



# HOUSE BILL 302: Pitt Co. Bd. of Ed. Elect. Partisan.

2025-2026 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Election Law. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 18, 2025
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**OVERVIEW:** *The PCS to House Bill 302 would provide that members of the Pitt County Board of Education be elected on a partisan basis, beginning in 2026.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Pitt County Board of Education (Board) consists of nine members elected from single-member election districts. Each candidate to the Board must reside in the district in which he or she seeks to serve, and the seat is voted on by only the qualified voters residing within that district. Board members are elected in even-numbered years at the time of the general election to serve staggered four-year terms. Elections are conducted using the nonpartisan plurality method.

Vacancies are filled by the remaining members of the Board. The person appointed to fill the vacancy serves until the next election for members of the Board, at which time a person shall be elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, or if the term is set to expire that year, for a four-year term. The individual appointed to fill a vacancy must reside in the same election district as the departing member.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS to House Bill 302 would provide that members of the Pitt County Board of Education be elected on a partisan basis, beginning in 2026. Any vacancy occurring on the Board would be filled by the remaining members of the Board in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1, which requires the remaining members of the Board to consult with the county executive committee of the relevant political party before filling a vacancy and to appoint that executive committee's nominee, if the recommendation is made within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Effective the first Monday in December of 2026, and elections in 2026, and thereafter, shall be conducted accordingly.

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