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SENATE BILL 260  
State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 6/7/11  
PROPOSED HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S260-PCS35291-TH-11

Short Title: Pitt County School Board Election.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 9, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
3 FROM TWELVE MEMBERS TO SEVEN, TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS  
4 RATHER THAN SIX-YEAR TERMS, AND TO ADD AN AT-LARGE MEMBER,  
5 SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter 193 of the 1987 Session Laws reads as  
8 rewritten:

9 "**Section 1.** Beginning ~~December 7, 1987,~~ December 1, 2014, the Pitt County Board of  
10 Education shall consist of ~~12 members, with two~~ seven members, one of whom is elected at  
11 large and one each elected from six districts in nonpartisan plurality elections. Only voters  
12 residing in a district may vote for the members from that district."

13 **SECTION 2.** Section 4 of Chapter 193 of the 1987 Session Laws reads as  
14 rewritten:

15 "**Sec. 4.** ~~After the initial election, elections~~ Other than for the at-large member elected in  
16 2014, elections shall be held in ~~1990 and subsequent even-numbered years~~ 2016 and  
17 quadrennially thereafter as terms expire, at the time set by general State law for the election of  
18 county boards of education. Members elected in ~~1990~~ 2016 and subsequent years shall take  
19 office at the time set by general State law and shall serve for terms of ~~six~~ four years."

20 **SECTION 3.** In the 2014 election, one member shall be elected at large for a  
21 two-year term. No election shall be held for full terms of district members of the Pitt County  
22 Board of Education in 2014 so as to reduce the total number of members from 12 to seven.  
23 This act does not affect the terms of office of members elected for six-year terms in 2008.

24 **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act become effective only if approved by  
25 a majority of the qualified voters of the County of Pitt in a referendum. The election shall be  
26 conducted by the Pitt County Board of Elections in the 2012 general election. The question on  
27 the ballot shall be:

28 "[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

29 Reducing the size of the Pitt County Board of Education from 12 to seven members,  
30 to provide for four-year terms rather than six-year terms, and to add an at-large member."

31 **SECTION 5.** If a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the question, Sections 1  
32 through 3 of this act become effective as provided therein.



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**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.