



HOUSE BILL 27: Elect Thomasville City Bd. of Ed.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 27 would provide that, beginning in 2023, members of the Thomasville City Board of Education would be elected using the nonpartisan plurality method, rather than being appointed by the Thomasville City Council.

CURRENT LAW: The Thomasville City Board of Education ("Board") consists of five members. The members are appointed by the Thomasville City Council on the first Monday in July of each year. Members of the Board serve staggered two-year terms.

Vacancies are filled by appointment by the Thomasville City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term of the departing member.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 27 would provide that, beginning in 2023, the members of the Board would be elected, rather than appointed.

Elections would be conducted using the nonpartisan plurality method. G.S. 163-292. Elections would be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. G.S. 163-279. Voters living within the Thomasville City Schools Administrative Unit would be eligible to vote for members of the Board. Candidates would file their notice of candidacy with the county board of elections no earlier than noon on the first Friday in July, and no later than noon on the third Friday in July preceding the election. G.S. 163-294.2. Members of the Board would serve staggered four-year terms.

Members would take office at the first regular meeting of the Board in December following their election. Current members of the Board would continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

All five seats would be up for election in 2023. The three candidates earning the highest number of votes would serve a four-year term expiring in 2027. The two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes would serve an initial two-year term expiring in 2025. All terms starting in 2025 or later would be for four years.

Vacancies would be filled by the remaining members of the Board, with the appointee serving until the next election for members of the Board. The remaining unexpired term would then be filled by election. G.S. 115C-37.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise provided, effective when it becomes law applies to elections conducted on or after that date.

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