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- } 96 SWCDs in NC
- } 95 are single county, and 1 has 5 counties
- } Single County Districts – 5 supervisors
 - ? 3 elected
 - ? 2 appointed by Soil & Water Conservation Commission
- } Five-county district
 - ? 15 elected (3 per county)
 - ? 2 appointed at large
- } Four-year terms, staggered every 2 yrs



- } Since 1974, supervisor elections part of general election
- } One seat per district open in presidential election years
- } Two seats open in mid-term election years
- } Offices are non-partisan, no primary election
- } <http://www.ncsbe.gov/Sampleballots/2012Nov/2GWAKE031.pdf>



- } Legitimacy - Supervisors are elected officials on par with county commissioners
- } Awareness - Many voters discover the district while preparing for vote
- } Accountability - Supervisors responsible to serve all citizens, implement comprehensive program
- } Organization - Elections fall under Board of Elections

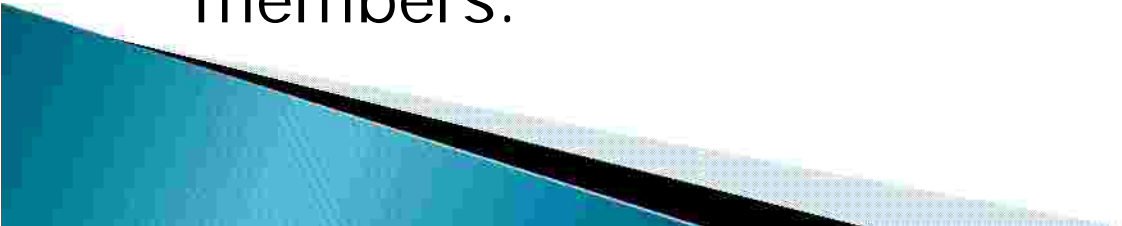


- } Uninformed voters - Many voters unaware of what/who they're voting for
- } Motivations of candidates - Supervisor position viewed as stepping stone
- } Campaign expenses - Contested elections may require extensive campaigns and expenses



- } Appointments by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission
- } Generally based on nomination by other remaining board members
- } November 2010, Commission approved new guiding principles for appointments
- } http://ncagr.gov/SWC/districts/documents/Recommendation_for_Appointment_Form-2011.pdf



- } G.S. 139-7 states, "Any supervisor may be removed by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission upon notice and hearing, for neglect of duty, incompetence or malfeasance in office, but for no other reason."
 - } 15A NCAC 6A.0109, " Evidence of neglect of duty shall include, but is not limited to, the ceasing to discharge the duties of the office over a period of three consecutive months except when prevented by sickness.
 - } Commission only considers removal for neglect of duty on recommendation of other board members.
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- } Process requires the district to exercise due diligence and open deliberation
 - ? Follow up on unexpected absences
 - ? Seek explanation from supervisor
 - ? Take action to recommend removal in open meeting
- } Written procedures are available
- } Now working on procedure for removal for incompetence or malfeasance.



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