



# HOUSE BILL 508: Appointments/Bd of Elections/Certain Counties.

2017-2018 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House State and Local Government I. If favorable, re-refer to Elections and Ethics Law	<b>Date:</b>	April 5, 2017
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Burr, Howard, Ford	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Giles Perry
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**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 508 would require the State Board of Elections to appoint two members recommended by the State chair of the political party that represents the majority of the county's commissioners when appointing members to county boards of elections in Stanly, Davie, and Rowan counties, if that recommendation is made 15 or more days in advance of the appointment.*

**CURRENT LAW:** County boards of elections consist of three registered voters of each county, appointed by the State Board of Elections on the last Tuesday in June of odd-numbered years to serve two-year terms. No more than two members of the county board of elections may belong to the same political party. Members of county boards of elections may not do any of the following:

- (1) Hold or be a candidate for any office under the government of the United States, North Carolina, or a political subdivision of the State.
- (2) Hold any office in a political party or organization.
- (3) Be a campaign manager or treasurer of any candidate in a primary or election.
- (4) Be a relative of any candidate for nomination or election, if that relative's election is conducted by the county board of elections.

The State chair of each political party has the right to recommend to the State Board of Elections three registered voters in each county for appointment to county boards of elections. The State Board of Elections must appoint the county boards of elections from the names recommended if the recommendations are received 15 or more days before the date appointments must be made.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for House Bill 508 would impose an additional requirement on the State Board of Elections when making appointments to the Stanly, Davie, and Rowan County boards of elections. When names are received from the State chair of each political party 15 or more days in advance of the appointment date, the State Board of Elections must appoint two members from the list of three names submitted by the political party that represents the majority of the members on the board of county commissioners in each of these counties.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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