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HOUSE BILL DRH30579-NG-118

Short Title: Elect Thomasville City Schools Board Members. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Watford.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE THOMASVILLE CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
3 FROM APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ELECTED MEMBERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Beginning in 2023, the Thomasville City Schools Board of Education
6 (Board) shall be composed of five members elected to staggered four-year terms.

7 **SECTION 2.** Elected members of the Board shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis
8 at the time of the general election in each odd-numbered year to serve a four-year term. The
9 nonpartisan primary and election method shall be used with the results determined as provided
10 in G.S. 163-294. The primary shall be held on the date provided by G.S. 163-1 for county partisan
11 primaries. Candidates shall file their notice of candidacy with the county board of elections under
12 the same schedule provided by G.S. 163-106.2. The names of the candidates shall be printed on
13 the ballots without reference to any party affiliation, and any qualified voter residing in the
14 Thomasville City Schools Administrative Unit shall be eligible to vote for all candidates. Except
15 as provided by this act, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable
16 provisions of Chapters 115C and 163 of the General Statutes. Members shall take office at the
17 first regular meeting of the Board in December following their election, and the terms of their
18 predecessors shall expire at that same time. Members shall serve until a successor has been
19 elected and qualified. Vacancies for positions elected on the Board shall be filled in accordance
20 with G.S. 115C-37(f). No member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms without an
21 intervening period of at least four years. Appointments to vacancies shall not be considered a full
22 term.

23 **SECTION 3.** The terms of members appointed to the Board who are serving their
24 terms at the time of the effective date of this act shall expire upon the qualification of members
25 elected to the Board in 2023.

26 **SECTION 4.** Notwithstanding Section 1 of this act, for Board elections conducted
27 in 2023, two members shall be elected to a two-year term and three members shall be elected to
28 four-year terms.

29 **SECTION 5.** The following acts are repealed:

- 30 (1) Chapter 88 of the 1965 Session Laws.
31 (2) Section 504 of Article V of the Charter of the City of Thomasville as enacted
32 by Chapter 211 of the 1981 Session Laws.
33 (3) Any provision of law in conflict with this act.

34 **SECTION 6.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law
35 and applies to elections conducted on or after that date.



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