

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 578

Short Title: Designated House Seats.

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Sponsors: Representatives Allred; Barbee, Capps, Daughtry, Davis, Reynolds, and Buchanan.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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March 20, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DESIGNATED SEATS FOR ELECTION IN  
MULTIMEMBER DISTRICTS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 10 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 163-118.1. Designated seats.**

In each representative district entitled to elect more than one member of the State House of Representatives the positions shall bear identifying letters assigned by the State Board of Elections. Each seat shall be considered a separate office for the purpose of this Chapter. Votes cast for any candidate in a general election shall be effective only for the seat for which the candidate has been nominated by a political party or for which the unaffiliated or write-in candidacy has been filed.

Section 2. G.S. 163-106(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Notice of Candidacy for Certain Offices to Indicate Vacancy. – In any primary in which there are two or more vacancies for Chief Justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court, two or more vacancies for judge of the Court of Appeals, or two vacancies for United States Senator from North Carolina or two or more vacancies for the office of district court judge to be filled by nominations, each candidate shall, at the time

1 of filing notice of candidacy, file with the State Board of Elections a written statement  
2 designating the vacancy to which he seeks nomination. Votes cast for a candidate shall be  
3 effective only for his nomination to the vacancy for which he has given notice of  
4 candidacy as provided in this subsection.

5 In any primary in any representative district entitled to elect more than one member of  
6 the State House of Representatives, the positions being designated as provided by G.S.  
7 163-117, each candidate shall, at the time of filing notice of candidacy, file with the  
8 appropriate county board of elections a written statement designating the seat to which  
9 nomination is sought. No candidate may file for more than one seat. Votes cast for a  
10 candidate shall be effective only for nomination to the vacancy for which he has given  
11 notice of candidacy as provided in this subsection.

12 A person seeking party nomination for a specialized district judgeship established  
13 under G.S. 7A-147 shall, at the time of filing notice of candidacy, file with the State  
14 Board of Elections a written statement designating the specialized judgeship to which he  
15 seeks nomination."

16 Section 3. This act becomes effective January 1, 1998.