

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2019**

**SESSION LAW 2020-34
SENATE BILL 796**

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRICTS AND ELECTION METHODS FOR THE CARTERET COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE THE SAME AS THOSE FOR THE CARTERET COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 5(b) of S.L. 1997-389 is repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 5(d) of S.L. 1997-389, as amended by S.L. 2017-78, reads as rewritten:

"(d) The members of the Carteret County Board of Education shall be elected from the same districts established by the Carteret County Board of Commissioners for the election of those Commissioners, however denominated by the county. Members of the Carteret County Board of Education shall reside in and represent the districts, but, beginning in 2018, all members shall be elected by the voters of the county at large in a partisan election at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year as terms expire. In each even-numbered year as terms expire, members shall be elected in partisan elections as provided for the election of members of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners in Section 2(b) of Chapter 113 of the Session Laws of 1993. Except as provided by this act, elections shall be conducted in accordance with Chapters 115C and 163 of the General Statutes. ~~Candidates for election to the Carteret County Board of Education shall be nominated at the same time and manner as other county officers.~~ Members shall take office on the first Monday in December of the year of election and the terms of their predecessors shall expire at that same time.

Vacancies on the Carteret County Board of Education for positions elected on a nonpartisan basis in 2014 or 2016 shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37(f). Vacancies on the Board of Education for positions elected on a partisan basis beginning in 2018 shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1."

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding G.S. 115C-37(i), and regardless of the method of election for members of the Carteret County Board of Education, the districts for members of that board shall align with and have the same boundaries as the districts for members of the Carteret County Board of Commissioners. Such alignment shall automatically occur as district boundaries are established from time to time by the Carteret County Board of Commissioners or the General Assembly.



SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of June, 2020.

s/ Philip E. Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives