



HOUSE BILL 179: Pamlico Bd. of Ed. Elect. Partisan.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House Local Government. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 7, 2023
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Analysis of:	PCS to First Edition H179-CSCH-2		

OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) to House Bill 179 would change the method of election of the Pamlico County Board of Education (Board) from nonpartisan to partisan.*

CURRENT LAW: The Board consists of seven members. Two members are elected from the county at-large. One is elected from each of the five districts, with residents of each district voting for that district's member. The members are elected using the nonpartisan plurality method to serve staggered four-year terms. Elections are held in even-numbered years at the time of the primary election for county officers.

Vacancies on the board are filled by the remaining members of the Board with the appointees serving until the next election. At the next election, a new member is elected to fill the unexpired term. G.S.115C-37.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS to House Bill 179 would change the method of election, from nonpartisan to partisan elections, for the Board members beginning in 2024.

- A primary and general election would be held at the time of elections for other county officers in even-numbered years.
- Beginning in 2024, vacancies would be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1, which requires that the Board appoint the person recommended by the county party's executive committee if the party of the vacating member makes a recommendation within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held in 2024 and after.

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