



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

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Analysis of:	Sec. 2 of S.L. 2024-38		

OVERVIEW: Section 2 of S.L. 2024-38 requires certain sanitary districts to establish residency districts for use in their board elections. This section became effective July 8, 2024, and applies to elections held in 2025 and thereafter.

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:

Section 2 of 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 must serve staggered terms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective July 8, 2024, and applies to elections held in 2025 and thereafter.

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