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**S 789. SCHOOL ELECTION OPTIONS. TO GIVE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF THEIR ELECTION IN A MANNER MODELED AFTER AUTHORITY ALREADY GIVEN TO CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNING BOARDS.**

Creates GS 115C-37.2 to 15C-37.11 to provide indicated flexibility to local boards of education. Allows flexibility regarding terms of office (two, four, or six years), number of members (three to twelve members), mode of election (at-large, districts, or a combination), elections (partisan, nonpartisan plurality, nonpartisan election and runoff, or nonpartisan primary and election), selection of chair (elected by voters or chosen by board from its membership), and date for assumption of office (July or December following May elections). Provides for choices among options to be made by board resolution (with a mandatory public hearing on the resolution). The board may elect to make the changes subject to approval by voter referendum (referendum required if it is requested by a petition of 10% of the registered voters or 5,000 voters, whichever is less). Provides that form of government amendments shall continue in effect for at least two years.

**Intro. by Hartsell.**

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