

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 746
HOUSE BILL 1309

AN ACT TO IMPROVE ELECTION ADMINISTRATION BY ALLOWING CHANGES IN SUPERIOR COURT JUDICIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TO REFLECT CHANGES IN PRECINCT BOUNDARIES SINCE ENACTMENT OF THE PLAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 7A-41(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) In subsection (b) above:

- (1) The names and boundaries of townships are as they were legally defined and in effect as of January 1, 1980, and recognized in the 1980 U.S. Census;
- (2) For Guilford County, precinct boundaries are as shown on maps in use by the Guilford County Board of Elections on April 15, 1987;
- (3) For Mecklenburg, Wake, and Durham Counties, precinct boundaries are as shown on the current maps in use by the appropriate county board of elections as of January 31, 1984, in accordance with G.S. 163-128(b);
- (4) For Wilson County, commissioner districts are those in use for election of members of the county board of commissioners as of January 1, 1987;
- (5) For Cumberland County, House District 17 is in accordance with the boundaries in effect on January 1, 1987. Precincts are in accordance with those as approved by the United States Department of Justice on February 28, 1986; and
- (6) For Forsyth County, the boundaries of wards and precincts are those in effect on 'WARD MAP 1985', published November 1985 by the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

If any changes in precinct boundaries, wards, commissioner districts, or House of Representative districts have been made since the dates specified, or are made, those changes shall not change the boundaries of the superior court districts; provided that if any of those boundaries have changed, a precinct is divided by a superior court judicial district boundary, and the precinct was not so divided at the time of enactment of this section in 1987, the boundaries of the superior court judicial district are changed to place the entirety of the precinct in the superior court judicial district where the majority of the residents of the precinct reside, according to the 1990 Federal Census if:

- (1) Such change does not result in placing a superior court judge in another superior court district;
- (2) Such change does not make a district that has an effective racial minority electorate not have an effective racial minority electorate; and
- (3) The change is approved by the the county board of elections where the precinct is located, State Board of Elections and by the Secretary of State upon finding that the change:
 - a. Will improve election administration; and
 - b. Complies with subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16th day of July, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives