 in a northerly direction to its intersection with the Atlantic & East Carolina Railroad; thence with the centerline of the Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad in a northwestwardly direction to its intersection with the southwest prong of Slocum Creek; thence down the run of the southwest prong of Slocum Creek in a northeastwardly direction to Slocum Creek; thence down the run of Slocum Creek in a northerly direction to the mouth of Cedar Creek; thence up the run of Cedar Creek in a westwardly direction to its intersection with the boundary line of the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station; thence with the boundaries of the air station in a northerly, then westwardly, then northerly direction to the Neuse River; thence down the Neuse River in an eastwardly direction to the mouth of Hancock Creek; thence up the run of Hancock Creek in a southerly direction to a point where Roosevelt Boulevard extended would intersect Hancock Creek; thence with the centerline of Roosevelt Boulevard in a westwardly and southerly direction to its intersection with U.S. Highway #70; thence with U.S. Highway #70 in a southerly direction to its intersection with the Craven- Carteret County line; thence southwestwardly with the county line to its intersection with the Camp Lejeune Railroad to the point of beginning: One member.
- (7) DISTRICT NO. 7: Consisting of Township Number Five and that part of Township Number Six bounded by a perimeter which begins at the intersection of U.S. Highway #70 with the Carteret County Line; and runs with the centerline of U.S. Highway #70 in a northwestwardly direction to its intersection with Roosevelt Boulevard; thence along the centerline of Roosevelt Boulevard in a northerly and then eastwardly direction to Hancock Creek; thence up the run of Hancock Creek in a southerly direction to its intersection with the boundary line of Township Number Five; thence with the Township Number Five boundary line in a southerly direction to its intersection with the Carteret County line: One member.

Sec. 3. Each member must reside in the District which he represents. The New Bern-Craven County Board of Education shall be elected on a partisan basis. Commencing on the first Monday in December, 1984, the membership of the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education shall be constituted as follows:

- (1) During the county primary of 1984, there may be nominated one candidate for each political party from Districts 1 through 7.
- (2) The candidate of each political party receiving the majority of votes cast by the qualified voters of his respective District shall be declared

the nominee of his party; and his name shall appear on the ballot for the general election, as provided by law.

- (3) During the county general election of 1984, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the entire county the members of the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education.
- (4) In 1984 and quadrennially thereafter, members of the Board of Education shall be elected from Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 for four-year terms.
- (5) In 1984, members of the Board of Education shall be elected from Districts 2, 4, and 6 for two-year terms. In 1986, and quadrennially thereafter, members of the Board of Education shall be elected from Districts 2, 4, and 6 for four-year terms.
- (6) The qualified voters of each district shall nominate candidates who reside in the district for the seat apportioned to that district, and the qualified voters of the entire county shall elect all the members of the board.

Sec. 4. The candidates elected to the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education shall qualify and take office on the first Monday in December of the year in which elected.

Vacancies occurring in the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education after the first Monday in December of 1984 for any reason shall be filled for the unexpired term by action of the County Executive Committee of the political party of the member causing the vacancy.

Sec. 5. The Craven County Board of Elections shall hold and conduct primary and general elections for members of the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.

Sec. 6. The terms of office of members of the New Bern- Craven County Board of Education elected in 1982 for four-year terms are terminated on the first Monday in December of 1984.

Sec. 7. The current members of the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education shall continue to serve until the first Monday in December of 1984 as long as they remain eligible according to the old district boundaries, and vacancies which occur before then shall be filled in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan of Merger as if it had not been repealed, with appointees to serve until the first Monday in December of 1984.

Sec. 8. This act shall become effective January 1, 1984.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 28th day of April, 1983.