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H 302. WAKE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS. Filed 2/25/09. *TO PROVIDE THAT FIVE MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BE ELECTED FROM DISTRICTS AND FOUR AT-LARGE, TO MOVE THOSE ELECTIONS TO THE EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, TO BE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER ON A PLURALITY BASIS.*

Amends Section 7 of SL 1975-717, as amended, by providing that, beginning in 2010, the Wake County Board of Education (board) shall be elected on the date of general election by plurality election method (was, election and runoff method). Provides that five members of the board are elected from single-member districts and that four members are elected by all the voters of Wake County. Also amends Section 6 of SL 1975-717, as amended, by requiring that, in 2010, for the at-large seats, the two individuals receiving the most votes are elected to four-year terms and the two individuals receiving the next highest number of votes are elected to two-year terms. In 2012, and quadrennially thereafter, two individuals are elected at-large to four-year terms. In 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, two individuals are elected at-large to four-year terms. Also establishes, in 2010, that one member is elected from each district, with members elected for districts 1, 2, and 3 elected to four-year terms and from districts 4 and 5 elected to two-year terms. In 2012, and quadrennially thereafter, members elected from districts 4 and 5 are elected to four-year terms. In 2014, and quadrennially thereafter, members elected from districts 1, 2, and 3 are elected to four-year terms.

Repeals Section 5 of SL 1975-717, as amended, (establishing 9 voting precincts). Creates a new Section 5.1 of SL 1975-717, as amended, to require that the board adopt an electoral district plan for the 2010 election, with five single-member districts, by January 1, 2010. Provides for composition of districts and modification to account for population imbalances after each federal census.

Provides that the terms of the current Wake County Board of Education members terminate on the first Monday in December of 2010, regardless if a member was (1) elected in 2005 for terms expiring in 2009 or (2) elected in 2007 for terms expiring in 2011.

Makes conforming changes to Section 9 of SL 1975-717, as amended. Repeals Section 8 of SL 1975-717, as amended (related to filling board vacancies).

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