



# HOUSE BILL 182: Guilford Co. Bd. of Ed/Nonpartisan Election.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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| <b>Committee:</b>     | House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House | <b>Date:</b>        | March 20, 2019  |
| <b>Introduced by:</b> | Reps. Hardister, Faircloth, Quick, Clemmons  | <b>Prepared by:</b> | Billy R. Godwin |
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 182 change the method of election of the Guilford County Board of Education from partisan to nonpartisan beginning with the 2020 election and would change the way vacancies on the Board are filled.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S132, as introduced by Sens. Garrett, Robinson, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

**CURRENT LAW:** The Guilford County Board of Education consists of nine members elected for staggered four-year terms in partisan elections. Eight members are elected from single-member electoral districts, and one member is elected from the county at-large. Members are elected at the general election in even-numbered years, and take office on the first Monday in December following the election. Elections are conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers.

Vacancies on the Board are filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1, which requires the remaining members of the Board to appoint the person recommended by the county executive committee of the political party of the vacating member, if the recommendation is made within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy. The appointee serves the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacating member.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 182 would change the method of election of the Guilford County Board of Education from partisan to nonpartisan, beginning with the 2020 election. The candidate filing period would be established by the Guilford County board of elections.

House Bill 182 would also require that, effective the first Monday in December, 2020, vacancies on the Board would be filled by the remaining Board members. The appointee would serve until the next election for Board members, at which time an election would be held to fill the remaining unexpired term.

House Bill 182 would not affect the terms of office or vacancy procedure for any member of the Board elected in 2016 or 2018.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act becomes effective when the bill becomes law.

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