

April 10, 2001

**H 1046. DATA BY PRECINCT.** *TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY AND UNDERSTANDABILITY OF PRECINCT DATE.* Adds new section GS 163-132.5G to require that each county board of elections maintain voting data so that precinct returns show the votes cast on each item on the ballot by all residents and requires Board of Elections to promulgate rules for enforcement of requirement without compromising secrecy. Data from provisional and absentee voting is not required to be provided until the 2002 general election. Adds new section GS 163-132.5 to require the State Board to develop standards for naming precincts.

**Intro. by Alexander.**

Ref. to Election Law

GS 163

April 23, 2001

**H 1046. DATA BY PRECINCT.** Intro. 4/10/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition: (1) deletes the proposed new G.S. 163-132.5H (State Board of Elections to develop standards for naming precincts) and (2) rewrites proposed G.S. 163-132.5G to provide that (a) the county board of elections must maintain voting data by precinct to the extent it can do so without compromising the secrecy of an individual's ballot; (b) the county board is not required to report absentee voting data by precinct until 60 days after the election; (c) the State Board of Elections must adopt enforcement rules to the end that all voting data will be reported by precinct by the 2006 election (originally, by the 2002 election); and (d) rules must provide for exemptions when the expense of compliance would place a financial hardship on a county.

November 13, 2001

**H 1046. ELECTION CHANGES.** Intro. 4/6/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR POSTPONING THE FILING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES IN 2002 PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND FOR POSTPONING THE 2002 PRIMARY ELECTIONS IF NECESSARY; TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY AND UNDERSTANDABILITY OF PRECINCT DATA; AND TO MAKE DEFINITIONAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE ELECTION LAWS.* Postpones filing period for notices of candidacy for 2002 for primary elections and for elections for other offices conducted on day of primary; provides that filing period begins at noon on Feb. 18, 2002, and ends at noon on March 1, 2002. Provides that if the state's redistricting act has not been approved under section 5 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act by Feb. 18, 2002, which is the opening date of the filing period, the State Board of Elections shall postpone the primary election for all offices to a date that is fair to all parties, candidates, and voters. Directs State Board to adopt rules for implementing postponed election schedule. Requires State Board to consult with President Pro Tem., Speaker, and majority and minority leaders of House and Senate before postponing filing period. Also makes changes to GS Ch. 163, art. 21, Military Absentee Registration and Voting in Primary and General Elections. States that it is intent of article that each uniformed services voter receive the utmost consideration and cooperation when voting. Updates definition of persons serving in the armed forces. Provides that if application from absentee uniformed voter is received by election official, it shall be considered a valid absentee ballot request for all elections in which absentee ballots are allowed during the calendar year the application was received; states that provision does not apply to special election not involving election of candidates unless special election is held on same day as general or primary election. Provides that after discharge from armed forces voter may vote by military absentee ballot for remainder of calendar year that voter registered without having to reregister. Makes other technical changes.

November 13, 2001

**H 1046. ELECTION CHANGES.** Intro. 4/6/01. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Changes title to add following: *TO PERMANENTLY CHANGE FILING PERIODS BEGINNING AFTER 2002.* Amends GS 163-106(c) and 163-323(b) to postpone opening and closing dates for filing notice of candidacy for party primary nominations and for judge of superior and district court. Requires filing by second Monday in February and no later than last business day in February preceding primary or judicial election. Effective Jan. 1, 2003.

November 19, 2001

**SL 2001-466 (H 1046). ELECTION CHANGES.** *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR POSTPONING THE FILING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES IN 2002 PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND FOR POSTPONING THE 2002 PRIMARY ELECTIONS IF NECESSARY; TO PERMANENTLY CHANGE FILING PERIODS BEGINNING AFTER 2002; TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY AND UNDERSTANDABILITY OF PRECINCT DATA; AND TO MAKE DEFINITIONAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE ELECTION LAWS.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/10/01, 4/23/01, and 11/13/01. Enacted Nov. 16, 2001. Effective Nov. 16, 2001.