

April 15, 1999

**H 1072. VOTER REG. CLEANUP. TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS IN THE VOTER REGISTRATION LAWS AND OTHER ELECTION LAWS.** As title indicates.

**Intro. by Alexander.**

Ref. to Election Law

GS 163

April 21, 1999

**H 1072. ELECTION LAW CLEANUP.** Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds numerous technical and clarifying amendments to election law including: (1) amends GS 163-22.1 to allow State Board of Elections to order new election because of fraud without conducting a public hearing if local board held hearing without requiring the State Board to adopt the findings of the local board; (2) clarifies GS 163-328 (regarding election of superior court judges when one candidate dies) to make provision apply also to disqualification of candidate; (3) amends GS 163-96 to delete provisions for alternate procedures to determine validity of signatures on petition for new political party and to eliminate requirement of 5¢ fee per signature; (3) amends GS 163-122 and 163-123 to set deadline for filing petition to be on ballot as unaffiliated candidate or write-in in general election with county board of elections as 5:00 p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> day preceding the date the petition is due to be filed with State Board of Elections and to eliminate requirement of 5¢ fee per signature.

July 6, 1999

**H 1072. ELECTION LAW CLEANUP.** Intro. 4/15/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Revises title to add following phrase: "TO MAKE CLEANUP CHANGES AS A RESULT OF SESSION LAW 1999-31." Amends GS 163-278.6(14) to provide that presumption that entity has as major purpose to support or oppose nomination or election of candidates may be rebutted by showing that the contributions and expenditures giving rise to the presumption were not a major part of activities of the organization during the election cycle. Amends GS 163-278.6(18b) to define "referendum committee" as a combination of two or more individuals such as a committee, association, organization, or other entity; or a combination of two or more business entities, corporations, insurance companies, labor unions, or professional associations such as a committee, association, organization, or other entity. Provides that such an entity continues as referendum committee if it receives contributions, makes expenditures, or maintains assets or liabilities. Amends GS 163-278.23 to add to duties of Executive Sec'y-Director of Board of Elections to notify media or other entity that may be required to file a statement as provided in article.