

February 9, 2005

**H 127. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE POLL WORKERS. TO ALLOW LEAVE TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR WORKING AS PRECINCT OFFICIALS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS.** Adds new GS 163-41.3 providing that all public employees in the State are entitled to up to 24 hours a year of paid community service leave to serve as precinct officials or temporary employees of a county board of elections in a voting site. This community service leave is in addition to any other sick or vacation leave to which an employee may otherwise be entitled.

**Intro. by Insko, Preston.**

Ref. to Election Law

GS 163

March 31, 2005

**H 127. STATE EMPLOYEE POLL WORKERS.** Intro. 2/9/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes proposed GS 163-41.3 and replaces it with new GS 126-4(5b) to require that State Personnel Comm'n adopt policy to provide up to 24 hours of election leave for a State employee's service as a precinct official or at a voting site. Requires that Comm'n provide for paid leave for any hours for which the employee is not compensated by the board of elections and that leave be in addition to existing leave entitlements. Provides that employees must receive supervisor's approval before taking leave and authorizes agency to require proof that leave is taken for election service. Amends GS 163-46 to prohibit county boards of elections from compensating a precinct official for hours for which official takes paid State election leave.