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SENATE BILL DRS45345-LU-92A

Short Title: Brunswick Regional Sanitary District/Board. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Rabon (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BRUNSWICK
3 REGIONAL WATER AND SEWER SANITARY DISTRICT SHALL BE ELECTED AT
4 LARGE FROM FIVE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** Notwithstanding G.S. 130A-50 or any other provision of law, the
7 Brunswick Regional Water and Sewer H2GO Sanitary District (hereinafter "H2GO District")
8 established pursuant to Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes shall, for
9 purposes of the election of the board of commissioners of the H2GO District, be divided into five
10 electoral districts. Candidates for election to the board of commissioners shall reside in and
11 represent the electoral districts established as provided in this act but shall be elected at large by
12 the qualified voters of the H2GO District to each serve a term of four years, which shall be
13 staggered. The district boundaries shall be established by resolution by the H2GO District board
14 of commissioners after a public hearing on the matter. The districts established shall maximize
15 the geographic diversity of the H2GO board of commissioners and contain not less than 1,000
16 qualified voters of the H2GO District. A map of the district boundaries shall be kept in the office
17 of the clerk to the board of commissioners and shall be filed in the office of the Brunswick County
18 Board of Elections.

19 **SECTION 1.(b)** The H2GO board of commissioners shall adopt a resolution
20 establishing district boundaries as required by subsection (a) of this section not later than
21 December 1, 2024. The boundaries established shall remain in effect until December 1, 2032, but
22 thereafter shall be reviewed, revised, or reestablished, as required to comply with subsection (a)
23 of this section, every six years thereafter. If the boundaries are reviewed, revised, or
24 reestablished, as authorized in this subsection, the new boundaries shall become effective not
25 later than December 1 of that year.

26 **SECTION 1.(c)** Beginning in 2025, elections shall be held for Districts 3, 4, and 5.
27 In 2027, elections shall be held for Districts 1 and 2. Except as specifically provided in this act,
28 the provisions of G.S. 130A-50 shall apply to elections of the board of commissioners of the
29 H2GO District.

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

