

April 12, 2001

**H 1185. NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE DEADLINE.** *TO ADJUST THE PERIOD FOR NO-EXCUSE ONE-STOP ABSENTEE VOTING BY ALLOWING MORE TIME AFTER THE BOOKS CLOSE TO BEGIN THE PROCESS, BUT TO EXTEND IT TO INCLUDE THE SATURDAY BEFORE THE ELECTION.* Rewrites GS 163-227.2(b) to provide that the period during which a person may apply for an absentee ballot at the office of a county board of elections is not earlier than the first business day after the 22<sup>nd</sup> (was 25<sup>th</sup>) day before an election and not later than 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the election. Rewrites GS 163-227.2(f) to add requirement that office of a county board of elections be open on the Saturday before the election. Applies with respect to elections held on or after Jan. 1, 2002.

**Intro. by Blue.**

Ref. to Election Law	GS 163
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