

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 234

Short Title: Local Appointees Must Be Voters.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Walend, Sherrill, Cansler; Clary, Decker, Gardner, Gillespie, Setzer, and Teague.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

March 4, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF CITY AND COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MUST BE REGISTERED VOTERS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 128 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 128-9.1. City and county board members must be registered voters.

An appointed member of any city or county board, commission, committee, council, or other subdivision of a city or county must be a citizen of the United States and either be:

(1) A registered voter in North Carolina; or

(2) If ineligible for registration solely because of age, a resident of that county or the county in which the city is located."

Section 2. This act becomes effective with respect to appointments made on or after October 1, 1999. It does not affect the right of any person appointed prior to that date from completing the term of office or being reappointed to continue to serve in the same office.