

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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CHAPTER 926  
HOUSE BILL 2333

AN ACT TO EXPAND THE BLADEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM FIVE TO NINE MEMBERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR NOMINATION AND ELECTION UNDER A MIXED ELECTORAL SYSTEM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Effective on the first Monday in December of 1988, the Bladen County Board of County Commissioners shall consist of nine members.

Sec. 2. (a) For the purpose of nominating and electing members of the County Board of Commissioners, Bladen County is divided into three districts. Members of the Board of County Commissioners shall be elected as follows:

Six members will be nominated in partisan primaries and elected from the three districts described in subsection (b) of this section with two members elected from each district for four-year staggered terms. These members will be elected from separate numbered seats to which a majority vote requirement will apply for the primary election in accordance with G.S. 163-111.

Three members will be elected for four-year concurrent terms in countywide elections using limited voting in both the party primaries and the general election. In these elections each voter will be entitled to vote for one candidate, and the top three vote getters will be nominated and elected by a plurality of votes. These three members will be elected in 1988 and every four years thereafter.

(b) **District One** shall be composed of Carvers Creek Township, Whites Creek Township (minus census split ED 66-D), Frenches Creek Township, Brown Marsh Township, Lake Creek Township and Census Enumeration Districts 69A, 69B and 68A (minus census splits ED 68A-A, -B and -G), and census splits ED 67-Y through -AE of enumeration district 67 of Elizabethtown Township.

Both seats in District 1 will be elected in 1988, one to serve a two-year term and one to serve a four-year term. The candidate receiving the most votes in the general election shall serve a four-year term and the candidate receiving the second most votes in the general election shall serve a two-year term. One commissioner will be elected in 1990 and every two years thereafter.

**District Two** shall be composed of Bethel Township, Bladenboro Township, Abbotts Township and Census Enumeration District 70T of Elizabethtown Township.

One seat will be elected in District 2 in 1988 for a four-year term. Incumbent Commissioner Roberts will serve out the remainder of his term (until 1990) in the other

seat in District 2. One commissioner will be elected from District 2 in 1990 and every two years thereafter.

**District Three** shall be composed of Colly Township, Hollow Township, White Oak Township, Cypress Creek Township, Turnbull Township, Central Township, Census Enumeration District split ED 66-D of Whites Creek Township, and Census Enumeration Districts 68V, 70D, 70E, 70F and Census splits ED 68A-A, -B and -G of enumeration District 68A, and 67 (minus census splits ED 67-Y through -AE) of Elizabethtown Township.

Incumbent Commissioners Huggins and Tatum will serve out the remainder of their terms (until 1990) in seats in District 3. Two commissioners will be elected from District 3 in 1990, one for a two-year term and one for a four-year term. The candidate receiving the most votes in the general election shall serve a four-year term and the candidate receiving the second most votes in the general election shall serve a two-year term. One commissioner will be elected from District 3 in 1992 and every two years thereafter.

Sec. 3. Section 2 of Chapter 52, Public-Local Laws of 1933, and Chapter 158 Session Laws of 1967 are repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective on the first Monday in December 1988.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of June, 1988.