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HOUSE BILL 21

Short Title: Revise McDowell County Bd of Educ. Districts. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Dobson.

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Referred to: State and Local Government, if favorable, Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 6, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REVISE THE RESIDENCY DISTRICTS OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY
3 BOARD OF EDUCATION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 3 of S.L. 1987-322 reads as rewritten:

6 "Sec. 3. Beginning with members elected in 1988, members of the McDowell County Board
7 of ~~Elections~~ Education shall serve four-year terms, except that in the 1992 election, for the four
8 Marion district seats up for election that year, the three highest vote-getters shall be elected for
9 four-year terms, and the next highest vote-getter shall be elected for a two-year term. In the case
10 persons receive an equal number of votes for third and fourth place, and both are elected, the
11 McDowell County Board of ~~Elections~~ Education shall decide the length of term by lot.
12 Notwithstanding the PLAN FOR MERGER OF MARION CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
13 AND MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, members shall be elected from the
14 elementary attendance zones to the McDowell County Board of Education as follows:

15 a. One member from each of the six following elementary attendance zones:

- 16 1. Old Fort Elementary School, beginning in 2020.
- 17 2. Pleasant Gardens Elementary School, beginning in 2022.
- 18 3. North Cove Elementary School, beginning in 2020.
- 19 4. Nebo Elementary School, beginning in 2022.
- 20 5. West Marion Elementary School, beginning in 2020.
- 21 6. Glenwood Elementary School, beginning in 2022.

22 b. Two members elected in 2020 and one member elected in 2022 from either of
23 the following elementary attendance zones:

- 24 1. Eastfield Global Magnet School.
- 25 2. Marion Elementary School.

26 To be eligible for election to the Board from an attendance zone, a candidate must reside in the
27 attendance zone. Each seat shall appear separately on the ballot, but all the qualified voters of the
28 entire county are eligible to vote on all the seats. To be eligible to serve as a member of the Board
29 representing an attendance zone, a person must reside in the attendance zone; however, a change
30 in the boundaries of attendance zones shall not affect the ability of any person to complete his or
31 her term of office. If a vacancy occurs on the board, the person appointed as the replacement
32 must reside in the attendance zone which was served by the departing member. In the event the
33 McDowell County Board of Education changes the legal name of an elementary school, the



1 Board shall reflect, in policy, the corresponding attendance zone of the renamed school to the
2 elementary school named in this act."

3 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.