

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 865

**SHORT TITLE:** Commissioners Election

**SPONSOR(S):** Reps. Gist and Jeffus

<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b>	<b>Expenditures:</b>	<b>Increase ( )</b>	<b>Decrease ( )</b>
	<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>Increase ( )</b>	<b>Decrease ( )</b>
	<b>No Impact (X)</b>		
	<b>No Estimate Available ( )</b>		

**FUND AFFECTED:** None

**BILL SUMMARY:**

H 865. GUILFORD COMMISSIONERS ELECTION. "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." Reenacts SL 1991, ch. 136, and states this act supersedes any previous action under GS 153A-22. Introduced by Gist and Jeffus.

**AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES-July 21, 1993-DailyBulletin 107**

H 865. COMMISSIONERS ELECTION. Intro. 4/12. Senate committee substitute adds provisions amending laws relating to election of Sampson County Board of Comm'rs, as follows: (1) amends section 2 of Ch. 600 of 1991 SL to make amendment to section 2 of Ch. 969 of 1989 SL conditional upon approval 1991 SL Ch. 600 by federal government after the beginning of the filing period for notices of candidacy for the 1994 elections but prior to the beginning of the filing period for notices of candidacy for the 1996 elections; (2) conditionally amends section 2(c) of 1989 SL Ch. 969 to provide that in 1996 (was, 1992) two at-large members of the board shall be elected in a two-seat contest; and (3) apparently intends to amend section 4 of 1991 SL Ch. 600 to provide that the two additional at-large members of the board shall be elected to four-year terms in a two-seat race in 1996 (was, 1994) if the election of the two additional members is approved by the federal government on an at-large basis for unstaggered terms but the methods of election under sections 2 and 3 of the act are disapproved by the federal government.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective upon ratification.

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

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**EXPENDITURES**  
**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**  
    **STATE FUNDS**  
    **FEDERAL FUNDS**  
    **LOCAL FUNDS**  
    **OTHER FUNDS**  
**RECEIPTS/FEES**

**POSITIONS:**

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The assumption is that this bill serves to clarify which plan is the lawful election plan for the Guilford County Board of Commissions and has no fiscal impact. Page 2, Section 4 of this bill changes the date of the election of the two additional at-large members of the County Board of Commissioners from 1994 to 1996. Since County Commissioner elections are held on even number years the change to 1996 serves to delay the additional to a time when an election is regularly schedule anyway. There should be no additional cost to the local board of election or to the state due to this delay. If additional costs are incurred those costs would be negligible at best.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** State Board of Elections.

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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