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SENATE BILL 479

Short Title: Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Runoff.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senators Rucho; and Odom.

Referred to: State and Local Government.

March 15, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE  
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION SO AS TO  
PROVIDE FOR NONPARTISAN ELECTION WITH A RUNOFF IF NO  
CANDIDATE GETS FORTY PERCENT OF THE VOTE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter 167 of the 1993 Session Laws reads as  
rewritten:

"Section 1.(a) The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall be elected on  
a nonpartisan ~~plurality election and runoff election~~ basis ~~on the Tuesday after the first~~  
~~Monday in November in odd-numbered years, with the on:~~

(1) The date provided by G.S. 163-279(a)(2) if any municipality in the  
county conducts its elections on a partisan basis, or

(2) The date provided by G.S. 163-279(a)(4) if no municipality in the  
county conducts its elections on a partisan basis.

(b) The results shall be determined as provided by ~~G.S. 163-292.~~ G.S. 163-293,  
except that a forty percent (40%) substantial plurality is required rather than a majority.  
The rules provided in G.S. 163-111 for determining substantial plurality shall apply.

(c) Notwithstanding G.S. 163-279(a), if any municipality in the county conducts  
its election on a partisan basis:

(1) Any municipality in the county which conducts its election on a  
nonpartisan primary basis shall have the nonpartisan primary on the  
sixth Tuesday before the election;

(2) Any municipality in the county which conducts its election on a  
nonpartisan election and runoff election basis shall have the election  
on the sixth Tuesday before the Tuesday after the first Monday in  
November.

- 1        (d)    Except as otherwise provided by this act, the election shall be administered in  
2    accordance with Articles 23 and 24 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes."  
3            **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.