

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 97
HOUSE BILL 350

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE ROWAN
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Rowan County Board of Education shall consist of five members who shall serve for terms of four years each, and, for purposes of electing members of said board, Rowan County is divided into five districts bounded and described as follows:

"District No. 1 - North Rowan High School attendance zone.

District No. 2 - South Rowan High School attendance zone.

District No. 3 - East Rowan High School attendance zone.

District No. 4 - West Rowan High School attendance zone.

District No. 5 - Rowan County School District (the at-large position)."

Sec. 2. In the general election to be held in Rowan County in 1984, there shall be elected three members of the Rowan County Board of Education. One of said members shall be a resident of District No. 1, the North Rowan High School attendance zone, one shall be a resident of District No. 2, the South Rowan High School attendance zone, and one shall be a resident of District No. 4, the West Rowan High School attendance zone. The candidate from District No. 1, the candidate from District No. 2, and the candidate from District No. 4 receiving the highest number of votes in the 1984 general election shall be elected for a term of four years. In the general election to be held in Rowan County in 1986, there shall be elected two members of the Rowan County Board of Education. One of said members shall be a resident of District No. 3, the East Rowan High School attendance zone, and the other shall be from District No. 5, designated as the at-large position on the board. The candidate from District No. 3 and the candidate from District No. 5 receiving the highest number of votes in the 1986 general election shall be elected for a term of four years. In 1988, and quadrennially thereafter, three members shall be elected for a term of four years. In 1990, and quadrennially thereafter, two members shall be elected for a term of four years.

Sec. 3. The members representing the various districts on the Rowan County Board of Education shall be residents of said districts, except for that member filing for District No. 5, the at-large position on the board who need only be a resident of the Rowan County School District, and shall file with the County Board of Elections of Rowan County no earlier than 12:00 noon on the sixteenth Friday and no later than 12:00 noon on the twelfth Friday before the general election, a notice of candidacy

which shall give the candidate's name, address, place of residence and a statement that he desires to be a candidate for membership on the said Rowan County Board of Education for the district in which he resides, or the at-large position on the board. The election of said members of said board shall be in the general election and shall be by nonpartisan election. The Board of Elections of Rowan County shall prepare a separate ballot for the election of said members which shall, among other things, contain the name of the candidate, the school district that he desires to represent, including the at-large position, and shall not contain any reference to party affiliation in any manner or form. The said candidates for membership on the Rowan County Board of Education shall be voted on at large by the eligible voters of the Rowan County School District, and the Board of Elections of Rowan County shall canvass and judicially determine the results of said election and declare the members so elected. All persons elected shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified, and any vacancy occurring on the Rowan County Board of Education by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the remaining members of the Rowan County Board of Education for the unexpired term, but the person appointed to fill such vacancy where the vacancy occurs in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 must be from the same district as the person whose death, resignation or removal created the vacancy on the board. Where the vacancy is created from District No. 5, the at-large position, the only requisite is that the individual appointed to fill that vacancy be a resident of the Rowan County School District.

Sec. 4. The election of said members of the Rowan County Board of Education, as hereinabove provided, shall be governed by Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, insofar as the same be applicable and not in conflict with the expressed terms of this act. The Rowan County Board of Elections is hereby authorized and empowered to create any necessary precincts, to appoint any necessary election officials and to set up and establish all necessary books and records for conduct of said election. The results of the election shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 163-292.

Sec. 5. The terms of the current members of the Rowan County Board of Education shall expire on the first Monday of December after the election of their successors.

Sec. 6. Chapter 165, Session Laws of 1975, is repealed.

Sec. 7. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of March, 1983.