



# SENATE BILL 286: Make Pamlico Bd. of Ed. Elect. Partisan.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Local Government. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	May 23, 2023
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 286 would change the method of election of the Pamlico County Board of Education from nonpartisan to partisan.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Pamlico County Board of Education consists of seven members. Two members are elected from the county at-large. One member is elected from each of the five districts, with residents of each district voting for the member to represent that district. 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 Pamlico County Board of Education 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 bill would change the method of election for the Pamlico County Board of Education members from nonpartisan to partisan elections, 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 Pamlico County Board of Education appoint the person recommended by the county party's executive committee if the political 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 on or after that date.

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