



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 503: Allow Moore Co. Commissioners to Redistrict

2015-2016 General Assembly

Committee:	Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	September 16, 2015
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Analysis of:	Second Edition		Committee Counsel

SUMMARY: *The PCS for House Bill 503 applies to Moore County only, and would (i) allow the Moore County Board of Commissioners to redistrict their residency districts, and (ii) reduce the size of the Moore County Board of Education from eight members to seven.*

CURRENT LAW:

Section 1

The Moore County Board of Commissioners is composed of five members who serve staggered four-year terms. Members are elected from residency districts, meaning that each member resides in and represents a district but is elected at-large.

If a county is divided into *electoral districts*, G.S. 153A-23 allows the board of county commissioners to redefine the electoral districts if the board finds that there is substantial inequality of population among the districts. However, once *residency district* boundaries are established, boards of county commissioners are not authorized by statute to redefine those districts. Any redrawing of residency district boundaries for county commissioner districts requires local act by the General Assembly.

Sections 2 and 3

Currently, the Moore County Board of Education is composed of eight members who serve staggered four-year terms. Five members are elected from residency districts, and three members are elected at-large. Members are elected by the nonpartisan primary and election method and take office on the first Monday in December of even-numbered years.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1

Section 1 would allow the Moore County Board of Commissioners to redefine the residency districts by resolution if the board finds that the current districts negatively impact compactness, contiguity, or respect for political subdivisions or communities of interest.

Sections 2 and 3

Effective the first Monday in December 2016, Section 2 of the bill would reduce the size of the Moore County Board of Education from eight members to seven by reducing the number of at-large members from three to two. Section 3 would provide that one member will be elected at-large in 2016 to fill a vacant seat on the Board for the remainder of the unexpired term.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held in 2016 and thereafter.

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