



SENATE BILL 750: Brunswick Regional Sanitary District/Board.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 750 would require the board members of the Brunswick Regional Water and Sewer H2GO Sanitary District ("H2GO Sanitary District") to adopt a resolution establishing five single-member residency districts prior to December 1, 2024, to use those residency districts to elect sanitary district board members, beginning in 2025, and to revise the residency districts every six years thereafter.*

CURRENT LAW: Board members for a sanitary district created under Article 2 of Chapter 130A are elected to serve for four-year terms. The elections are held at the same time, and conducted under the same rules, as municipal elections. Board members are elected on a nonpartisan plurality basis. Vacancies in office are filled by the county commissioners until the next election for sanitary district board members.

The board of the H2GO Sanitary District consists of five members, elected for staggered four-year terms. Elections are held in the odd-numbered years.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would require sanitary district board members of the H2GO Sanitary District to be elected from five single-member residency districts, beginning with the election for board members in 2025. Candidates must reside in the district in which the election is held, but the seat is voted on by all qualified voters of the H2GO Sanitary District.

The board of the H2GO Sanitary District would be required to adopt a resolution establishing the district boundaries for the five residency districts prior to December 1, 2024. The board must hold a public hearing on the establishment of the districts prior to the adoption of the resolution. The districts must maximize the geographic diversity of the board and must contain at least 1,000 qualified voters of the H2GO Sanitary District. Once the districts are established, they will remain in place until December 1, 2032, but thereafter, must be reviewed, revised, or reestablished every six years.

In 2025, elections for board members of the H2GO Sanitary District would be held for Districts 3, 4, and 5, and in 2027, elections for board members of the H2GO Sanitary District would be held for Districts 1 and 2.

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

BACKGROUND: Article II, Section 24 of the North Carolina Constitution prohibits local acts relating to health, sanitation, and the abatement of nuisances.

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