NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1971 SESSION

CHAPTER 360
HOUSE BILL 769

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OF NINE MEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF ITS MEMBERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. G.S. 115-19 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "The Pitt County Board of Education shall consist of nine (9) members. The members named herein have been elected by the people and appointed by the General Assembly to the Pitt County Board of Education to represent the areas designated for their respective terms of office and said membership is hereby ratified, affirmed and, if necessary, appointed, and the terms of office as set out herein are also hereby ratified, affirmed and approved as follows:

(1) Richard K. Worsley, representing Greenville Township. His term of office expires on the first Monday in December, 1972.

(2) William Earl House, representing Bethel and Belvoir Townships. His term of office expires on the first Monday in December, 1972.

(3) Roland Brinson, representing Grimesland, Chicod and Swift Creek Townships. His term of office expires on the first Monday in December, 1972.

(4) J. B. Congleton, Jr., representing Carolina Township. His term of office will expire on the first Monday in December, 1974.

(5) A. D. McLawhorn, Jr., representing Winterville Township. His term of office will expire on the first Monday in December, 1974.

(6) Sam E. Nelson, representing Grifton Township. His term of office will expire on the first Monday in December, 1974.

(7) Mark W. Owens, Jr., representing Fountain, Falkland, and Bell Arthur Townships. His term of office will expire on the first Monday in December, 1976.

(8) Thomas H. Patterson, representing Farmville Township. His term of office will expire on the first Monday in December, 1976.

(9) Bill McLawhorn, representing Ayden Township. His term of office will expire on the first Monday in December, 1976.

The terms of office of members of the Pitt County Board of Education shall be for six (6) years and when the terms of the present members shall expire the members of the Pitt County Board of Education shall be elected on a non-partisan basis at the time of the primary election in 1972 and at the primary elections thereafter held in the year in which their terms of office expire, as their terms of office expire, so as to provide for

staggered terms of office of the members, and the vote for the office of a member of the Pitt County Board of Education shall be county-wide on a non-partisan basis."

Sec. 2. Persons who shall be elected members of the Pitt County Board of Education must qualify by taking the oath of office on or before the first Monday in December next succeeding their election. A failure to qualify within that time shall constitute a vacancy which shall be filled as set out in G.S. 115-24. Those persons appointed to fill a vacancy must qualify within thirty (30) days after notification. A failure to qualify within that time shall constitute a vacancy.

Sec. 3. All vacancies in the membership of the Pitt County Board of Education by death, resignation, or other causes, shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the Board of a person to serve until the next election of the members of the Board at which time the remaining unexpired term of the office in which a vacancy occurs shall be filled by election as provided in G.S. 115-24.

Sec. 4. Any member of the Pitt County Board of Education who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings of said Board, unless due to illness, shall be deemed to have vacated his office and such vacancy shall be filled as provided in G.S. 115-24.

Sec. 5. The provisions of Article 5, Chapter 115 of the General Statutes of North Carolina relating to election and membership to County Boards of Education shall be applicable to Pitt County except as modified or when in conflict with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. This act is applicable only to Pitt County.

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

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of May, 1971.