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HOUSE BILL 1169

Short Title: Elect Thomasville City Schools Board Members. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Watford.

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Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

June 14, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO CHANGE THE THOMASVILLE CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ELECTED MEMBERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Beginning in 2023, the Thomasville City Schools Board of Education (Board) shall be composed of five members elected to staggered four-year terms.

SECTION 2. Elected members of the Board shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis at the time of the general election in each odd-numbered year to serve a four-year term. The nonpartisan primary and election method shall be used with the results determined as provided in G.S. 163-294. The primary shall be held on the date provided by G.S. 163-1 for county partisan primaries. Candidates shall file their notice of candidacy with the county board of elections under the same schedule provided by G.S. 163-106.2. The names of the candidates shall be printed on the ballots without reference to any party affiliation, and any qualified voter residing in the Thomasville City Schools Administrative Unit shall be eligible to vote for all candidates. Except as provided by this act, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapters 115C and 163 of the General Statutes. Members shall take office at the first regular meeting of the Board in December following their election, and the terms of their predecessors shall expire at that same time. Members shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. Vacancies for positions elected on the Board shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37(f). No member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms without an intervening period of at least four years. Appointments to vacancies shall not be considered a full term.

SECTION 3. The terms of members appointed to the Board who are serving their terms at the time of the effective date of this act shall expire upon the qualification of members elected to the Board in 2023.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding Section 1 of this act, for Board elections conducted in 2023, two members shall be elected to a two-year term and three members shall be elected to four-year terms.

SECTION 5. The following acts are repealed:

- (1) Chapter 88 of the 1965 Session Laws.
- (2) Section 504 of Article V of the Charter of the City of Thomasville as enacted by Chapter 211 of the 1981 Session Laws.
- (3) Any provision of law in conflict with this act.

SECTION 6. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections conducted on or after that date.

