AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARTISAN ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE STANLY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the Plan for the Merger of the Stanly County and Albemarle City Schools or any other provision of law, beginning in 2016, the members of Stanly County Board of Education shall be elected on a partisan basis at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year as terms expire. Candidates for election to the Stanly County Board of Education shall be nominated at the same time and manner as other county officers. Vacancies on the Stanly County Board of Education for positions elected on a partisan basis shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1.

SECTION 2. Effective the first Monday in December of 2016, G.S. 115C-37.1(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) This section shall apply only in the following counties: Alleghany, Brunswick, Graham, Guilford, Harnett, Lee, New Hanover, Stanly, Vance, and Washington."

SECTION 3. This act does not affect the terms of office of any person elected in 2012 or 2014 to the Stanly County Board of Education. Any vacancy occurring in the Stanly County Board of Education by death, resignation, or otherwise for positions elected on a nonpartisan basis in 2012 or 2014 shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board of Education, and the person chosen shall serve for the unexpired term and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of September, 2015.

s/ Tom Apodaca
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Paul Stam
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives