S SENATE BILL 253

Short Title:	Carteret Co. Bd. of Ed. Partisan Election.	(Local)
Sponsors:	Senator Sanderson (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate	

## March 15, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
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AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ELECTION METHOD OF THE CARTERET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter 774 of the 1991 Session Laws is repealed.

**SECTION 2.** Section 5(d) of S.L. 1997-389 reads as rewritten:

"(d) Members of the Carteret County Board of Education shall reside in and represent the districts, butbut, beginning in 2018, all members are shall be elected by the voters of the county at large in nonpartisan plurality electionsa partisan election at the time of the primarygeneral election in each even-numbered year as terms expire. Except as provided by this act, elections shall be conducted in accordance with Chapters 115C and 163 of the General Statutes. Candidates for election to the Carteret County Board of Education shall be nominated at the same time and manner as other county officers. and Members shall take office on July 1the first Monday in December of the year of election, all as previously provided by law election and the terms of their predecessors shall expire at that same time.

Vacancies on the Carteret County Board of Education for positions elected on a nonpartisan basis in 2014 or 2016 shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37(f). Vacancies on the Board of Education for positions elected on a partisan basis beginning in 2018 shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1."

**SECTION 3.** This act does not affect the terms of office of any person elected in 2014 or 2016 to the Carteret County Board of Education. The members of the Carteret County Board of Education elected in 2014 or 2016, or any member appointed by the remaining members of the Board to fill a vacancy of a member elected in 2014 or 2016, shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

**SECTION 4.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 5.** Effective on the first Monday in December of 2018, G.S. 115C-37.1(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) This section shall apply only in the following counties: Alleghany, Brunswick, <u>Carteret</u>, Cherokee, Clay, Davie, Graham, Guilford, Harnett, Iredell, Lee, New Hanover, Rutherford, Stanly, Vance, and Washington."

**SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

