

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 574*

Short Title: Mecklenburg School Election Changes.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Gulley.

Referred to: Local Government I.

March 24, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE
CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION SO AS TO PROVIDE
FOR NONPARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 167 of the 1993 Session Laws reads as
rewritten:

"Section 1. (a) The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education shall be elected on a
nonpartisan ~~plurality~~ primary basis on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in
odd-numbered years, with the results determined as provided by ~~G.S. 163-292.~~ G.S. 163-
294. Notwithstanding G.S. 163-279(a), if any municipality in the county conducts its
election on a partisan basis:

(1) The nonpartisan primary for the board of education shall be held on the
sixth Tuesday before the election;

(2) Any municipality in the county which conducts its election on a
nonpartisan primary basis shall have the nonpartisan primary on the
sixth Tuesday before the election;

(3) Any municipality in the county which conducts its election on a
nonpartisan election and runoff election basis shall have the election on

1 the sixth Tuesday before the Tuesday after the first Monday in
2 November.

3 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this act, the election shall be administered in
4 accordance with Articles 23 and 24 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes."

5 Section 2. The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections shall conduct an
6 election on November 2, 1999, on the question of approval of Section 1 of this act. The
7 question on the ballot shall be:

8 **"[] FOR [] AGAINST**
9 Election of the members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Board of Education with
10 nonpartisan primaries".

11 If a majority of the votes cast are FOR the question, then Section 1 of this act
12 becomes effective beginning with the 2001 election. If less than a majority of the votes
13 cast are FOR the question, then Section 1 of this act does not become effective.

14 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.