

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 828  
HOUSE BILL 883

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MERGER OF TWO OR MORE ADJOINING COUNTY  
2 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS AND CITY UNITS CONTAINED THEREIN.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:  
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6 **Section 1.** A new section, to be designated G.S. 115-74.2, shall be inserted in  
7 Chapter 115 of the General Statutes immediately following G.S. 115-74.1 and shall read as  
8 follows:

9 **Section 115-74.2. Merger of Two or More Adjoining County School Administrative**  
10 **Units.**

11 (a) Boards of education of contiguous counties or boards of education in a group of  
12 counties in which each county is contiguous with at least one other county in the group, and  
13 any city administrative unit located in counties to be merged, may merge school administrative  
14 units upon approval by the State Board of Education of a written plan for merger submitted by  
15 the boards of education involved and bearing the approval of the tax levying body for the  
16 school units. The plan shall be consistent with the General Statutes, shall contain provisions  
17 covering those items listed in G.S. 115-74.1 (providing for the merger of units in the same  
18 county), and shall contain any other provision deemed necessary or appropriate by the State  
19 Board of Education or the local boards of education for the merger of school units in two or  
20 more counties.

21 (b) The plan of merger, including any arrangements for financing or taxing for the  
22 schools in the new administrative unit, may be, but is not required to be, submitted for the  
23 approval of the voters of the geographic area affected in a referendum or election called for the  
24 purpose of approving these matters. Such elections or referendums, if held, shall be held under  
25 the provisions governing elections or referendums as set forth in G.S. 115-122. Each board of  
26 county commissioners shall have authority to have such elections or referendums conducted by  
27 the board of elections of its county under the provisions set forth in G.S. 115-122.

28 (c) If twenty percent (20%) of the qualified voters of a county to be merged, petition the  
29 Board of County Commissioners of their county for an election as to whether their county shall  
30 be included in the proposed merger, the Board of County Commissioners shall call an election  
31 on this question for its county under the provisions of G.S. 115-122. The petition must be  
32 submitted to the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days following the public  
33 hearing required by G.S. 115-74.1 on the proposed plan of merger. The Board of County  
34 Commissioners shall have authority to have such an election conducted by the Board of  
35 Election of its county under the provisions set forth in G.S. 115-122.

36 (d) Boards of education considering a merger of two or more counties may spend  
37 money necessary for studying and preparing for such a merger.

38 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are  
39 hereby repealed.

40 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect upon its ratification.

41 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of June,  
42 1969.