

February 1, 2001

H 34. BAN BUTTERFLY AND PUNCH-CARD BALLOTS. TO BAN BUTTERFLY AND PUNCH-CARD BALLOTS. Amends GS 163-140(a) to prohibit the use of ballots that require the voter “to punch out a hole with a stylus or other tool.” Amends GS 163-140(b) to provide that ballots for president and vice-president “shall not have two parallel sets of columns with some of the parties in one column and the other parties in a second column.” Punch-card provision becomes effective for elections conducted on or after July 1, 2002; remainder effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Goodwin.

Ref. to Election Law	GS 163
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April 9, 2001

H 34. BAN BUTTERFLY AND PUNCH-CARD BALLOTS. Intro. 2/01/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Applies prohibitions on punch-card ballots and butterfly ballots to all kinds of elections. (Originally, ban on punch-card ballots applied to general election, and ban on butterfly ballots applied to presidential election.) Provides that punch-card prohibition not to apply within following counties until federal, state, or local funds have been appropriated to replace punch-card systems in current use: Cabarrus, Duplin, Forsyth, McDowell, Mitchell, Onslow, Vance, and Watauga.

July 10, 2001

H 34. BAN BUTTERFLY AND PUNCH-CARD BALLOTS. Intro. 2/1/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Rewrites bill to (1) make clear that its provisions apply to official ballots in any referendum, primary, or other election; (2) add provision that in counties that used punch-card ballots as official ballots in the Nov. 2000 election, and in any municipalities in those counties, the prohibition against punch-card ballots becomes effective Jan. 1, 2004; (3) express intent that any county that uses county funds to replace voting equipment to satisfy the prohibition against punch-card ballots be given priority in appropriations to counties for voting equipment; (4) specifically use and define the term “butterfly ballot,” and (5) provide for the recodification of the two new sections in the event that Senate Bill 17 becomes law.

July 11, 2001

H 34. BAN BUTTERFLY AND PUNCH-CARD BALLOTS. Intro. 2/1/01. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Changes effective date for ban on punch-card ballots in those counties, and municipalities within those counties, that used punch-card ballots in the November 2000 election to Jan. 1, 2006 (was 2004). Makes other technical changes.

July 30, 2001

SL 2001-310 (H 34). BAN BUTTERFLY AND PUNCH-CARD BALLOTS. AN ACT TO BAN BUTTERFLY AND PUNCH-CARD BALLOTS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/1/01, 4/9/01, 7/10/01, and 7/11/01. Enacted July 28, 2001. Effective July 28, 2001. Section 1 applies to primaries, elections, and referenda conducted on or after July 28, 2001.