

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 720

Short Title: Cleveland Commissioners Election.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Harris.

Referred to: Constitution and Election Laws.

April 7, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING REDISTRICTING FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS IN
CLEVELAND COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Effective the first Monday in December of 1994, the Board of Commissioners of Cleveland County consists of seven members.

Sec. 2. (a) The Board of Commissioners of Cleveland County, prior to July 1, 1993, shall divide the county into five electoral districts according to the apportionment plan it adopts, and shall cause a delineation of the districts to be drawn up and filed as required by G.S. 153A-20. The apportionment plan shall meet the standards required by the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

(b) The qualified voters of each district shall nominate candidates and elect a member who resides in the district for the seat apportioned to that district.

Sec. 3. The qualified voters of the entire county shall nominate candidates and elect two members apportioned to the county at large.

Sec. 4. In the general election of 1994 and quadrennially thereafter, a member shall be elected from each of Districts 1, 2, and 5, and one member shall be elected at large. In the general election of 1996 and quadrennially thereafter, a member shall be elected from each of Districts 3 and 4, and one member shall be elected at large.

Sec. 5. All members of the Board of Commissioners of Cleveland County are elected for four-year terms.

Sec. 6. This act is effective only if it, and the apportionment plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Cleveland County under Section 2(a) of this act, are approved under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 prior to the opening of

1 candidate filing in 1994 under G.S. 163-106(c). Otherwise, the existing election
2 structure, and the size of the board at five members, shall remain as they are now unless
3 changed by the General Assembly or in accordance with Part 4 of Article 4 of Chapter
4 153A of the General Statutes.

5 Sec. 7. Chapter 749, Public-Local Acts of 1915, and Chapter 489, Session
6 Laws of 1959, along with any changes made to those acts under former G.S. 153-5.2,
7 are repealed.

8 Sec. 8. This act is effective upon ratification.