

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023**

**SENATE BILL 776
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO REALIGN THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE
BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF CERTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L. 2023-134, for the term of office of the Board of Trustees of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College that is elected by the Madison County Board of Commissioners and expires June 30, 2025, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of one year, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2026.

PART II. BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L. 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Blue Ridge Community College shall be revised as follows:

- (1) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners that expire June 30, 2025, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.
- (2) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Education that expire June 30, 2025, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.
- (3) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners that expire June 30, 2027, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2027, so that the term expires June 30, 2030.
- (4) Of the two terms elected by the Henderson County Board of Education that expire June 30, 2027, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term of three years, beginning July 1, 2027, so that the term expires June 30, 2030.

PART III. DAVIDSON-DAVIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L. 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Davidson-Davie Community College shall be revised as follows:

- (1) For the one term elected by the Davidson County Board of Education that expires June 30, 2024, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term of one year, beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2025.



- (2) Of the two terms elected by the Davie County Board of Commissioners that expire June 30, 2026, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years, beginning July 1, 2026, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.

PART IV. SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L. 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Southwestern Community College shall be revised as follows:

- (1) For the one term elected by the Macon County Board of Commissioners that expires June 30, 2024, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners shall elect one trustee to a term of four years beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2028.
- (2) Of the two terms elected by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners that expire June 30, 2026, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of one year, beginning July 1, 2026, so that the term expires June 30, 2027.
- (3) Of the two additional terms to be elected by the Swain County Board of Commissioners, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years, beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2026.
- (4) For the additional term to be elected by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of one year, beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2025.
- (5) For the one term elected by the Swain Board of Education that expires June 30, 2025, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint one trustee to a term of two years, beginning July 1, 2025, so that the term expires June 30, 2027.

PART V. TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L. 2023-134, the terms of office for certain members of the Board of Trustees of Tri-County Community College shall be revised as follows:

- (1) Of the two additional terms to be elected by the Graham County Board of Commissioners, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of two years, beginning July 1, 2024, so that the term expires June 30, 2026.
- (2) For the term elected by the Clay County Board of Commissioners that expires June 30, 2027, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners shall elect to the term beginning July 1, 2027, and every four years thereafter.
- (3) For the term elected by the Clay County Board of Commissioners that expires June 30, 2024, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, shall appoint to the term beginning July 1, 2024, and every four years thereafter.
- (4) For the term elected by the Clay County Board of Commissioners that expires June 30, 2026, the Board shall elect one trustee to a term of one year, beginning July 1, 2026, so that the term expires June 30, 2027.
- (5) For the remaining three terms to be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the terms shall be staggered as follows:
 - a. One term shall begin July 1, 2025, and expire June 30, 2029.
 - b. One term shall begin July 1, 2026, and expire June 30, 2030.
 - c. One term shall begin July 1, 2027, and expire June 30, 2031.

PART VI. MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 6.(a) For the boards of trustees of the community colleges addressed in this act, in accordance with G.S. 115D-12, G.S. 115D-13, and Section 6.10 of S.L. 2023-134, the following shall apply for any seat in which a specific term length is not provided or revised:

- (1) For current seats, the term shall expire at the end of its previously appointed or elected term.
- (2) For additional seats to be elected or appointed pursuant to Section 6.10 of S.L. 2023-134, in order to maintain staggered terms, the initial term shall begin July 1, 2024, and expire June 30, 2028.

SECTION 6.(b) The successors to the trustees elected or appointed to terms of less than four years pursuant to this act shall be elected or appointed, following the expiration of those terms, to terms of four years on July 1, and every four years thereafter, in accordance with G.S. 115D-13, as amended by Section 6.10(o) of S.L. 2023-134.

PART VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 7. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of June, 2024.

s/ Steve Jarvis
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives