



HOUSE BILL 112: Stanly Co Bd of Ed Election Method

2015-2016 General Assembly

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 112 would change the method of election of the Stanly County Board of Education from nonpartisan to partisan, and require vacancies be appointed in consultation with the county executive committee of the party of the vacating member.*

CURRENT LAW: The Stanly County Board of Education (Board) consists of seven members elected for four year staggered terms in nonpartisan elections. Members are elected in even-numbered years at the general election, and take office at the December board meeting. Five members are elected from single member residency districts, voted county wide, and two members are elected at large. Vacancies occurring on the Board are filled by the remaining members of the Board.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 112 would change the method of election for the Board members from nonpartisan to partisan.

The bill would also require that, effective the first Monday in December, 2016, vacancies for the Board would be filled as required in G.S. 115C-37.1. That statute requires the remaining members of the board of education to consult with the county executive committee of the party the vacating member was elected as a nominee of on the vacancy appointment, and if the county executive committee makes a recommendation within 30 days of the vacancy, to appoint the individual recommended by the committee.

HB 112 specifies that the act does not affect terms of office or vacancy procedure for members of the Board elected in 2012 and 2014. The bill also repeals any laws in conflict.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise noted, HB 122 would become effective when it becomes law.

