SENATE BILL 491

Short Title: Clay School Elections.   (Local)

Sponsors: Senators Carpenter and Plexico.

Referred to: Education.

April 8, 1991

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE CLAY COUNTY
3   BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM PARTISAN TO NONPARTISAN.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5   Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 115C-37, the Clay County
6 Board of Education shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis at the time of the general
7 election in each even-numbered year as terms expire. The names of the candidates shall
8 be printed on the ballot without reference to any party affiliations. The nonpartisan
9 plurality election method shall be used with the results determined as provided in G.S.
10 163-292. Except as provided by this act, the election shall be conducted in accordance
11 with the applicable provisions of Chapters 115C and 163 of the General Statutes.
12 Candidates shall file notices of candidacy with the Clay County Board of Education no
13 earlier than 12:00 noon on the first Monday in July and no later than 12:00 noon on the
14 first Monday in August.
15   Sec. 2. The terms of office of the members of the Clay County Board of
16 Education commence on the first Monday in December of the year of their election.
17   Sec. 3. This act does not affect the terms of office of current members of the
18 Clay County Board of Education.
19   Sec. 4. Vacancies in membership of the Clay County Board of Education
20 elected under this act shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining members.
21   Sec. 5. The Board of Education of Clay County consists of five members
22 elected by the qualified voters of Clay County for four-year terms. As the terms of
23 present members expire, their successors shall be elected.

1   Sec. 6. Except as to the manner of filling vacancies for terms of office to
2 expire in 1992 or 1994, Chapter 157 of the 1975 Session Laws is repealed as to Clay
3 County.
4   Sec. 7. This act is effective upon ratification.