## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011

## HOUSE BILL 322 RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO EXTEND THE FILING PERIOD IF NO PERSON FILES FOR A SEAT ON THE HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The last three sentences of Section 4 of Chapter 126, Session Laws of 1963, as amended by Chapter 22, Session Laws of 1977, and as rewritten by Chapter 89 of the 1979 Session Laws and by S.L. 2009-29, read as rewritten:

"All candidates for membership of the consolidated school system for the various districts shall file a notice of such candidacy no earlier than the first Monday in July (except the next business day if the first Monday in July is July 4), and no later than 12:00 noon on the third Friday in July preceding the general election and each candidate shall pay a filing fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) and shall certify in writing the election district for which he is filing and that he is a bona fide resident and qualified voter thereof. The election of members for the consolidated school system shall be held, conducted and supervised by the Haywood County Board of Elections and, except as otherwise provided herein, such election shall be held in accordance with the laws and regulations for the election of county officers. Absentee ballots shall be permitted in the election. If at the close of filing there is no candidate filed for a district seat with one member up at that election, or less than two candidates filed for a district with two members up at that election, the Haywood County Board of Elections shall reopen filing for that district for a period beginning the next Monday at 12:00 noon and ending at noon on the third business day thereafter."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

- s/ Walter H. Dalton President of the Senate
- s/ Thom Tillis Speaker of the House of Representatives

