

April 10, 2003

H 1119. ELECTION LAW CHANGES-1. TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ELECTION LAWS.

Amends various sections of GS Ch. 163 to make mostly technical or clarifying changes. Amends GS 163-278.8 to require campaign treasurer to record daytime phone number and email address of any contributor providing over \$100, in addition to other information already required. Amends GS 163-46 to provide that if precinct election official is paid an hourly or daily wage on election day and is then assigned to other duties outside of precinct, the official is not entitled to any other compensation for that service. Amends GS 163-278.6(18a) to provide that recall election is not a referendum for purposes of applying the article regulating contributions and expenditures in campaigns. Amends GS 9-2 and 163-82.10 to provide that addresses under the Address Confidentiality Program are not to be made available to the jury commission in its preparation of jury lists for the county. Amends GS 163-221 to prohibit signing of name of another on petition for write-in candidate qualification. Amends GS 6-19.1 to specify that attorney fees shall not be assessed against State Elections Board in proceedings on election contests. Amends GS 163-182.13, which provides that board can order new election when impropriety occurs that taints the results of the election even if "it is not possible to determine whether those irregularities or improprieties affected the outcome of the election" to delete the quoted language. Amends GS 163-182.14 to delete language that provides that mere irregularity in an election that would not change the results is not a basis to stay the certification of an election. Change requiring email and daytime addresses of donors effective Jan. 1, 2004, remainder effective when it becomes law.

Intro. by Alexander.

Ref. to Election Law	GS 163, 9, 6
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April 22, 2003

H 1119. ELECTION LAW CHANGES - 1. Intro. 4/10/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes amendments to GS 163-278.8(c) and GS 6-19.1. Makes conforming change to effective date.

April 29, 2003

H 1119. ELECTION LAW CHANGES - 1. Intro. 4/10/03. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Repeals GS 163-230.2 (methods of requesting absentee ballots).

July 9, 2004

H 1119. ELECTION LAW CHANGES -1. Intro. 4/10/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Completely rewrites prior edition as follows. Amends GS 163-132.3 by deleting subsection (d) and providing, in subsection (a), that no county board of elections may change any precinct boundary except in one of three specified ways. Also provides that all proposed new precincts must consist solely of contiguous territory and that the provision does not bar a county from continuing to use precincts that were allowed under the Combined Reporting Unit provisions of GS 163-132.1(c)(6). Changes reporting requirements for precinct boundary changes. Deletes the time restriction on precinct changes. Modifies the time period specified in subsection (e) to have it end on August 15, 2004. Adds new GS 163-132.3A, pertaining to assigning of precinct names. Provides that changes to GS 163-132.3 and 132.3A become effective Aug. 15, 2004, and that any changes to precincts proposed for the 2004 election shall be completed by Sept. 17, 2004. Adds new subsection to GS 7A-41(b) providing that effective with the 2004 election, in addition to the boundaries provided for in the section, Superior Court District 14A also includes that portion of Durham Precinct 53 east of NC Highway 751. This change is effective when it becomes law and applies to the 2004 election cycle. Amends GS 163-166.12, adding new subsection (b1) providing that the county board of elections must note the type of identification proof submitted under the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) and deleting exception for absentee voters. Amends GS 163-82.4, changing the reference in subsection (b)(1) from GS 163-275(4) to 163-275(13). Amends GS 163-299(d) to provide that the provisions of Art. 14A, not 13A, apply. Amends GS 163-213.5 to change second reference to GS 163-96(b)(1) and (2) to GS 163-96. Amends GS 163-123(g), making the exception apply to elections under Art. 25.

Amends the procedure for having a name printed on a ballot as an unaffiliated candidate in GS 163-122 and the provision on nominating by petition in GS 163-296. Modifies provisions in GS 163-82.6 pertaining to how application forms may be submitted and the registration deadlines for an election. Rewrites GS 163-257, pertaining to facsimile, electronic mail, or scanned transmission of election materials. Deletes reference to GS 163-74(b) in GS 163-97.1 and replaces it with a reference to GS 163-82.17; deletes reference to GS 163-116 in GS 163-213.7 and replaces it with a reference to GS 163-119. Amends GS 163-1(b), adding nonpartisan candidates as to offices elected under Art. 25. Deletes the word "resignation" in GS 163-112(d)(4). Modifies the heading for petitions for new political parties in GS 163-96(b). Deletes that portion of GS 163-278(9) providing that the special definition of "expenditure" in GS 163-12A applies only in that section. Changes the statutory cross reference in GS 163-278.12(a) from GS 163-278.16(f) to 163-278.39. Adds a new GS 163-82.10B pertaining to the confidentiality of the date of birth of voter-registration applicants and registered voters. Makes a conforming change to GS 132-1.2. Deletes amendment to GS 163-82.10(d) in prior edition and revises GS 163-82.10, making changes regarding confidentiality of date of birth information. Amends GS 163-82.13 to provide that the voter registration file may contain the voter's age. Adds a new provision to GS 163-42.1 providing that the date of birth of a student election assistant shall be kept confidential. Changes to GS 163-82.10B, 132-1.2, 163-82.10, 163-82.13, and 163-42.1 are effective June 1, 2005. Except as otherwise noted, the act is effective when it becomes law.

July 12, 2004

H 1119. ELECTION LAW CHANGES - 1. Intro. 4/10/03. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition. Provides that amendments to GS 163-132.3 and -132.3A (alterations to precinct boundaries and names) apply to precincts established or changes made on or after Aug. 15, 2004. Deletes provision requiring that any proposed changes for 2004 election shall be completed by Sept. 17, 2004.

August 6, 2004

SL 2004-127 (H 1119). ELECTION LAW CHANGES. AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ELECTION LAWS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/10/03, 4/22/03, 4/29/03, 7/9/04, and 7/12/04. Enacted July 26, 2004. Effective July 26, 2004, except as otherwise provided.