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**SENATE BILL 705**

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| Short Title: | Elections/Cities in More Than One Co. | (Public) |

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| Sponsors: | Senators Bryant (Primary Sponsor);  and Foushee. |

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| Referred to: | Rules and Operations of the Senate |

January 16, 2018

1          A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SINGLE COUNTY TO ADMINISTER ELECTIONS HELD
3       IN CITIES THAT LIE IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY.
4   The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5          **SECTION 1.**  G.S. 163A-1589 reads as rewritten:
6   "**§ 163A-1589.  Mandatory administration by county boards of elections.**
7          (a)     The registration of voters and the conduct of all elections in municipalities and
8   special districts shall be under the authority of the county board of elections. Any contested
9   election or allegations of irregularities shall be made to the county board of elections and
10  appeals from such rulings may be made to the State Board of Elections under existing statutory
11  provisions and rules or regulations adopted by the State Board of Elections.
12         (b)     Each municipality and special district shall reimburse the county board of elections
13  for the actual cost involved in the administration required under this section.
14         (c)     Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section and G.S. 163A-1593, a city or special
15  district that lies in more than one county may enter into an interlocal agreement under Article
16  20 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes with the county boards of election in those counties
17  where the city or special district lies regarding the administration of the municipal election.
18  Such interlocal agreement shall be approved by the State Board prior to use in a municipal or
19  special district election and may not be for more than two years in duration."
20         **SECTION 2.**  This act is effective when it becomes law.