GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 521 HOUSE BILL 865

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE PLAN FOR ELECTION OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ENACTED BY THE 1991 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS THE ONLY LAWFUL PLAN, AND TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR ACTION ON AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

- Section 1. Chapter 136, Session Laws of 1991, is reenacted.
- Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act supersedes any previous action under G.S. 153A-22.
- Sec. 3. Section 2 of Chapter 600 of the 1991 Session Laws is amended by deleting: "If this ratified act receives, before the beginning of the filing period for notices of candidacy for the 1992 elections, whatever approval from whatever authority of the federal government is legally necessary for its implementation,", and substituting: "If this ratified act does not receive, before the beginning of the filing period for notices of candidacy for the 1994 elections, whatever approval from whatever authority of the federal government is legally necessary for its implementation, but does receive such approval by the beginning of the filing period for notices of candidacy for the 1996 elections,".
- Sec. 4. Section 2(c) of Chapter 989 of the 1989 Session Laws, as conditionally amended by Section 2 of Chapter 600 of the 1993 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:
- "(c) In 1992, 1996, the two at-large members of the board shall be elected in a two-seat contest. The candidate with the highest number of votes in the general election shall serve a four-year term and the candidate with the second highest number of votes shall serve a transitional two-year term. In subsequent elections, the two at-large members shall be elected to four-year terms on a staggered basis."
- Sec. 5. Section 4 of Chapter 600 of the 1993 Session Laws reads as rewritten:
- "Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification; provided that Section 1 of this act shall be implemented according to Section 2 or Section 3 of this act, whichever section applies; provided further that, if the method of election provided in Section 2 or Section 3 of this act is disapproved after ratification by whatever authority of the federal government controls final approval of this act, but the election of the two additional members provided by Section 1 of this act is approved at-large for unstaggered terms by whatever authority of the federal government controls final approval of this act, then the

two at-large members of the Board of Commissioners added by this act shall be elected to four-year terms in a two-seat race in <u>1994-1996</u> and every four years thereafter."

Sec. 6. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of July, 1993.

Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr. Speaker of the House of Representatives