

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 938

Short Title: Reenact 9:30 Poll Time.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lucas and Ballance.

Referred to: Judiciary II/Election Laws

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REENACT THE PROVISION ALLOWING BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO KEEP POLLS OPEN TO 9:30 P.M. UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, WHICH WAS ENACTED IN 1991 BUT EXPIRED ON JANUARY 1, 1995.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-2. Hours of primaries and elections.

In all primaries, general elections, special elections, and referenda held in this State, including those held in and for municipalities and special districts, the polls shall be open at 6:30 A.M., and shall be closed at 7:30 P.M.: Provided, however, ~~that at all voting places at which voting machines are used~~ that whenever:

- (1) There are insufficient numbers of ballots;
- (2) There are insufficient numbers of polling books;
- (3) There are multiple breakdowns in voting equipment;
- (4) The openings of the polls are delayed; or
- (5) There are other irregularities

which cause undue delays in the voting process, the responsible county board of elections may permit the polls to remain open until ~~8:30~~ 9:30 P.M."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.