



HOUSE BILL 1169: Elect Thomasville City Schools Board Members.

2021-2022 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 1169 would provide that, beginning in 2023, members of the Thomasville City Board of Education would be elected using nonpartisan plurality method, rather than being appointed by the Thomasville City Council.*

CURRENT LAW: The Thomasville City Board of Education (Board) consists of five members. The members are appointed by the Thomasville City Council on the first Monday in July of each year. Members of the Board serve staggered two-year terms.

Vacancies are filled by appointment by the Thomasville City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term of the departing member.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to House Bill 1169 would provide that, beginning in 2023, the members of the Board would be elected, rather than appointed. Elections would be conducted using the nonpartisan plurality method. G.S. 163-292. Elections would be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. G.S. 163-279. Candidates would file their notice of candidacy with the county board at the same time as candidates for municipal office. Members of the Board would serve staggered four-year terms.

In 2023, two members would be elected to a two-year term and three members would be elected to a four-year term. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes would be elected to serve a four-year term. The two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes would be elected to serve a two-year term. In 2025 and every four years thereafter, two members would be elected to serve a four-year term. In 2027 and every four years thereafter, two members would be elected to serve a four-year term.

Members would take office at the first regular meeting of the Board in December following their election. Current members of the Board would continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

Vacancies would be filled by the remaining members of the Board, with the appointee serving until the next election for members of the Board. The remaining unexpired term would then be filled by election. G.S. 115C-37(f).

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise provided, effective when it becomes law and applies to elections conducted on or after that date.

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