

April 12, 2001

H 1178. VOTERS RESOLVE LOCAL SCHOOL FUNDING DISPUTES. TO LET THE VOTERS RESOLVE DISPUTES BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING SCHOOL FUNDING. Rewrites GS 115C-431 to make the following changes in procedure for resolving a dispute between a board of education and a board of county commissioners regarding school funding: (1) requires mediator, if no agreement is reached, to announce the final positions of both boards; (2) deletes provisions for action in superior court to resolve the issue; (3) requires that, if mediation does not resolve the issue, the question of which board's final position shall be implemented must be submitted to voters in a referendum or election called for that purpose; and (4) requires board of commissioners, pending the outcome of the election or referendum, to appropriate a sum sufficient when added to other available moneys to equal the amount of the fund for the previous year. Rewrites GS 115C-507 to provide for the notice, ballot wording, and procedures for such elections. Effective July 1, 2001.

Intro. by Blust.

Ref. to Rules	GS 115C
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