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HOUSE BILL 870

Short Title: Raleigh Council Districts.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Pope.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CITY OF RALEIGH TO ESTABLISH A PAIRED-DISTRICT PLAN FOR ELECTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 160A-101(6) reads as rewritten:

"(6) Mode of election of the council:

a. All candidates shall be nominated and elected by all the qualified voters of the city.

b. The city shall be divided into single-member electoral districts; council members shall be apportioned to the districts so that each member represents the same number of persons as nearly as possible, except for members apportioned to the city at large, if any; the qualified voters of each district shall nominate and elect candidates who reside in the district for seats apportioned to that district; and all the qualified voters of the city shall nominate and elect candidates apportioned to the city at large, if any.

b1. The city shall be divided into an six single-member electoral districts; council members shall be apportioned to the districts so that each member represents the same number of persons as nearly as possible; the qualified voters of each district shall nominate and elect candidates who reside in the district for the seat apportioned to that district. Those six single-member electoral districts shall be paired to form three single-member

1 electoral districts; the qualified voters of each district shall
2 nominate and elect candidates who reside in the district for the
3 seat apportioned to that district. No seats shall be apportioned
4 to the city at large.

5 c. The city shall be divided into single-member electoral districts;
6 council members shall be apportioned to the districts so that
7 each member represents the same number of persons as nearly
8 as possible, except for members apportioned to the city at large;
9 and candidates shall reside in and represent the districts
10 according to the apportionment plan adopted, but all candidates
11 shall be nominated and elected by all the qualified voters of the
12 city.

13 d. The city shall be divided into electoral districts equal in number
14 to one half the number of council seats; the council seats shall
15 be divided equally into 'ward seats' and 'at-large seats,' one
16 each of which shall be apportioned to each district, so that each
17 council member represents the same number of persons as
18 nearly as possible; the qualified voters of each district shall
19 nominate and elect candidates to the 'ward seats'; candidates for
20 the 'at-large seats' shall reside in and represent the districts
21 according to the apportionment plan adopted, but all candidates
22 for 'at-large' seats shall be nominated and elected by all the
23 qualified voters of the city.

24 e. The city shall be divided into single-member electoral districts;
25 council members shall be apportioned to the districts so that
26 each member represents the same number of persons as nearly
27 as possible, except for members apportioned to the city at large,
28 if any; in a nonpartisan primary, the qualified voters of each
29 district shall nominate two candidates who reside in the district,
30 and the qualified voters of the entire city shall nominate two
31 candidates for each seat apportioned to the city at large, if any;
32 and all candidates shall be elected by all the qualified voters of
33 the city.

34 If either of options b, b1, c, d or e is adopted, the council shall divide the city into
35 the requisite number of single-member electoral districts according to the apportionment
36 plan adopted, and shall cause a map of the districts so laid out to be drawn up and filed
37 as provided by G.S. 160A-22 and 160A-23. No more than one half of the council may
38 be apportioned to the city at large. An initiative petition may specify the number of
39 single-member electoral districts to be laid out, but the drawing of district boundaries
40 and apportionment of members to the districts shall be done in all cases by the council."

41 Sec. 2. This act applies to the City of Raleigh only.

42 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.