



SENATE BILL 796: Carteret Co Bd of Educ Districts.

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

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Introduced by:	Sen. Sanderson	Prepared by:	Jessica Sammons Staff Attorney
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OVERVIEW: *The PCS for Senate Bill 796 would do the following:*

- *Provide that the districts for the Carteret County Board of Education are to be the same as the districts for the Carteret County Board of Commissioners, and would automatically align upon any revisions to the district boundaries for the Carteret County Board of Commissioners.*
- *Provide that members to the Carteret County Board of Education are nominated by the qualified voters who reside within the district for the seat the candidate seeks in the primary election, and are elected by the qualified voters of the entire county in the general election.*

CURRENT LAW: The Carteret County Board of Education consists of 7 members, representing six residency districts, with two members from District 3. Members serve staggered four-year terms, and must remain a resident of the district from which the member was elected or is currently serving. Members are elected using the partisan primary and election method in even-numbered years, and candidates are nominated at the same time as other county officers. Newly-elected members take office on the first Monday in December following their election.

Vacant seats on the Board of Education are filled by the remaining members of the Board, provided that the remaining members must consult with the county executive committee of the political party of the vacating member before filling a vacancy and must appoint that executive committee's nominee, if the recommendation is made within 30 days after the seat becomes vacant.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS for Senate Bill 796 would provide that the districts for which members of the Carteret County Board of Education are elected are to be the same districts established by the Carteret County Board of Commissioners for the election of those Commissioners. If the districts for members of the Board of Commissioners are revised by either the Board of Commissioners or the General Assembly, the districts for members of the Board of Education would automatically align with the new districts for members of the Board of Commissioners.

Elections for members of the Carteret County Board of Education would be as follows:

- At the time of the primary election in even-numbered years, the qualified voters of each district with a seat up for election in that year would nominate a candidate from that district.
- At the time of the general election in even-numbered years, the qualified voters of the entire county would elect members for each seat up for election in that year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law, and applies to elections held on or after that date.

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