



# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 334 SBCC Election

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

2015-2016 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Education/Higher Education	<b>Date:</b>	March 25, 2015
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**SUMMARY:** Senate Joint Resolution 334 would establish Thursday, April 16, 2015 as the date for the House of Representatives and the Senate to elect members to the State Board of Community Colleges (State Board).

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115D-2.1(b)(4)(f) sets out the procedure for elections by the Senate and the House of Representatives to the State Board. The procedures include the following requirements:

- The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore must assign to a committee of their respective houses the duty of receiving nominations of persons to be considered for election by that house to the State Board.
- Chairs of the assigned committees must jointly determine a nomination period. Each member may nominate only one candidate. A person may not simultaneously be a candidate in both houses.
- Once the nominating period is closed, the assigned committee must vote on whether each candidate will be listed as a nominee of the committee. Nominations must be screened by the assigned committee as to their qualifications, background, lack of statutory disabilities, and willingness and ability to serve if elected. At least one candidate must be nominated by the committee for each vacancy; however, if there are sufficient candidates, the committee must nominate at least two persons for each vacancy.
- **The House of Representatives and Senate must fix a common date by joint resolution for election of members to the State Board.** The committee must report its list of nominees at the election session. No additional nominees are allowed from the floor.
- A nominee is chosen when that person receives the votes of a majority of all members present and voting.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** As required by G.S. 115D-2.1(b)(4)(f), Senate Joint Resolution 334 would establish Thursday, April 16, 2015, as the date for election of members to the State Board by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This joint resolution would become effective upon ratification.

**BACKGROUND:** Twenty-one members serve on the State Board of Community Colleges in staggered six-year terms, four of which are elected by the Senate and four of which are elected by the House in a staggered election cycle. In 2015, the House and Senate must each elect two members from the State at-large to six-year terms beginning July 1, 2015.

The nominating period for candidates closes on Monday, March 30, 2015. Each Senator may nominate only one candidate. No person may simultaneously be a candidate for election in both chambers. All nominations must be received in the office of Sarah Lang, Senate Principal Clerk, 2020 LB, by 5:00

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p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015, and submission of a Statement of Economic Interest must be received by the North Carolina State Ethics Commission by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015, at which time nominations close.

## **Current Members with Terms Set to Expire June 30, 2015**

Elected by Senate:

- Dr. Linwood Powell (Fayetteville, first appointed in 2003, not eligible for reelection)
- Mr. James J. Woody, Jr. (Roxboro, first appointed in 2009)

Elected by House:

- Mr. K. Ray Bailey (Asheville, first appointed in 2009)
- Dr. Samuel Powell (Burlington, first appointed in 2009)