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HOUSE BILL 648
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H648-PCS70368-ST-44

Short Title: Vote Centers for Second Primaries.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 10, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PERMIT COUNTIES TO USE THE VOTE CENTER CONCEPT FOR
3 SECOND PRIMARIES, WHERE ONLY THE EARLY VOTING SITES FOR THE FIRST
4 PRIMARY ARE OPEN ON THE DAY OF THE SECOND PRIMARY RATHER THAN
5 THE NORMAL ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-111 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 "(e1) Option for Voting Centers During Second Primary. – A county board of elections
9 may, with approval of the State Board of Elections, provide for a limited number of voting sites
10 to be opened during a potential second primary. The plan shall comply with all of the
11 following:

- 12 (1) Be submitted by the county board of elections to the State Board prior to
13 December 1 of the calendar year before the election.
14 (2) Apply only to a second primary for the following year, if any.
15 (3) Be approved by the State Board prior to January 1 of the election year.
16 (4) Provide for all of the following:
17 a. The second primary election day voting places shall be the same sites
18 used for one-stop voting for the first primary under G.S. 163-227.2.
19 b. The sites under sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision shall be open
20 for regular election day polling hours.
21 c. A voter who is eligible to vote in the second primary may vote at any
22 one of the available voting places under sub-subdivision a. of this
23 subdivision.
24 d. One-stop voting shall still be conducted as provided in
25 G.S. 163-227.2.
26 e. The county board shall conduct voter education as to the voting
27 places to be open during the second primary, including listing the
28 second primary voting places in:
29 1. The legal notice required under G.S. 163-33(8) for the first
30 and second primaries.
31 2. Either a posting on the wall of the voting place, a printed
32 handout for each voter voting in person during the first
33 primary, or both.
34 f. Election results shall be reported in accordance with
35 G.S. 163-132.5G."



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1 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2014, and applies to elections
2 held on or after that date.