

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1967 SESSION

CHAPTER 1254
HOUSE BILL 1329

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF WATAUGA COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The present members of the Board of Education of Watauga County shall continue in office and shall hold their offices until the first Monday in April, 1969.

Sec. 2. At the general election to be held in Watauga County in 1968, and biennially thereafter at the general election in said county, there shall be elected five members of the Watauga County Board of Education.

Sec. 3. Each candidate for the office of member of the County Board of Education shall file his candidacy, without reference to any political party affiliation, with the Chairman of the County Board of Elections within the time now provided for the filing of candidates for any other county office. If no more than 10 candidates file for membership on said Board of Education, no primary election will be necessary, and the County Board of Elections shall certify such candidates as the nominees to be voted upon at the general election. If more than 10 candidates file, a separate ballot shall be provided by the County Board of Elections and a primary election held with respect thereto at the same time fixed by law for the biennial primary elections. Such primary elections for the selection of the nominees for the Board of Education shall be nonpartisan and no political party affiliation shall be used by any candidate and no political party affiliation shall be shown on said primary ballot. The 10 candidates receiving the highest number of votes in such primary election shall be the nominees to be voted on at the general election. The general election shall be nonpartisan and there shall be a separate ballot provided by the County Board of Elections with the names of the nominees printed thereon with appropriate instructions printed thereon for use in the election of members of the Board of Education at the general election, and no political party affiliation shall be shown on said ballot. The five nominees receiving the highest number of votes in said general election shall be certified as the duly elected Board of Education.

Sec. 4. All members of the Board of Education elected at the general election of 1968 shall take office on the first Monday in April, 1969, and shall serve until the first Monday in December, 1970, and until their successors are elected and qualified; thereafter elected members shall take office on the first Monday in December following

their election and shall serve terms of two years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 5. All vacancies occurring in the membership of the Board of Education by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled for the unexpired term by the remaining members, including the Chairman of said Board, by appointment of some qualified citizen of Watauga County.

Sec. 6. This Act shall apply to Watauga County only.

Sec. 7. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 6th day of July, 1967.