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SENATE BILL DRS35107-LU-65

Short Title: Elections/Cities in More Than One County. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Ballard (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SINGLE COUNTY TO ADMINISTER ELECTIONS HELD  
3 IN CITIES THAT LIE IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY AS RELATED TO CERTAIN  
4 COUNTIES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 163A-1589 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 163A-1589. **Mandatory administration by county boards of elections.**

8 (a) The registration of voters and the conduct of all elections in municipalities and special  
9 districts shall be under the authority of the county board of elections. Any contested election or  
10 allegations of irregularities shall be made to the county board of elections and appeals from such  
11 rulings may be made to the State Board under existing statutory provisions and rules or  
12 regulations adopted by the State Board.

13 (b) Each municipality and special district shall reimburse the county board of elections  
14 for the actual cost involved in the administration required under this section.

15 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section and G.S. 163A-1593, a city or special  
16 district that lies in more than one county may enter into an interlocal agreement under Article 20  
17 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes with the county boards of election in those counties  
18 where the city or special district lies regarding the administration of the municipal election. The  
19 interlocal agreement shall (i) be approved by the State Board prior to use in a municipal or special  
20 district election and (ii) have a maximum duration of two years."

21 SECTION 2. This act applies to the following counties only: Alleghany, Ashe,  
22 Caldwell, Surry, Watauga, and Wilkes.

23 SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

