



HOUSE BILL 27: Elect Thomasville City Bd. of Ed.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *Bill 27 would provide for the election of the members of the Thomasville City Board of Education, as opposed to being appointed by the Thomasville City Council. The elections would be held on a non-partisan basis and members would serve staggered four-year terms beginning in 2023.*

CURRENT LAW: The Thomasville City Board of Education ("Board") consists of five members. Members of the Board are appointed by the city council for staggered two-year terms. They serve at the pleasure of the city council.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 27 would provide for the following beginning in 2023:

- Members of the Board would be elected using the nonpartisan plurality method. G.S. 163-292. Candidates would run for Board seats in staggered elections every two years for four-year terms.
- Candidates would file their notice of candidacy with the county board of elections no earlier than noon on the first Friday in July, and no later than noon on the third Friday in July preceding the election. G.S. 163-294.2.
- Elections would be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November per G.S. 163-279.
- All five seats would be up for election in 2023. The three candidates earning the most votes would serve a four-year term expiring in 2027. The two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes would serve an initial two-year term expiring in 2025. All terms starting in 2025 or later would be for four years.
- Members-elect would take office at the first regular meeting in December. Current members would continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified.
- Voters living in the Thomasville City Schools Administrative Unit would be eligible to vote for members of the Board.
- Vacancies would be filled by the remaining members of the Board and the appointee would serve until the next election for members of the Board. The remaining unexpired term (if there is any after the next election) would be filled by election. G.S. 115C-37.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to elections conducted on or after that date.

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