

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023**

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**SENATE BILL 248
Redistricting and Elections Committee Substitute Adopted 5/10/23**

Short Title: Change No. of Members on Nash Co. Bd. of Ed.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 9, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DECREASE THE SIZE OF THE NASH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
2 TO SEVEN MEMBERS AND TO ALIGN THE DISTRICTS FOR THE NASH COUNTY
3 BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH THE DISTRICTS OF NASH COUNTY BOARD OF
4 COMMISSIONERS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of Chapter 391 of the 1991 Session
8 Laws are repealed.

9 **SECTION 1.(b)** Section 1 of S.L. 2006-87 is repealed.

10 **SECTION 1.(c)** Subdivision (3) of Section 7 of S.L. 2016-14 is repealed.

11 **SECTION 2.(a)** The Nash County Board of Education (Board) shall consist of seven
12 members elected to staggered four-year terms.

13 **SECTION 2.(b)** Members of the Board shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis at the
14 time of the general election in even-numbered years as terms expire. The election shall be
15 conducted by the nonpartisan plurality method, and the results determined in accordance with
16 G.S. 163-292. The filing period shall be from noon on the first Friday in July until noon on the
17 third Friday in July of the even-numbered year. Persons elected to the Board shall take office on
18 the first Monday in December following their election, and the terms of their office shall date
19 and extend from that time. Except as otherwise provided by this act, elections shall be conducted
20 in accordance with Chapters 115C and 163 of the General Statutes.

21 **SECTION 2.(c)** Members of the Board shall be elected from seven single-member
22 electoral districts. The electoral districts shall be the same electoral districts as those for the Nash
23 County Board of Commissioners. No person shall be eligible to file for, be elected to, or serve
24 on the Board unless the person is a qualified voter and resident of the district from which the
25 person seeks to be elected. Candidates shall be voted on by the voters residing in the district from
26 which that candidate seeks election.

27 **SECTION 3.(a)** Notwithstanding Section 2 of this act, all members residing in Nash
28 County who were elected to the Board in 2022 shall continue to serve on the Board until the end
29 of their term or a vacancy occurs due to resignation or other causes.

30 **SECTION 3.(b)** In addition to the members serving on the Board in accordance with
31 this section, all seven members of the Board shall be elected in 2024. In order to implement
32 staggered terms, members shall be elected to the Board as follows:

- 33 (1) In 2024, and every four years thereafter, members from Districts 1, 3, and 4
34 shall be elected to serve a four-year term.



1 (2) In 2024, members from Districts 2, 5, 6, and 7 shall be elected to serve a
2 two-year term. In 2026, and every four years thereafter, members from
3 Districts 2, 5, 6, and 7 shall be elected to serve a four-year term.
4 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held
5 on or after that date.