

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1971 SESSION

CHAPTER 317
HOUSE BILL 731

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Wilson County Board of Education shall consist of five members elected by voters of Wilson County at large for terms of four years; provided, however, that at no time shall there be more than one member of the Wilson County Board of Education who at the time of his election shall be a resident of Wilson County and shall reside inside the territorial limits of the administrative unit for the Wilson City Board of Education.

Sec. 2. That the terms of office for the present members of the Wilson County Board of Education shall expire as follows:

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| 1. Dr. Badie T. Clark | - | 30 November, 1972 |
| 2. L. A. Renfrow | - | 30 November, 1972 |
| 3. Rex Best, Jr. | - | 30 November, 1974 |
| 4. W. H. Tomlinson | - | 30 November, 1974 |
| 5. Dr. Robert E. Richards | - | 30 November, 1974 |

Sec. 3. In the event that there are two or more candidates for membership on the Wilson County Board of Education who reside within the territorial limits of the administrative unit of the Wilson City Board of Education and who receive a sufficient number of votes to be elected to any seat to be filled as a result of such election, then in that event, the candidate residing within the territorial limits of the administrative unit of the Wilson City Board of Education who receives the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected and all other candidates for membership who reside within the territorial limits of the administrative unit of the Wilson City Board of Education shall be ineligible for membership and votes cast for them shall not be considered for the purpose of determining a majority with respect to any other candidates running for membership on the Wilson County Board of Education.

No person who resides within the territorial limits of the administrative unit of the Wilson City Board of Education if otherwise qualified shall be permitted to file for election to the Wilson County Board of Education if at the time of such election there is an existing member of the Wilson County Board of Education who resides inside the territorial limits of the administrative unit of the Wilson City Board of Education whose term of office does not expire on November 30 next succeeding the election.

Sec. 4. Except where vacancies occur on the Wilson County Board of Education prior to the expiration of a term of office, successors to present members of the Wilson County Board of Education shall be elected for four year terms subject to the provisions of the preceding sections on a non-partisan basis at the time of the primary elections in 1972 and bi-annually thereafter. The names of the candidates shall be printed on the ballots without reference to any party affiliation and any qualified voter residing in Wilson County shall be entitled to vote such ballot. Except as otherwise provided herein, the election shall be conducted according to the provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes of North Carolina then governing the primary elections and any local acts amendatory thereto.

Sec. 5. All vacancies in the membership of the Wilson County Board of Education by death, resignation or other cause except for the expiration of a term of office shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the Board of Education of a person to serve until the term of office for his predecessor would have normally expired.

Sec. 6. Article V of Chapter 115 of the General Statutes relating to county boards of education, shall be applicable to the Wilson County Board of Education except as modified by or unless it conflicts with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 7. All laws or clauses of law in conflict with this act as they relate to the election of members to the Wilson County Board of Education are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 5th day of May, 1971.