

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

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HOUSE DRH11081-LB-216 (03/03)

Short Title: Columbia Municipal Early Voting.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Owens.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA TO HAVE LIMITED ONE-STOP
EARLY VOTING FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WHEN NO OTHER ELECTIONS
ARE ON THE BALLOT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163-227.2(f) reads as rewritten:

"(f) Notwithstanding the exception specified in G.S. 163-36, counties which operate a modified full-time office shall remain open five days each week during regular business hours consistent with daily hours presently observed by the county board of elections, commencing with the date prescribed in G.S. 163-227.2(b) and continuing until 5:00 P.M. on the Friday prior to that election and shall also be open on the last Saturday before the election. A county board may conduct one-stop absentee voting during evenings or on weekends, as long as the hours are part of a plan submitted and approved according to subsection (g) of this section. The boards of county commissioners shall provide necessary funds for the additional operation of the office during that time. This subsection does not apply to a regular municipal election conducted on a date when there are no statewide or county issues or candidates on the ballot, but the office shall remain open during regular business hours for one-stop absentee voting."

SECTION 2. This act applies only to the Town of Columbia.

SECTION 3. This act is effective with respect to elections conducted on or after September 1, 2011.



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