

April 15, 1999

H 1074. ELECTION LAW CHANGES-1. *TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE ELECTION LAWS.* Blank bill.

Intro. by Alexander.

Ref. to Rules

GS 163

April 21, 1999

H 1074. ELECTION LAW CHANGES-1. Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Replaces blank bill with *AN ACT TO EXEMPT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-DIRECTOR FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT; TO REQUIRE THAT A SIGNED VOTER REGISTRATION FORM BE DELIVERED TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY ANYONE DELEGATED THAT RESPONSIBILITY; TO ESTABLISH THE CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR OF AN ELECTION OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE ALTERING VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION; AND TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO USE A VOTING PLACE OUTSIDE THE PRECINCT, WITH APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.* Amends GS 150B-1(c), 163-278.34(a1), 163-82.5A, and 163-130A as title indicates. The provision regarding out-of-precinct voting places expires Jan. 1, 2002.

April 23, 1999

H 1074. ELECTION LAW CHANGES-1. Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. (1) Deletes provisions exempting State Board of Elections and Executive Secretary-Director of that board from the Administrative Procedures Act; (2) Changes violation of bill's provision regarding designated person's failure to turn in a signed voter registration from original bill's Class 1 felony to Class 2 misdemeanor. (3) Changes title to read "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT A SIGNED VOTER REGISTRATION FORM BE DELIVERED TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY ANYONE DELEGATED THAT RESPONSIBILITY AND MAKE VIOLATION A CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR; TO ESTABLISH THE CLASS 2 MISDEMEANOR OF AN ELECTION OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE ALTERING VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION; AND TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO USE A VOTING PLACE OUTSIDE THE PRECINCT, WITH APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS."

July 7, 1999

H 1074. ELECTION LAW CHANGES-1. Intro. 4/15/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Rewrites bill to include following provisions: (1) Amends GS 163-82.6 to provide that person who agrees to deliver voter registration application for another (delegate) must deliver the application to the elections board in time to meet registration deadline. Failure to make good faith effort to do so, unless person delivering application indicates that it cannot be delivered on time, is Class 2 misdemeanor. Sale or attempt of completed voter registration form is Class 2 misdemeanor, as is conditioning delivery of application upon payment. If delegate fails to perform duty, specifies that person meets registration deadline if delivers application to delegate 25 days before election. Applies to offenses committed on or after Jan. 1, 2000. (2) Amends GS 163-274 to make it Class 2 misdemeanor for election official or employee to alter voter registration records without written authorization. Applies to offenses committed on or after Oct. 1, 1999. (3) Adds new GS 163-130A to allow county election board to use a voting place outside a precinct, with unanimous vote of local board and agreement of executive director of state elections board. Specifies criteria and limits use for one election cycle only. Expires Jan. 1, 2002. (4) Adds new GS 163-130B to allow county election board to use two voting places for single precinct with unanimous vote of local board and agreement of executive director of state elections board. Specifies criteria, including limit of no more than four precincts in single county to use this authority, and requires full set of officials for each voting site. Limits authority to no more than three counties. Effective Jan. 2, 2000, and expires Jan. 2, 2002. Report to legislature by state executive director by Feb. 1, 2001. (5) Amends GS 163-129 to specify that if county board

uses public buildings as voting places it may require that those in charge of building provide adequate parking for voters. Effective Jan. 1, 2000. (6) Amends GS 163-304 to make numerous changes allowing executive director of state elections board to designate county elections board to conduct municipal election if municipal board is not appointed in time to conduct election or if municipal board commits serious violations that give reasonable doubt about board's ability to conduct fair election; requires concurrence of four members of state board. In specified circumstances allows state board to designate county board to conduct municipal elections. Effective Jan. 1, 2000, but local city council must provide list of municipal election board members to state board by Aug. 1, 1999. (7) Amends GS 163-35 to raise from \$8 to \$12 the hourly rate for elections directors in counties using full time or modified full time registration. Effective Jan. 1, 2000. (8) Amends GS 163-36 to lower threshold at which county may have modified full time county elections office from 14,001 to 6,501 registered voters. (9) Adds new GS 163-278.19B to allow entities regulated by GS 163-278.19 to contribute to political party headquarters building fund. (10) Amends GS 163-278.32 to require candidate to certify as true the organizational report and appointment of treasurer for the candidate and the principal campaign committee.