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SENATE BILL 1396

Short Title: New Hanover Nursing Home Board.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Ballantine.

Referred to: Local Government and Regional Affairs.

May 30, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NURSING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE LAW AND THE OMBUDSMAN LAW AS IT AFFECTS NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 131E-128(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) (1) A community advisory committee shall be established in each county which has a nursing home, including a nursing home operated by a hospital licensed under Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 131E, shall serve all the homes in the county, and shall work with each home in the best interest of the persons residing in each home. In a county which has one, two, or three nursing homes, the committee shall have a minimum of five members. In a county with four or more nursing homes, the committee shall have a minimum of one additional member for each nursing home in excess of three.

(2) In each county with four or more nursing homes, the committee shall establish a subcommittee of ~~no more than five members and~~ no fewer than three members from the committee for each nursing home in the county. Each member ~~must~~ shall serve on at least one subcommittee.

(3) Each committee shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners. Of the members, a minority (not less than one-third, but

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1 as close to one-third as possible) ~~must~~shall be chosen from among
2 persons nominated by a majority of the chief administrators of nursing
3 homes in the county and of the governing bodies of the hospitals
4 licensed under Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 131E, which operate nursing
5 homes. If the nursing home administrators and the governing bodies of
6 the hospitals licensed under Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 131E, which
7 operate nursing homes fail to make a nomination within 45 days after
8 written notification has been sent to them by the board of county
9 commissioners requesting a nomination, these appointments may be
10 made by the board of county commissioners without nominations."

11 Sec. 2. G.S. 143B-181.19 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 "(c) Nothing in this section precludes a county from maintaining its own
13 Ombudsman Office."

14 Sec. 3. This act applies only to the County of New Hanover.

15 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.