

April 5, 2005

H 1115. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENTS. *TO ALLOW POLITICAL PARTIES TO USE "RUNNERS" TO PICK UP VOTER LISTS FROM POLLS; TO PROHIBIT A CANDIDATE FROM BEING AN OBSERVER OR RUNNER AT THE POLLS; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PERMIT DIFFERENT VOTING SYSTEMS IN THE SAME PRECINCT; TO ALLOW THE CHANGING OF REGISTERED VOTERS BASED ON ADJUSTED COUNTY LINE; TO CHANGE THE DEADLINE FOR FILING A PROTEST FROM SIX O'CLOCK P.M. TO FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.; TO PERMIT THE SAME KIND OF VOTER ASSISTANCE IN ONE-STOP SITES AS AT VOTING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY; TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A STATEWIDE UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATE TO CONFORM TO A FEDERAL COURT DECISION; TO PROHIBIT PIECE PAYMENT FOR VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES; TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE THAT PRECINCT TRANSFER VOTERS AT ONE-STOP SITES NEED NOT VOTE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS; TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ONE-STOP VOTERS BE INSTRUCTED IN HOW TO VOTE MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS; TO FIX THE SALARY ON WHICH A FILING FEE FOR AN OFFICE IS BASED; TO REMOVE THE OUTDATED REFERENCE IN THE FILING FEE STATUTE TO OFFICES "COMPENSATED ENTIRELY BY FEES"; TO ALLOW THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO AUTOMATICALLY CANCEL A VOTER'S REGISTRATION IN A FORMER COUNTY WHEN THE VOTER REGISTERS IN A NEW COUNTY; TO UPDATE AND MAKE MORE TECHNOLOGY-NEUTRAL THE LANGUAGE IN THE STATUTE PROVIDING FOR ACCESS TO VOTER REGISTRATION DATA; TO EXTEND FOR THREE DAYS THE COUNTY CANVASS AFTER A GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER OF AN EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR; AND TO EXPRESSLY ALLOW ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS.* Amends GS Chapter 163 as title indicates. Also provides that each party is entitled to only one voter list at each of the scheduled times and authorizes party runner to enter voting enclosure only when necessary to announce runner's presence. Amends GS 163-122(a)(1) (unaffiliated candidates nominated by petition) to require that petition be signed by 2% of the total number of voters who voted in the most recent general election for Governor and by at least 200 registered voters in each of the 4 NC congressional districts. Makes violation of piece payment prohibition a Class 2 misdemeanor. Makes technical corrections and conforming changes. Provides that provisions concerning election observers and runners, voter registration changes, filing protests, one-stop voter assistance, piece payments, cancellations of prior voter registrations, and county general election canvass are effective January 1, 2006, and apply to primaries and elections held on or after that date.

Intro. by Moore, Ross.

Ref. to Election Law

GS 163

May 2, 2005

H 1115. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/5/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Amends GS 163-57 to provide that for the purpose of determining residency of a voter whose home is divided by an election district, the location of the bedroom or sleeping area of the voter is used to determine residency and establishes a procedure under which an individual may dispute a residency determination. Amends GS 163-182.7 to clarify that a demand for a recount on a ballot item in the jurisdiction of a county board of elections must be received by the county board by 5:00 p.m. on the first business day after the county canvass (was, 5:00 p.m. on the first day after the canvass) and that a recount demand on a ballot item in the State Board of Election's jurisdiction must be received by the Board by noon on the second business day after the canvass (was, by noon on the second Thursday after the election). Enacts new GS 163-182.15(d) effective January 1, 2006, to require that election results be determined as follows: (1) in a primary for party nomination, in accordance with GS 163-111; (2) in a general election, the individuals having the highest number of votes will be declared elected; and (3) in a referendum, the ballot proposal receiving the highest number of votes will prevail. Makes technical and conforming changes.

