

1 (c) The orders, guidelines, and directives shall provide for candidate filing to
2 open as soon as practicable after preclearance of a plan is obtained.

3 (d) Any temporary orders, guidelines, and directives issued by the State Board
4 under this section shall become null and void 10 days after the final certification of all
5 elections that were originally scheduled to be held in 2002.

6 (e) This section expires 10 days after the final certification of all elections that
7 were originally scheduled to be held in 2002."

8 **SECTION 2.** Article 6A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes is amended
9 by adding a new section to read:

10 "**§ 120-30.9J. Judicial orders.**

11 The Administrative Officer of the Courts shall submit to the Attorney General of the
12 United States within five days of the time they become effective all judicial orders that
13 amend, delete, add to, modify, or repeal any law or other judicial order which
14 constitutes a 'change affecting voting' under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of
15 1965."

16 **SECTION 3.** Section 4 of S.L. 1999-268, as amended by Section 3 of S.L.
17 2001-217, reads as rewritten:

18 "Section 4. The amendment set out in Section 3 of this act shall be submitted to the
19 qualified voters of the State at the ~~next statewide primary election, statewide general~~
20 election in 2002, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing
21 elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with
22 Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and
23 ballots shall be:

24 [] FOR [] AGAINST

25 Constitutional amendment making a technical correction to allow dedication and
26 acceptance of property into the State Nature and Historic Preserve by the General
27 Assembly by enactment of a bill rather than a joint resolution.' "

28 **SECTION 4.** If any members of any county board of education are elected
29 at the primary election and take office under a local act in July after the primary, in
30 2002 only, they shall instead take office on the same day in the second month after the
31 primary, and the terms of any such member which would otherwise expire in July of
32 2002 are extended accordingly.

33 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.