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HOUSE BILL 471

Short Title: Buncombe County Commission Districts. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Moffitt (Primary Sponsor).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Government.

March 28, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY
3 FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF
4 ALL BUT THE CHAIR BY DISTRICTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter 936, Session Laws of 1963, as amended by
7 referendum under G.S. 153A-58 to increase the size to four members plus the separately
8 elected chairman, as amended by Chapter 129 of the 1983 Session Laws to provide for a board
9 of five members which elects its own chairman, and as amended again by referendum in 1984
10 under G.S. 153A-58 to provide for four members plus the separately elected chairman, is
11 rewritten to read:

12 "Section 1.(a) The Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County shall consist of six
13 members plus the chairman.

14 (b) In 2012 and quadrennially thereafter, the chairman shall be elected separately by all
15 the qualified voters of Buncombe County.

16 (c) In 2012, two commissioners shall be elected from each of the three House of
17 Representatives Districts in Buncombe County. In each district the person receiving the highest
18 number of votes is elected to a four-year term, and the person receiving the second highest
19 number of votes is elected to a two-year term. In 2014 and biennially thereafter, one
20 commissioner shall be elected from each district for a four-year term. Each member shall reside
21 in and represent one of the districts, and only the qualified voters of that district are eligible to
22 vote for that district seat. The districts shall be numbered 1, 2, and 3 and shall correspond to the
23 numerical order of the three house districts.

24 (d) If after the 2020 or subsequent censuses Buncombe County is not entitled to exactly
25 three House of Representatives districts, the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County
26 may redistrict the three county commissioner districts in accordance with G.S. 153A-22, but in
27 doing so shall only deviate from the boundaries of the three House of Representatives districts
28 to the extent necessary to account as appropriate either for (i) areas of Buncombe County not in
29 one of those three house districts or (ii) areas in another county or counties located in one or
30 more of the three house districts."

31 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective on the first Monday in
32 December of 2012, and the 2012 election shall be conducted as provided therein. This act is
33 effective when it becomes law.

