

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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HOUSE BILL 501

Short Title: Enfield Election District Lines.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Hall.

Referred to: Local Government II.

March 17, 2003

1 BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REDRAWING THE ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR THE
3 TOWN OF ENFIELD IN HALIFAX COUNTY.

4 Whereas, the Enfield Town Board of Commissioners consists of five
5 members, four of whom are elected from two districts; and

6 Whereas, those districts, designated as Districts A and B, are subject to the
7 requirements of one-person, one-vote and were redrawn following the 2000 census; and

8 Whereas, before the districts were redrawn, the boundary was the CSX
9 railroad track which runs through the middle of town and is an obvious and well-known
10 dividing line; and

11 Whereas, as a result of the 2001 redistricting, the current boundary between
12 Districts A and B is irregular and confusing; and

13 Whereas, an annexation which occurred after the 2001 redistricting has added
14 sufficient population to the Town that Districts A and B would be within the correct
15 population ranges for one-person, one-vote if the old boundary, the railroad track, were
16 used; and

17 Whereas, a return to the railroad track as the boundary between Districts A
18 and B would make the line more understandable to voters, candidates, and election
19 officials; and

20 Whereas, the Enfield Town Board of Commissioners unanimously has
21 requested such a change; Now, therefore,
22 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

23 **SECTION 1.** The boundary between Districts A and B used for the election
24 of the Enfield Town Board of Commissioners shall be the CSX railroad track which
25 runs on a north-south line through the middle of the Town. This restores the language of
26 Section 2.1(b) of the Charter of the Town of Enfield as enacted by Chapter 479 of the
27 1993 Session Laws.

28 **SECTION 2.** The boundary established by this act shall apply to any town
29 election for which filing opens at least five days after the boundary has taken effect.

- 1 **SECTION 3.** The boundary established by this act shall take effect upon
- 2 preclearance pursuant to section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
- 3 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.