

HOUSE BILL 110: Cherokee/Rutherford/Clay Bds. of Ed. Elections

2015-2016 General Assembly

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SUMMARY: House Bill 110 would make the elections for the Cherokee and Rutherford County Boards of Education partisan, effective with the 2016 elections. The PCS adds Clay County.

CURRENT LAW: The Cherokee, Rutherford, and Clay County Boards of Education are elected in non-partisan elections, for four-year staggered terms. The Cherokee and Rutherford County Boards have seven members, and the Clay County Board has five members.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would make the Cherokee, Rutherford, and Clay County Boards of Education subject to partisan elections. The members up for election in 2016 would be elected using the partisan primary and general election method. The remaining members' seats who were elected in 2014 by non-partisan elections would up for election in 2018 by the partisan primary and general election method.

For members elected through partisan election, vacancies in those positions would be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1, which requires the appointing authority to consult with the county party executive committee of the individual leaving office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law, and applies to the 2016 and future elections.

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