

March 22, 2005

H 851. SAME DAY REG. AT ONE-STOP SITES. TO PROVIDE FOR IN-PERSON REGISTRATION AND VOTING AT ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING SITES; AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO IMPLEMENT AND STUDY THE CHANGE. Repeals GS 163-82.6(d) titled "Instances When Person May Register and Vote on Election Day" and creates new GS 163-82.6A titled "In-person registration and voting at one-stop sites." New provisions allow qualified persons to register and vote at designated sites within their county of residence during specified times. Requires that person must vote immediately after registering. Requires that the State Board of Elections and the county board of elections provide to the "maximum extent practical" electronic access to an updated voter registration database and the North Carolina drivers' license database at each site where in-person registration and voting take place. These provisions are effective January 1, 2006, and apply to all primaries and elections held on or after that date. Effective July 1, 2005, requires the State Board of Elections to provide access to counties to the databases described above, to monitor the implementation of the law, to analyze its use in the counties during 2006, and to determine the feasibility and timetable for expanding same-day registration and voting to all voting places. State Board must report findings to the Joint Legislative Comm'n on Governmental Operations no later than March 1, 2007. Appropriates \$75,000 from General Fund to State Board of Elections for 2005-06 to implement provisions of act.

Intro. by Ross, McComas, Parmon, Holliman.

Ref. to Election Law

GS 163, APPROP, STUDY

July 21, 2005

H 851. SAME DAY REG. AT ONE-STOP SITES. Intro. 3/22/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies proposed GS 163-82.6A(c) to clarify that person registering and voting at a one-stop site must provide proof of identity to register and vote (was, register only) and complete a voter registration form as prescribed by GS 163-82.4. Reinstates GS 163-82.6(d) and (e) and amends subsection (d) to state that a person may vote between the twenty-fifth day before an election and election day at a one-stop site if the person became qualified to vote before the end of the one-stop period. Makes technical changes. Changes effective date of Section 4 of act (State Board of Elections monitoring and reporting responsibilities) from July 1, 2005, to date on which act becomes law.