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HOUSE BILL DRH40138-LU-58

Short Title: Same Reqs/Officials/Early Vote & Election Day. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Speciale.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT ENSURING THAT REQUIREMENTS FOR PRECINCT OFFICIALS ON  
3 ELECTION DAY ARE THE SAME FOR EARLY ONE-STOP VOTING LOCATIONS.  
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
5 SECTION 1. G.S. 163A-1303(a) reads as rewritten:  
6 "(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of G.S. 163A-1300, 163A-1301, 163A-1302,  
7 this section, and G.S. 163A-1304, a county board of elections by unanimous vote of all its  
8 members may provide for one or more sites in that county for absentee ballots to be applied for  
9 and cast under these sections. Every individual staffing any of those sites ~~shall~~ shall (i) be a  
10 member or full-time employee of the county board of elections or an employee of the county  
11 board of elections whom the board has given training equivalent to that given a full-time  
12 ~~employee.~~ employee, and (ii) meet the same qualifications and requirements as individuals  
13 appointed as precinct officials under G.S. 163A-815, provided that individuals staffing those sites  
14 are not required to be residents of a specific precinct. Those sites must be approved by the State  
15 Board as part of a Plan for Implementation approved by both the county board of elections and  
16 by the State Board which shall also provide adequate security of the ballots and provisions to  
17 avoid allowing persons to vote who have already voted. The Plan for Implementation shall  
18 include a provision for the presence of political party observers at each one-stop site equivalent  
19 to the provisions in G.S. 163A-821 for party observers at voting places on election day. A county  
20 board of elections may propose in its Plan not to offer one-stop voting at the county board of  
21 elections office; the State Board may approve that proposal in a Plan only if the Plan includes at  
22 least one site reasonably proximate to the county board of elections office and the State Board  
23 finds that the sites in the Plan as a whole provide adequate coverage of the county's electorate. If  
24 a county board of elections has considered a proposed Plan or Plans for Implementation and has  
25 been unable to reach unanimity in favor of a Plan, a member or members of that county board of  
26 elections may petition the State Board to adopt a plan for it. If petitioned, the State Board may  
27 also receive and consider alternative petitions from another member or members of that county  
28 board. The State Board may adopt a Plan for that county. The State Board, in that plan, shall take  
29 into consideration factors including geographic, demographic, and partisan interests of that  
30 county."  
31 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections  
32 conducted on or after that date.

