

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 73  
HOUSE BILL 499

AN ACT CODIFYING THE INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE LENOIR COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION AS ORDERED BY THE UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Lenoir County Board of Education shall consist of seven members elected in partisan elections. Primaries and elections for the Board of Education shall be held at the same time and in the same manner as primaries and elections for county officers. At each general election all candidates for the seats being elected that year shall be listed together on one ballot, and each voter shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are places to be filled. Likewise, in each party primary, all candidates seeking that party's nominations shall be listed together on one ballot, and each voter of that party shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are places to be filled. Except as provided in Section 2 of this act, all members of the Board of Education shall serve four-year terms.

Sec. 2. The five members of the Board of Education elected in 1986 and 1988 and the two members appointed in February 1989 shall be entitled to serve the remainder of the terms for which they were elected or appointed. Their successors shall be elected for four-year terms as the terms of the current members expire. Accordingly, four members shall be elected in 1990 and every four years thereafter, and three members shall be elected in 1992 and every four years thereafter.

Sec. 3. Any vacancy on the Board of Education shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board.

Sec. 4. A person must reside in the Lenoir County School Administrative Unit to be eligible to be appointed or elected to the Lenoir County Board of Education.

Sec. 5. Chapter 216 of the Session Laws of 1971 is repealed.

Sec. 6. This act is intended to codify without change the election plan ordered by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina on December 15, 1988, in Lossie Holmes, et al., v. Lenoir County Board of Education, et al. (No. 86-120-CIV-4).

Sec. 7. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 25th day of April, 1989.