

RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 153A OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA CALLING A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION OF NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER FROM EACH OF FIVE DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners as is presently exists consists of five members nominated and elected from residency districts by voters of the entire county; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on August 21, 2006, to afford citizens an opportunity to be heard on the question of whether to call a referendum pursuant to G.S. §153A-60 for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the registered voters on whether to alter the structure of the Board of Commissioners to provide that one commissioner be nominated and elected from each of five districts by the voters of the district only; and

WHEREAS, at said public hearing it appeared that there is substantial support for holding a referendum pursuant to G.S. §153A-60 to ascertain the will of the voters on the question of whether to provide that one commissioner be nominated and elected from each of five districts by the voters of the district only.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The proposed alterations are to provide that one commissioner be nominated and elected from each of five districts by the registered votes of their respective district only. The boundaries of each of the five districts is set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
2. The proposed alterations will not affect the terms of any commissioner elected prior to December 1, 2006.
3. Upon approval by the registered voters of the County, the changes will be effective for all elections occurring after November 8, 2006. Commissioner seats for the new districts will be filled as follows:

District 1. One commissioner shall be nominated and elected from new District 1 in 2010, and each four years thereafter.

District 2. One commissioner shall be nominated and elected from new District 2 in 2008, and each four years thereafter.

District 3. One commissioner shall be first nominated and elected from new District 3 in either 2008, or 2010. Mr. Vanderbeck, a candidate for election in 2006, currently resides in new District 3. If elected in 2006, he will serve his four-year term to expire on 2010, in new District 3. If he is not elected in 2006, then a commissioner for new District 3 will first be nominated and elected in 2008, and each four years thereafter.

District 4. One commissioner shall be first nominated and elected from new District 4 in either 2008, or 2010. Mr. Ernst, a candidate for election in 2006, currently resides in new District 4. If elected in 2006, he will serve his four-year term to expire on 2010, in new District 4. If he is not elected in 2006, then a commissioner for new District 4 will first be nominated and elected in 2008, and each four years thereafter.

District 5. One commissioner shall be nominated and elected from new District 5 in 2010, and each four years thereafter.

4. The Chatham County Board of Elections is requested to place on the ballot for the November 7, 2006, election the question of whether to approve the above described alteration. It is also requested that the ballot to be used for said election be in substantially the following form:

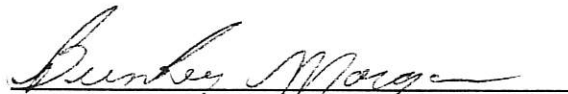
"Shall the structure of the board of county commissioners be altered to provide that one commissioner be nominated and elected from each of five single member electoral districts of substantially equal population by the registered voters of the district only?"

_____ Yes

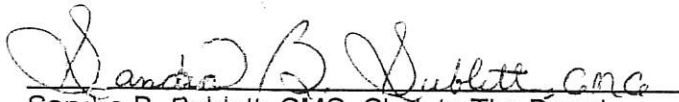
_____ No

5. The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall, upon adoption, publish this Resolution in full in a newspaper of general circulation in Chatham County, and shall also transmit a copy hereof to the Chatham County Board of Elections.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County, North Carolina held in Pittsboro, North Carolina at 6:00 o'clock p.m., on the 21st day of August 2006, the foregoing resolution was introduced by Commissioner Emerson, seconded by Commissioner Outz and adopted by a vote of 3 FOR and 2 AGAINST.


Bunkey Morgan, Chairman

ATTEST:


Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to The Board
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTACHMENT A

“Shall the structure of the Board of County Commissioners be altered to provide that one commissioner be nominated and elected from each of five electoral districts by the qualified voters in each district only?”