



HOUSE BILL 38: Bd. of Trustees/Isothermal CC.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Education/Higher Education.	If Date:	June 16, 2021
	favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate		
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 38 would do the following:*

- *Allow one member from each of the boards of county commissioners in Rutherford and Polk counties to be members of the Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College.*
- *Require the members of the Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College to maintain their county of residence while serving on the Board.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 115D-12 requires each community college to have a board of trustees and sets the requirements for the selection of the trustees. Isothermal Community College has a local modification to that statute in S.L. 2015-243.

The Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College is made up of 15 members, as follows:

- 7 trustees elected by the Rutherford County Commissioners.
- 3 trustees elected by the Polk County Commissioners.
- 4 trustees appointed by the Governor.
- The president of the student government or the chair of the executive board of the student body.

Among the trustees selected by the county commissioners, only one may be a county commissioner. Each trustee, other than the student trustee, must be a resident of Isothermal Community College's administrative area or a contiguous county.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 1 would allow up to two county commissioners to be members of the Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College, as follows:

- Up to one trustee elected by the Rutherford County Commissioners can be a Rutherford County Commissioner.
- Up to one trustee elected by the Polk County Commissioners can be a Polk County Commissioner.

Section 2 would require that each trustee on the Board of Trustees of Isothermal Community College remain throughout the term of office on the board as a resident of the same county where the trustee resided at the time of the trustee's appointment.

Section 3 would apply this act only to Isothermal Community College.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to appointments to terms beginning on or after July 1, 2021.

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