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Short Title: Carteret Commissioners Election.

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April 5, 1993

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO EXPAND THE CARTERET COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND REAPPORTION THE NOMINATION  
AND ELECTION DISTRICTS.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Effective the first Monday in December of 1996, the Carteret County Board of Commissioners consists of seven members.

Sec. 2. (a) Carteret County is divided into five districts as provided by Section 3 of this act.

(b) The qualified voters of each district shall nominate candidates who reside in the district for seats apportioned to that district, and the qualified voters of the entire county shall elect all the members of the board. The general election ballot shall provide for each district to be voted on separately.

(c) In 1996, the three persons elected who receive the highest numbers of votes are elected to four-year terms. Their successors shall be elected in 2000 and quadrennially thereafter for four-year terms. In 1996, the four persons elected who receive the next highest numbers of votes are elected to two-year terms. Their successors shall be elected in 1998 and quadrennially thereafter for four-year terms.

Sec. 3. One member of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners shall be elected each from Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5, and three members of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners shall be elected from District 3.

Sec. 4. The districts are as follows:

1 District 1: That part of Morehead township in the corporate limits of the Town of  
2 Emerald Isle, White Oak township.

3 District 2: Newport township.

4 District 3: Harlowe township, all of Morehead township except the area within the  
5 corporate limits of the Town of Emerald Isle.

6 District 4: Beaufort township, Merrimon township.

7 District 5: Atlantic township, Cedar Island township, Davis township, Harkers Island  
8 township, Marshallberg township, Portsmouth township, Sea Level township, Smyrna  
9 township, Stacy township, Straits township.

10 Sec. 5. When more than one person is seeking nomination to a single office,  
11 the candidate who receives the highest number of votes shall be declared the nominee.  
12 When more persons are seeking nomination to two or more offices (constituting a  
13 group) than there are offices to be filled, those candidates receiving the highest number  
14 of votes, equal in number to the number of offices to be filled, shall be declared the  
15 nominees. If two or more candidates receiving the highest number of votes necessary to  
16 be nominated each receive the same number of votes, the proper party executive  
17 committee shall, from among those candidates receiving the same number of votes,  
18 select the party nominee in accordance with G.S. 163-114.

19 Sec. 6. Chapter 1043, Session Laws of 1963, and Chapter 723, Session Laws  
20 of 1965, are repealed.

21 Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 6 of this act do not affect the terms of office or  
22 manner of filling the vacancy of any person serving on the Board of Commissioners of  
23 Carteret County previously elected for a term expiring in 1996.

24 Sec. 8. This act is effective upon ratification.