

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015**

**SESSION LAW 2015-243  
HOUSE BILL 188**

**AN ACT TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF SELECTION OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF  
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115D-12(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Each community college established or operated pursuant to this Chapter shall be governed by a board of trustees consisting of ~~13 members, or of additional members if selected according to the special procedure prescribed by the third paragraph of this subsection,~~ 15 members, who shall be selected by the following agencies. No member of the General Assembly may be appointed to a local board of trustees for a community college.

~~Group One — four trustees, elected by the board of education of the public school administrative unit located in the administrative area of the institution. If there are two or more public school administrative units, whether city or county units, or both, located within the administrative area, the trustees shall be elected jointly by all of the boards of education of those units, each board having one vote in the election of each trustee, except as provided in G.S. 115D-59. No board of education shall elect a member of the board of education or any person employed by the board of education to serve as a trustee, however, any such person currently serving on a board of trustees shall be permitted to fulfill the unexpired portion of the trustee's current term.~~

~~Group Two —~~ four-10 trustees, elected as follows:

(1) Seven members elected by the Rutherford County Commissioners as follows:

- a. The appointment of two trustees for terms commencing July 1, 2016, and quadrennially thereafter.
- b. The appointment of two trustees for terms commencing July 1, 2017, and quadrennially thereafter.
- c. The appointment of one trustee for a term commencing July 1, 2018, and quadrennially thereafter.
- d. The appointment of two trustees for a term commencing July 1, 2019, and quadrennially thereafter.

The Rutherford County Commissioners shall ensure that among the members elected, at least one trustee has experience in a small business, one trustee has private sector experience in accounting or budgeting, and one trustee has private sector experience in building maintenance or equipment.

(2) Three members elected by the Polk County Commissioners, as follows:

- a. The appointment of one trustee for a term commencing July 1, 2017, and quadrennially thereafter.
- b. The appointment of one trustee for a term commencing July 1, 2018, and quadrennially thereafter.
- c. The appointment of one trustee for a term commencing July 1, 2019, and quadrennially thereafter.

The Polk County Commissioners shall ensure that among the members elected, at least one trustee has experience in a small business.

~~by the board of commissioners of the county in which the institution is located. Provided, however, if the administrative area of the institution is composed of two or more counties, the trustees shall be elected jointly by the boards of commissioners of all those counties, each board having one vote in the election of each trustee. Provided, also, the county commissioners~~



~~of the county in which the community college has established a satellite campus may elect an additional two members if the board of trustees of the community college agrees. No more than one trustee from Group Two may be a member of a board of county commissioners. Should the boards of education or the boards of commissioners involved be unable to agree on one or more trustees the senior resident superior court judge in the superior court district or set of districts as defined in G.S. 7A-41.1 where the institution is located shall fill the position or positions by appointment.~~

Group Three – four trustees, appointed by the Governor.

Group Four – the president of the student government or the chairman of the executive board of the student body of each community college established pursuant to this Chapter shall be an ex officio nonvoting member of the board of trustees of each said institution."

**SECTION 2.** This act applies only to Isothermal Community College.

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to appointments to terms beginning on or after July 1, 2016. The Rutherford County Commissioners and Polk County Commissioners shall ensure that members with the required experiential backgrounds, as required by G.S. 115D-12(a), as enacted in this act, are elected to the board of trustees of Isothermal Community College no later than July 1, 2019.

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

s/ Tom Apodaca  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Paul Stam  
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives