



# HOUSE BILL 593: Various General Local Laws, Sec. 2: Residency Districts for Certain Sanitary Boards

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 2 of S.L. 2024-38 would require certain sanitary districts to establish residency districts for use in their board elections, effective July 8, 2024.

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 130A-50 provides for the composition, manner of election and terms of office for sanitary district boards. Under G.S. 130A-50, a sanitary district board must be comprised of either three or five members who must be residents of the sanitary district and must serve two- or four-year terms which may be staggered or unstaggered as determined by the county board of commissioners.

## BILL ANALYSIS:

The act amends G.S. 130A-50 to require the following for sanitary districts lying wholly within a county with more than 17 municipalities lying wholly within that county:

- The sanitary district board must adopt single-member residency districts in which only a person residing in the district is eligible to run as a candidate for the seat apportioned to that district, but all candidates are elected at-large by the qualified voters of the entire sanitary district. The single-member residency district boundaries must be adopted by resolution following a public hearing. The most recent federal decennial census data is to be used as the basis of population for establishing the single-member residency districts and any revision of the single-member residency districts after each census.
- Sanitary district board members shall serve staggered terms.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 8, 2024.

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