

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

**HOUSE BILL 699
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE GENERAL ELECTION ON A
NONPARTISAN BASIS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Camden County Board of Education shall consist of five members who shall serve for terms of four years each.

SECTION 2. Each member of the Camden County Board of Education shall be elected on an at-large basis.

SECTION 3. Beginning with the election for those members whose terms expire in the year 2002, the elections for the members of the Camden County Board of Education shall be held during the general election. Such elections shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis, and the results shall be determined on a plurality basis as provided by G.S. 163-292. There shall be no election of the members of the Camden County Board of Education during the primary elections.

SECTION 4. The members of the Camden County Board of Education shall each be a resident of Camden County. Each candidate shall file a notice of candidacy with the Board of Elections of Camden County between 12:00 noon on the first business day of July and 12:00 noon on the last business day of July of the year in which the election will be held, which shall give the candidate's name, address, place of residence, and a statement that the candidate desires to be candidate for membership on the said Camden County Board of Education. The Board of Elections of Camden County shall prepare a separate ballot for the election of said members which shall contain the names of the candidates, but shall not refer to any party affiliation in any manner or form. The candidates for membership on the Camden County Board of Education shall be voted on at large by the eligible voters of Camden County, and the Board of Elections of Camden County shall canvas and judicially determine the results of said election and declare the members so elected. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared to be elected.

SECTION 5. All persons so elected shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified, and any vacancy occurring on the Camden County Board of Education by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by the remaining members of the Camden County Board of Education for the unexpired term, but the person appointed to fill such vacancy must be a resident of Camden County.

SECTION 6. The election of the members of the Camden County Board of Education is governed by Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, insofar as the same may be applicable and not in conflict with the express terms of this act. The Camden County Board of Elections may carry out the terms of this act.

SECTION 7. Chapter 173 of the 1977 Session Laws is repealed.

SECTION 8. This act is effective when it becomes law.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of
April, 2001.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives