

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 229

Short Title: Elections/Cities in More Than One County. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Ballard (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 13, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SINGLE COUNTY TO ADMINISTER ELECTIONS HELD
IN CITIES THAT LIE IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY AS RELATED TO CERTAIN
COUNTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163A-1589 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163A-1589. **Mandatory administration by county boards of elections.**

(a) The registration of voters and the conduct of all elections in municipalities and special districts shall be under the authority of the county board of elections. Any contested election or allegations of irregularities shall be made to the county board of elections and appeals from such rulings may be made to the State Board under existing statutory provisions and rules or regulations adopted by the State Board.

(b) Each municipality and special district shall reimburse the county board of elections for the actual cost involved in the administration required under this section.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section and G.S. 163A-1593, a city or special district that lies in more than one county may enter into an interlocal agreement under Article 20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes with the county boards of election in those counties where the city or special district lies regarding the administration of the municipal election. The interlocal agreement shall (i) be approved by the State Board prior to use in a municipal or special district election and (ii) have a maximum duration of two years."

SECTION 2. This act applies to the following counties only: Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Surry, Watauga, and Wilkes.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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