

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

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HOUSE BILL 432

Short Title: Wake School Board Elections. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Dollar and Avila (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Judiciary I.

March 1, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE MEMBERS OF THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF
2 EDUCATION TO RESIDE IN THE DISTRICTS THEY REPRESENT, BUT TO
3 PROVIDE THAT THE VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY SHALL ELECT
4 ALL MEMBERS, AND TO MOVE THOSE ELECTIONS TO THE
5 EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, TO BE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER ON A
6 PLURALITY BASIS.

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8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 7 of Chapter 717, Session Laws of 1975, as amended
10 by Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 321, Session Laws of 1977, and as rewritten by Section
11 3 of Chapter 742 of the 1981 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

12 "Sec. 7.(a) In ~~1981, 2008~~ and biennially thereafter, members of the Wake County
13 Board of Education shall be elected by the nonpartisan ~~election and runoff plurality~~
14 election method in accordance with ~~G.S. 163-279(a)(4), G.S. 163-293, and~~
15 G.S. 163-279(a)(1), 163-163-292, and 163-294.2, except that only persons who
16 are registered to vote in the district shall be permitted to file a notice of candidacy for
17 election in that district. Such election shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter
18 163 of the General Statutes.

19 (b) ~~The qualified voters of each district shall elect a person who resides in that~~
20 ~~district for the seat apportioned to that district. Only the qualified voters of the district~~
21 ~~may vote in that election. Members shall reside in and represent the districts, but the~~
22 qualified voters of the entire county shall elect all members of the board."

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 6 of Chapter 717, Session Laws of 1975, as amended
24 by Section 1 of Chapter 321, Session Laws of 1977, and as rewritten by Section 3 of
25 Chapter 742 of the 1981 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

26 "Sec. 6. All terms of office of members of the Wake County Board of Education
27 shall begin on the first Monday in December following their election. Districts 1, 2, 7,
28 and 9 shall elect a member in ~~1981~~2010 and quadrennially thereafter for a four-year

1 term. Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 shall elect a member in 1981 for a two-year term and in
2 1983-2008 and quadrennially thereafter for a four-year term."

3 **SECTION 3.** The terms of office of members of the Wake County Board of
4 Education elected in 2003 for terms to expire in 2007 are extended until the first
5 Monday in December of 2008. The terms of office of members of the Wake County
6 Board of Education elected in 2005 for terms to expire in 2009 are extended until the
7 first Monday in December of 2010.

8 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.