August 12, 2005

H 1115. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/5/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. (1) Deletes amendments to GS 163-122(a), which changed the procedure for having a statewide unaffiliated candidate's name printed on a ballot, and deletes proposed GS 163-82-25A and GS 163-274(14), which prohibited piece payment for voter registration drives. (2) Amends GS 164-45 to authorize a runner to enter a voting enclosure when necessary to receive the voting list. (3) Enacts new GS 163-82.14(d)(3) (removal from voting list of voters who have moved) to require the reinstatement of any voter who appears to vote and affirms that voter has maintained a residence continuously within the county. (4) Amends GS 163-82.4(e) to require that the voter (was, "the person filling out the form") be notified of voter's failure to answer a question included on a voter registration form. (5) Amends GS 163-132.1 to provide that NC will participate in the 2010 Census Redistricting Data Program and to make technical corrections. (6) New Section 17 of act is identical to H 158, introduced 2/10/05.

August 13, 2005

H 1115. ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENTS. Intro. 4/5/05. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Makes technical changes only.

October 5, 2005

SL 2005-428 (H 1115). ELECTION ADMINISTRATION AMENDMENTS. *AN ACT TO ALLOW POLITICAL PARTIES TO USE "RUNNERS" TO PICK UP VOTER LISTS FROM POLLS; TO PROHIBIT A CANDIDATE FROM BEING AN OBSERVER OR RUNNER AT THE POLLS; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PERMIT DIFFERENT VOTING SYSTEMS IN THE SAME PRECINCT; TO ALLOW THE CHANGING OF REGISTERED VOTERS BASED ON ADJUSTED COUNTY LINE; TO CHANGE THE DEADLINE FOR FILING A PROTEST FROM SIX O'CLOCK P.M. TO FIVE O'CLOCK P.M.; TO PERMIT THE SAME KIND OF VOTER ASSISTANCE IN ONE-STOP SITES AS AT VOTING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY; TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE THAT PRECINCT TRANSFER VOTERS AT ONE-STOP SITES NEED NOT VOTE PROVISIONAL BALLOTS; TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ONE-STOP VOTERS BE INSTRUCTED IN HOW TO VOTE MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS; TO FIX THE SALARY ON WHICH A FILING FEE FOR AN OFFICE IS BASED; TO REMOVE THE OUTDATED REFERENCE IN THE FILING FEE STATUTE TO OFFICES "COMPENSATED ENTIRELY BY FEES"; TO ALLOW FOR THE CANCELLATION OF A VOTER'S REGISTRATION IN A FORMER COUNTY WHEN THE VOTER REGISTERS IN A NEW COUNTY; TO UPDATE AND MAKE MORE TECHNOLOGY-NEUTRAL THE LANGUAGE IN THE STATUTE PROVIDING FOR ACCESS TO VOTER REGISTRATION DATA; TO EXTEND FOR THREE DAYS THE COUNTY CANVASS AFTER A GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER OF AN EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR AND CHANGE OTHER RELATED DATES; TO EXPRESSLY ALLOW ELECTRONIC POLLBOOKS; TO CLARIFY HOW WINNERS OF ELECTIONS SHALL BE DETERMINED; TO CLARIFY THAT A VOTER WHOSE NAME HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE REGISTRATION LIST MAY VOTE UPON AFFIRMING THAT THE VOTER HAS NOT MOVED FROM THE COUNTY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CORRECTION OF AN OMISSION ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION FORM; TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE 2010 CENSUS REDISTRICTING DATA PROGRAM; AND TO AUTHORIZE BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO ALLOW KNOWN VOTERS WHOSE VOTES WERE LOST TO RECAST THEIR BALLOTS DURING A TWO-WEEK PERIOD AFTER THE ELECTION.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/5/05, 5/2/05, 8/12/05, and 8/13/05. Enacted September 22, 2005. Sections 1, 2-5, 9, 11, and 17 are effective January 1, 2006. The remainder is effective September 22, 2005.