

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 845
HOUSE BILL 1241

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NONPARTISAN ELECTION OF THE POLK
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Polk County Board of Education is composed of five members. In the election held in 1972 pursuant to G.S. 115-18 and G.S. 115-19, three members were elected for four-year terms expiring in 1976 and two members were elected for two-year terms expiring in 1974.

Effective for the elections to be held in 1974 and biennially thereafter, Polk County is divided into five districts for the purpose of electing members of the Board of Education, as follows:

- District I comprises Columbus Township;
- District II comprises Cooper's Gap Township;
- District III comprises Green Creek Township;
- District IV comprises Saluda Township; and
- District V comprises White Oak Township.

One member of the Board of Education shall reside in and represent each district, but all candidates shall be elected by the voters of the county at large. In the 1974 election and quadrennially thereafter, members shall be elected to represent District IV and District V. In the 1976 election and quadrennially thereafter, members shall be elected to represent Districts I, II, and III. The candidate for each district seat receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.

Nothing in this act shall affect the term of office of any member of the Board of Education incumbent on the effective date of this act, nor shall this act apply to vacancies occurring before the expiration of the term of office of members incumbent on the effective date hereof.

Sec. 2. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring in any district seat on the board shall be a resident of the district. If any member elected to a district seat ceases to reside in the district during his term of office, the remaining members of the board may declare the office vacant and proceed to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 3. Except as modified by this act, Article 5 of Chapter 115 of the General Statutes shall govern the election of the Polk County Board of Education.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of February, 1974.