



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 194: SBCC Elections.

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OVERVIEW: *House Joint Resolution 194 would establish Thursday, April 6, 2017 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), House Joint Resolution 194 would establish Thursday, April 6, 2017, 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 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 2017, the House and Senate must each elect one member from the State at-large to six-year terms beginning July 1, 2017. The current member of the State Board elected by the House with an expiring term is Ms. Janet Lowder, first appointed in 2011.

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