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H 427. STATEWIDE ELECTIONS/FUNDING. TO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES FOR THE COST OF CONDUCTING STATEWIDE PRIMARIES, ELECTIONS, AND REFERENDA, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE. Adds new GS 163-25.1

requiring State Board of Elections to reimburse each county board of elections for the cost of conducting cited elections. Specifies that state reimbursement is to be a pro rata share of the cost of conducting each election, based on the portion of the ballot taken up with statewide contests. Defines "cost of conducting" to include, but not be limited to, cost of printing ballots, programming computerized voting systems, and paying precinct officials. "Cost" does not include county board of elections' costs that would be the same were an election not being held, such as the salaries of permanent employees, building rent, and the portion of utility costs that is unaffected by the election. Appropriates \$227,500 for each of next two fiscal years from General Fund to State Board of Elections, to reimburse county boards of elections for cited costs, in accordance with act's provisions. Effective July 1, 2003.

Intro. by Rayfield.

Ref. to Election Law	GS 163, APPROP
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