



HOUSE BILL 954: Rockingham County School Board/Chair Term.

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Committee: Senate State and Local Government. If **Date:** June 20, 2018
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 954 would require the Rockingham County Board of Education to elect one of its members as chair at the Board's meeting on the first Monday in December of 2018 to serve for a term of one year or until a successor is elected and qualified.*

CURRENT LAW: Unless provided by local law, all local boards of education must have an organizational meeting no later than 60 days after the swearing in of members following election or appointment. G.S. 115C-41. At the organizational meeting, the members must elect one of their members as chair for a period of one year, or until their successor is elected and qualified.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 954 would require the Rockingham County Board of Education to elect one of its members as chair at the Board's meeting on the first Monday in December of 2018. The chair would serve for a term of one year or until a successor is elected and qualified.

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

BACKGROUND: Session Law 2015-38 repealed Session Law 2005-307, which contained a provision outlining the process by which the chair of the Rockingham County Board of Education would be elected.¹ Since this time, the Board has been operating under the provisions set forth in G.S. 115C-41.

Session Law 2015-38 structures the organizational meetings of the Board differently than provided under G.S. 115C-41 by requiring the members of the Board to be sworn in on the first Monday in December of the year of their election, but is silent as to the election of the Board's chair. Previously, under the provisions set forth under Session Law 2005-307, the chair would generally be elected on the first Monday in December after each election. Due to this, as well as the Board's organizational meetings being structured differently than what G.S. 115C-41 provides, this bill would put a specific provision outlining the election of the Board's chair back into Session Law 2015-38.

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¹ Session Law 2005-307 required the chair of the Rockingham County Board of Education to be elected by the Board from among its members at the organization meeting after each election, generally the first Monday in December following their election.

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