



## **COUNTY OF CURRITUCK**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ESTABLISH A REFERENDUM FOR THE VOTERS OF CURRITUCK COUNTY TO ALTER THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly in 1973 enacted legislation uniformly authorizing voters to approve changes to the form of their county government by referendum, including alterations to the size and method of election of their boards of county commissioners. *See* 1973 S.L. 822, enacting N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-58 to 64; and

**WHEREAS**, the current electoral structure of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners consists of five residency districts and 2 at-large members with staggered four-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners has determined that it should exercise the powers granted to it under N.C. Gen Stat. § 153A-58 to 64 on behalf of the citizens of Currituck County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners desires to convert its current electoral structure into one that allows for both geographic representation across the county through electoral districts and countywide representation through at-large districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners desires to convert its electoral structure from five residency districts and two at-large seats to a structure of six electoral districts and one at-large seat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners has received and reviewed the population of the County as determined by the 2020 federal Census; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2025, August 4, 2025, October 20, 2025, November 3, 2025, and November 17, 2025, the Board in public meetings received and reviewed information about altering its structure, Census data, and proposed plans; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 2025, the Board selected criteria to guide the drawing of proposed electoral districts; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2025, the Board received and reviewed three proposed five-district plans; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2025, the Board received and reviewed three proposed six-district plans; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 2025, the Board decided to seek public input on one five-district plan and one six-district plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 5, 2026, the Board held a public hearing on the two proposed electoral plans and obtained public comment on the proposed plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board considered and approved the redistricting plan identified as 6-District Plan with six electoral districts and attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners desires to alter its structure of government and implement the proposed redistricting plan upon approval by the voters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Currituck County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The Currituck County Board of Commissioners calls a special referendum on the question of adoption of the alterations described in this resolution at the general election on November 3, 2026;
2. The referendum shall be printed on the ballot as follows:

Shall the structure of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners be altered to six electoral districts, whereby the qualified voters of each district shall nominate candidates and elect members who reside in the district for seats apportioned to that district, and one at-large seat, whereby the qualified voters of the entire county shall nominate candidates and elect members for that seat?

YES

NO

3. If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition are in the affirmative, the alteration in structure of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners contained in this resolution shall be put into effect.
4. Upon approval by the voters of Currituck County, the boundaries of the six electoral districts for six members of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners are altered to follow the lines depicted on the attached redistricting plan identified as 6-District Plan.
5. The attached plan has been prepared from United States Census Bureau maps and the boundaries have been drawn to follow voting district (VTD) and census block lines. A list of the VTDs and census blocks in each district is attached for reference and to resolve any issue that might arise concerning the boundaries of the districts.
6. Upon approval by the voters of Currituck County, the 2028 elections will result in the election of candidates for districts 1, 2, and 4. Upon approval by the voters of Currituck County, the 2030 elections will result in the election of candidates for districts 3, 5, and 6 and the at-large seat.
7. Upon approval by the voters of Currituck County, the new district boundaries shall be used for the 2028 election of the members of the Board of County Commissioners and for each subsequent election until the boundaries are altered according to law.

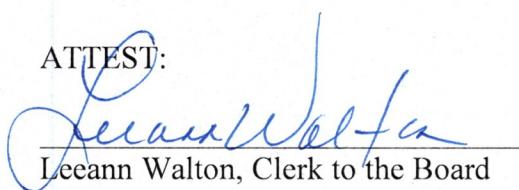
8. Upon approval by the voters of Currituck County, a copy of this resolution, with exhibits, and the map showing the district boundaries shall be retained in the office of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.
9. Upon approval by the voters of Currituck County, a copy of this resolution, with exhibits shall be provided to the Currituck County Board of Elections with the request that the Board of Elections notify residents of applicable changes in the districts in which they vote.
10. Not later than 10 days after the day of approval by the voters, the clerk shall file in the Secretary of State's office and in the office of the Currituck County Register of Deeds a certified copy of the resolution.
11. This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and the alteration in structure of the Board of Commissioners shall become effective at the 2028 primary and general election for county offices held after approval of the alteration, and the alteration takes effect on the first Monday in December following the 2028 general election.

**ADOPTED** by the Currituck County Board of Commissioners on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.



S. Paul O'Neal, Chair  
Currituck County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Leeann Walton, Clerk to the Board

