



SENATE BILL 17: Stanly Bd. of Comm/Bd. of Educ.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 17 would modify the staggering of terms for both the Stanly County Board of Commissioners and the Stanly County Board of Education, so that four members are elected in one election cycle and three members are elected in the following election cycle.*

CURRENT LAW: Both the Stanly County Board of Commissioners and the Stanly County Board of Education consist of seven members elected for four-year staggered terms. Five members are elected from single-member residency districts, with both boards using the same five residency districts. Two members are elected at-large. For the district seats, all candidates must reside in the district in which the election is held, but the seat is voted on by all qualified voters of the county. For the at-large seats, any qualified voter of the county may be a candidate, and the seat is voted on by all qualified voters of the county.

Elections for both Boards are on a partisan basis at the time of the general election in even-numbered years. Candidates for election to the Boards are nominated at the same time and manner as other county officers.

For each Board, the current staggering of terms has five members elected in one election cycle, and two members elected in the next election cycle, as shown below:

- Stanly County Board of Commissioners:
 - 2020: One member from District 5 and one at-large member.
 - 2022: One member each from District 1, District 2, District 3, and District 4, and one at-large member.
- Stanly County Board of Education:
 - 2020: One member each from District 2, District 3, District 4, and District 5, and one at-large member.
 - 2022: One member from District 1 and one at-large member.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would modify the staggering of terms for members of the Stanly County Board of Commissioners and the Stanly County Board of Education so that four members are elected in one election cycle, and three members are elected in the next election cycle. To implement this change, the at-large member from each Board currently elected with four district seats would be next elected for a two-year term, rather than a four-year term. Members of these Boards would be elected as follows:

- Stanly County Board of Commissioners:
 - 2024: One member from District 5, and one at-large member for four-year terms.

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- 2026 only: One at-large member for a two-year term.
- 2026 and every four years thereafter: One member each from District 1, District 2, District 3, and District 4 for four-year terms.
- 2028 and every four years thereafter: One member from District 5 and two at-large members for four-year terms.
- Stanly County Board of Education:
 - 2024 only: One at-large member for a two-year term.
 - 2024 and every four years thereafter: One member each from District 2, District 3, District 4, and District 5 for four-year terms.
 - 2026 and every four years thereafter: One member from District 1 and two at-large members for four-year terms.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

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