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HOUSE BILL 407

Short Title: Cabarrus County Commissioners Redistricting. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Pittman.

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Referred to: Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, State and Local Government I

March 21, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A REFERENDUM TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CABARRUS COUNTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR SIX ELECTORAL DISTRICTS AND ONE AT-LARGE SEAT FOR THAT BOARD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Chapter 205 of the Session Laws of 1977 reads as rewritten:

"**Section 1.** ~~The~~(a) Effective the first Monday in December of 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Cabarrus County shall consist of ~~five~~seven members who shall serve for staggered terms of four ~~years as herein provided~~years.

~~Beginning with the regular primary and general election for county officers to be held in 1978, there shall be nominated and elected five commissioners who shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the entire county. In the 1978 general election, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of four years, and the two candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of two years. Thereafter, as the terms of the members expire, their successors shall be elected for terms of four years.~~

(b) Beginning with the 2020 election cycle, six members of the Board of County Commissioners of Cabarrus County shall be elected from single-member districts as set out in subsection (d) of this section and one member shall be elected from the county at large. The qualified voters of each district shall elect the member of the Board for that district. Only voters residing in that district may vote for the member from that district, and each candidate for a district seat shall reside in the district in which the candidate seeks election. The qualified voters of the entire county shall elect the at-large member. The at-large member shall be a resident of Cabarrus County.

(c) In the 2020 general election, members for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be elected for two-year terms and members for Districts 5 and 6 and the at-large member shall be elected for four-year terms. In 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, members from Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 shall be elected for four-year terms. In 2024, and quadrennially thereafter, members from Districts 5 and 6 and the at-large member shall be elected for four-year terms.

(d) The six single-member districts are as follows:  
**District 1:** Cabarrus County: VTD: 11-02, VTD: 12-01, VTD: 12-02, VTD: 12-03, VTD: 12-04, VTD: 12-05, VTD: 12-06, VTD: 12-07, VTD: 12-10, VTD: 12-11.

**District 2:** Cabarrus County: VTD: 02-01, VTD: 02-06, VTD: 02-08, VTD: 03-00, VTD: 04-08, VTD: 04-09, VTD: 12-08.

**District 3:** Cabarrus County: VTD: 02-02, VTD: 02-03, VTD: 02-05, VTD: 02-07, VTD: 02-09.



1 **District 4:** Cabarrus County: VTD: 01-02, VTD: 01-04, VTD: 01-06, VTD: 01-07, VTD: 01-08,  
2 VTD: 01-09, VTD: 01-10, VTD: 12-09, VTD: 12-12.

3 **District 5:** Cabarrus County: VTD: 05-00, VTD: 06-00, VTD: 07-00, VTD: 08-00, VTD: 09-00,  
4 VTD: 10-00, VTD: 11-01.

5 **District 6:** Cabarrus County: VTD: 04-01, VTD: 04-02, VTD: 04-03, VTD: 04-04, VTD: 04-05,  
6 VTD: 04-06, VTD: 04-07, VTD: 04-10."

7 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective only if approved by a majority of  
8 the qualified voters of Cabarrus County in a referendum. The election shall be conducted by the  
9 Cabarrus County Board of Elections on November 6, 2018. The question on the ballot shall be:

10  FOR  AGAINST

11 Increasing the membership of the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners from five  
12 members to seven members beginning in 2020 by establishing six electoral districts and reducing  
13 the number of at-large members from five to one."

14 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective upon ratification of the approval  
15 by the voters of the referendum set forth in Section 2 of this act. If the voters approve the  
16 referendum set forth in Section 2 of this act, in the 2018 general election, the three members  
17 whose terms would expire in 2022 shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the entire  
18 county as provided in Section 1 of Chapter 205 of the Session Laws of 1977 and shall serve  
19 two-year terms. If the voters do not approve the referendum set forth in Section 2 of this act, in the  
20 2018 general election, the three members whose terms would expire in 2022 shall be nominated  
21 and elected by the voters of the entire county as provided in Section 1 of Chapter 205 of the  
22 Session Laws of 1977 and shall serve four-year terms. The remainder of this act is effective when  
23 it becomes law.