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HOUSE BILL DRH40019-NG-31

Short Title: Elect Thomasville City Bd. of Ed. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Watford.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE THOMASVILLE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM  
3 APPOINTED MEMBERS TO ELECTED MEMBERS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Beginning in 2023, the Thomasville City Board of Education (Board)  
6 shall be composed of five members elected to staggered four-year terms.

7 **SECTION 2.** Members of the Board shall be elected in each odd-numbered year in  
8 accordance with the nonpartisan plurality method with results determined as provided in  
9 G.S. 163-292. The election shall be held on the date provided by G.S. 163-279 for nonpartisan  
10 plurality elections. Candidates shall file their notice of candidacy with the county board of  
11 elections under the same schedule provided by G.S. 163-294.2. The names of the candidates shall  
12 be printed on the ballots without reference to any party affiliation, and any qualified voter  
13 residing in the Thomasville City Schools Administrative Unit shall be eligible to vote for all  
14 candidates. Except as provided by this act, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the  
15 applicable provisions of Chapters 115C and 163 of the General Statutes.

16 **SECTION 3.** In order to implement staggered terms, in 2023, two members shall be  
17 elected to a two-year term and three members shall be elected to a four-year term. In the 2023  
18 election, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to serve a  
19 four-year term. The two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected  
20 to serve a two-year term. In 2025 and every four years thereafter, two members shall be elected  
21 to serve a four-year term. In 2027 and every four years thereafter, three members shall be elected  
22 to serve a four-year term.

23 **SECTION 4.** Members shall take office at the first regular meeting of the Board in  
24 December following their election, and the terms of their predecessors shall expire at that same  
25 time. Members shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. Vacancies for  
26 positions elected on the Board shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37(f).

27 **SECTION 5.** The terms of members appointed to the Board who are serving their  
28 terms at the time of the effective date of this act shall expire upon the qualification of members  
29 elected to the Board in 2023.

30 **SECTION 6.** The following acts are repealed:

31 (1) Section 8 of Chapter 262 of the Private Laws of 1901.

32 (2) Chapter 88 of the 1965 Session Laws.

33 (3) Section 504 of Article V of the Charter of the City of Thomasville as enacted  
34 by Chapter 211 of the 1981 Session Laws.

35 **SECTION 7.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law  
36 and applies to elections conducted on or after that date.

