



HOUSE BILL 503: Allow Moore Co. Commissioners to Redistrict

2015-2016 General Assembly

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 503 would allow the Moore County Board of Commissioners to redistrict their residency districts.*

CURRENT LAW: 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.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 503 is a local act that 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act applies to Moore County only, and is effective when it becomes law.

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