



1       "(d) This section shall apply only to the Hickory City Board of Education and the  
2 Newton-Conover City Board of Education and in the following counties: Alexander, Alleghany,  
3 Ashe, Beaufort, Brunswick, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Carteret, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay,  
4 Columbus, Craven, Dare, Davie, Forsyth, Graham, Harnett, Henderson, Hyde, Iredell, Lee,  
5 Lincoln, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Polk, Rowan,  
6 Rutherford, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Vance, Washington, and Yancey."

7       **SECTION 5.(c)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2026.

8       **SECTION 6.** The following provisions of law are repealed:

- 9       (1) Section 1 of Chapter 717 of the 1953 Session Laws.
- 10       (2) Chapter 114 of the 1961 Session Laws.
- 11       (3) Chapter 216 of the 1961 Session Laws.
- 12       (4) Chapter 327 of the 1961 Session Laws.
- 13       (5) Chapter 295 of the 1963 Session Laws.
- 14       (6) Chapter 1 of the 1969 Session Laws.
- 15       (7) Section 2 of Chapter 1053 of the 1969 Session Laws.
- 16       (8) Chapter 836 of the 1973 Session Laws.
- 17       (9) Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Chapter 192 of the 1981 Session Laws.

18       **SECTION 7.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law  
19 and applies to elections held on or after that date.