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HOUSE BILL DRH10796-MK-224

Short Title: Iredell-Statesville Bd. of Ed/Election Method. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Fraley.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A VOTER REFERENDUM ON CHANGING THE METHOD
3 OF ELECTION OF THE IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF
4 EDUCATION FROM PARTISAN TO NONPARTISAN.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** Section 3.5 of S.L. 2015-35, as amended by Section 30 of S.L.
7 2015-264, reads as rewritten:

8 "**SECTION 3.5.(a)** Notwithstanding the PLAN OF MERGER OF THE IREDELL
9 COUNTY AND STATESVILLE CITY SCHOOLS, as amended by Section 2 of S.L. 2002-18,
10 beginning in ~~2016, 2022,~~ members of the Iredell-Statesville Schools Board of Education shall be
11 elected on a ~~partisan~~ nonpartisan plurality basis at the time of the general election in each
12 even-numbered year as terms ~~expire. Candidates for election to the Iredell Statesville Schools~~
13 ~~Board of Education shall be nominated at the same time and manner as other county officers.~~
14 expire in accordance with G.S. 163-292. Candidates shall file notice of candidacy not earlier than
15 12:00 noon on the first Friday in July (except that if that day is a holiday, then not earlier than
16 12:00 noon on the next Monday) and not later than 12:00 noon on the first Friday in August of
17 the year of election.

18 Members elected shall take office and qualify on the first Monday in December of the year
19 of their election and the terms of their predecessors shall expire at that same time. Vacancies on
20 the Iredell-Statesville Schools Board of Education for positions elected on a partisan basis in
21 2018 or 2020 shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1.

22 "**SECTION 3.5.(b)** For positions elected on a nonpartisan basis ~~in 2012 or 2014,~~ beginning
23 in 2022, vacancies occurring in the membership of the Iredell-Statesville Schools Board of
24 Education shall be filled for the unexpired term by the remaining members of the Board of
25 Education."

26 **SECTION 1.(b)** This act does not affect the terms of office of any person elected in
27 2018 or 2020 to the Iredell-Statesville Schools Board of Education. Each member of the
28 Iredell-Statesville Schools Board of Education elected in 2018 and 2020, or any member
29 appointed to fill a vacancy for a member elected in 2018 or 2020, shall serve until a successor
30 has been elected and qualified.

31 **SECTION 2.** Effective the first Monday in December of 2022, G.S. 115C-37.1(d)
32 reads as rewritten:

33 "(d) This section shall apply only in the following counties: Alleghany, Beaufort,
34 Brunswick, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Dare, Davie, Graham, Guilford, Harnett, Hyde,
35 ~~Iredell,~~ Lee, Madison, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Vance,
36 Washington, and Yancey."



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