

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 776

Short Title: Single-Member Districts.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Reynolds; Aldridge, Allred, Arnold, Baker, Cansler, Capps, Carpenter, Clary, Cocklereece, Culp, Daughtry, Davis, Eddins, Ellis, Hayes, Ives, Linney, McMahan, K. Miller, Nichols, Pate, Preston, Rayfield, Russell, Sexton, Sherrill, Tallent, and Weatherly.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

April 6, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER THE NEXT REDISTRICTING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 3(1) of Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina reads as rewritten:

"(1) Each Senator shall represent, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, ~~the number of inhabitants that each Senator represents being determined for this purpose by dividing the population of the district that he represents by the number of Senators apportioned to that district; with each Senate district having one member;~~".

Sec. 2. Section 5(1) of Article II of the Constitution of North Carolina reads as rewritten:

"(1) Each Representative shall represent, as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants, ~~the number of inhabitants that each Representative represents being determined for this purpose by dividing the population of the district that he represents by the number of Representatives apportioned to that district; with each Representative district having one member;~~".

1 Sec. 3. The amendments set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be
2 submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 1996,
3 which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State.
4 Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the
5 General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

6 **"[] FOR [] AGAINST**

7 Constitutional amendments providing that all members of the General
8 Assembly shall be elected from single-member districts".

9 Sec. 4. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the
10 amendments set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall
11 certify the amendments to the Secretary of State. The amendments become effective
12 beginning with the election in 2002. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendments
13 so certified among the permanent records of that office.

14 Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.