AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ELECTION OF THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:


SECTION 2. Section 3.1 of S.L. 2017-78, as amended by S.L. 2017-200, reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 3.1. Notwithstanding the Plan for the Merger of the Cleveland County, Kings Mountain District, and Shelby City Schools and S.L. 2004-41, as amended by S.L. 2007-49, beginning with the 2017-2020 elections, members of the Cleveland County Board of Education shall be elected in elections conducted on a partisan basis, as provided in G.S. 163-291, at the time of the general election for four-year terms in each even-numbered year as terms expire. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in accordance with general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers, except as otherwise provided herein. Unaffiliated candidates shall be nominated by petition as provided in G.S. 163-296, G.S. 163A-1005(a)(3). Vacancies for members elected in 2017 and thereafter shall be filled as provided in G.S. 115C-37.1.

Notwithstanding the Plan for the Merger of the Cleveland County, Kings Mountain District, and Shelby City Schools, in 2020, five members of the Board shall be elected on the date of the general election, and every four years thereafter, and in 2022, four members of the Board shall be elected on the date of the general election, and every four years thereafter.

Elected members of the Board shall take office and qualify on the first Monday in December of the year of their election and the terms of their predecessors shall expire at that same time. Members shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified."

SECTION 3. Each member of the Cleveland County Board of Education elected in 2015 or 2017, or any member appointed to fill a vacancy of a member elected in 2015 or 2017, shall have his or her term extended by one year and shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of December, 2018.

s/ William (Bill) Rabon
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives