

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1975 SESSION

CHAPTER 165
HOUSE BILL 217

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS
OF THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Rowan County Board of Education shall consist of five members who shall serve for terms of four years each, and, for purposes of electing members of said Board, Rowan County is divided into five districts bounded and described as follows:

"District No. 1 - North Rowan High School attendance zone.
District No. 2 - South Rowan High School attendance zone.
District No. 3 - East Rowan High School attendance zone.
District No. 4 - West Rowan High School attendance zone.
District No. 5 - Rowan County (the at-large position)."

Sec. 2. In the primary election to be held in Rowan County in 1976, there shall be elected three members of the Rowan County Board of Education. One of said members shall be a resident of District No. 1, the North Rowan High School attendance zone, one shall be a resident of District No. 2, the South Rowan High School attendance zone, and one shall be a resident of District No. 4, the West Rowan High School attendance zone. The candidate from District No. 1, the candidate from District No. 2, and the candidate from District No. 4 receiving the highest number of votes in the 1976 primary election shall be elected for a term of four years. In the primary election to be held in Rowan County in 1978, there shall be elected two members of the Rowan County Board of Education. One of said members shall be a resident of District No. 3, the East Rowan High School attendance zone, and the other shall be from District No. 5, designated as the at-large position on the Board. The candidate from District No. 3 and the candidate from District No. 5 receiving the highest number of votes in the 1978 primary election shall be elected for a term of four years. Biennially thereafter, as the vacancies occur, individuals elected to fill those vacancies shall hold office for a term of four years.

Sec. 3. The members representing the various districts on the Rowan County Board of Education shall be residents of said districts, except for that member filing for District No. 5, the at-large position on the Board who need only be a resident of Rowan County, and shall file with the County Board of Elections of Rowan County a notice of candidacy which shall give the candidates' name, address, place of residence and a statement that he desires to be a candidate for membership on the said Rowan County Board of Education for the district in which he resides, or the at-large position on the

Board. The election of said members of said Board shall be in the primaries heretofore set forth and shall be by non-partisan election. The Board of Elections of Rowan County shall prepare a separate ballot for the election of said members which shall, among other things, contain the name of the candidate, the school district that he desires to represent, including the at-large position, and shall not contain any reference to party affiliation in any manner or form. The said candidates for membership on the Rowan County Board of Education shall be voted on at-large by the eligible voters of Rowan County, and the Board of Elections of Rowan County shall canvass and judicially determine the results of said election and declare the members so elected. It is the intent and purpose of this act that said members of the Rowan County Board of Education shall be elected in said primary or primaries and there shall be no further election in the general election. All persons so elected shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified, and any vacancy occurring on the Rowan County Board of Education by death, resignation or otherwise shall be filled by the remaining members of the Rowan County Board of Education for the unexpired term, but the person appointed to fill such vacancy where the vacancy occurs in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, must be from the same district as the person whose death, resignation or removal created the vacancy on the Board. Where the vacancy is created from District No. 5, the at-large position, the only requisite is that the individual appointed to fill that vacancy be a resident of Rowan County.

Sec. 4. The election of said members of the Rowan County Board of Education in the various primary elections as hereinabove provided shall be governed by Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, relating to primaries and elections, insofar as the same be applicable and not in conflict with the expressed terms of this act. The Rowan County Board of Elections is hereby authorized and empowered to create any necessary precincts, to appoint any necessary election officials and to set up and establish all necessary books and records for conduct of said elections.

Sec. 5. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of April, 1975.