

January 29, 2001

S 16. MUNICIPAL ELECTION BDS. TO ABOLISH MUNICIPAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS, REQUIRING THAT ALL ELECTIONS BE CONDUCTED BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS.

Repeals various sections of GS Ch. 163 relating to municipal boards of elections, and adds new GS 163-280.1 abolishing all municipal boards of elections and providing that terms of all board members and precinct officials appointed by municipal boards, if their terms have not expired before January 1, 2002, expire on that date. Rewrites GS 163-285 to make counties responsible for registration of all voters and for conducting all elections, including those for municipalities and special districts. Makes numerous conforming and technical changes. Provides that the act prevails over local acts. Effective January 1, 2002, and applies to all primaries and elections held on and after that date.

Intro. by Gulley.

Ref. to Judiciary I	GS 163
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March 14, 2001

S 16. MUNICIPAL ELECTION BDS. Intro. 1/29/01. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. In section regarding State Elections Board's authority to order new election, deletes proviso requiring State Board to adopt findings of county elections board when State Board orders new election after public hearing held by county elections board. Makes additional technical corrections or changes.

May 14, 2001

S 16. MUNICIPAL ELECTION BDS. Intro. 1/29/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Changes title to *AN ACT TO ABOLISH MUNICIPAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS IN MUNICIPALITIES OTHER THAN MORGANTON, GRANITE FALLS, OLD FORT, AND RHODHISS*. Completely rewrites 2nd edition and adds new GS 163-280.1 as title indicates. Act becomes effective Jan. 1, 2002, and applies to all primaries and elections held on and after that date. Provides that this act prevails over local acts. Terms of all members of all municipal board of elections are abolished, and terms of all precinct officials appointed by municipal boards of elections, if those terms have not expired before Jan. 1, 2002, expire Jan. 1, 2002. Amends GS 163-285 to provide that municipalities cited in title may conduct their own elections or they may request county board of elections to conduct elections. Adds new provisions to GS 163-285 as follows: (1) county boards of elections have authority to require maps or definitive outlines of boundaries constituting any municipality or special district (sanitary district, fire district, or school administrative unit) whose elections county board administers and must be immediately advised of any change or relocation of such boundaries; and (2) any contested election or allegations of irregularities in municipal or special district election must be made to county board of elections and appeals from such rulings may be made to State Board of Elections under existing statutory provisions and rules adopted by board.

May 15, 2001

S 16. MUNICIPAL ELECTION BDS. Intro. 1/29/01. House amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Specifies that if a municipality and county board of elections cannot reach a formula mutually agreed on for municipality to pay municipal election costs, State Board of Elections is to prescribe a binding formula; does so by deleting provision allowing State Board to instruct county board to decline to administer the elections.

July 31, 2001

S 16. MUNICIPAL ELECTION BOARDS. Intro. 1/29/01. Conference report recommends the following changes to 3rd edition to reconcile matters in controversy. (1) Adds a provision directing the State Board of Elections to make specified inspections of the operations of the municipal boards of elections of Morganton, Granite Falls, Old Fort, and Rhodhiss (the only municipal boards of elections remaining after the bill becomes effective). (2) Deletes provision that county boards of elections have authority to require maps or definitive outlines of the boundaries

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