



1 contests, alleged election irregularities or fraud, or violations of elections laws,  
2 determines that a new primary, general or special election should be held, the Board may  
3 order that a new primary, general or special election be held, either statewide, or in any  
4 counties, electoral districts, special districts, or municipalities over whose elections it has  
5 jurisdiction. The State Board shall be authorized to order a new election without  
6 conducting a public hearing provided a public hearing on the allegations was held by the  
7 county or municipal board of elections and the State Board is satisfied that such hearing  
8 gave sufficient opportunity for presentation of ~~evidence and provided further that the State~~  
9 ~~Board adopts the findings of the county or municipal board of elections.~~ evidence.

10 Any new primary, general or special election so ordered shall be conducted under  
11 applicable constitutional and statutory authority and shall be supervised by the State  
12 Board of Elections and conducted by the appropriate elections officials.

13 The State Board of Elections has authority to adopt rules and regulations and to issue  
14 orders to carry out its authority under this section."

15 – CLARIFYING THE APPEAL PROCESS IN CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

16 Section 2. G.S. 163-181 reads as rewritten:

17 "**§ 163-181. Certification of election stayed** Appeal process when election is contested.

18 ~~The chairman of the county or city board of elections shall not issue a certification of~~  
19 ~~election or nomination or the results of a referendum if there is an election contest~~  
20 ~~pending before the county or city board of election or before the State Board of Elections~~  
21 ~~on appeal or otherwise.~~

22 ~~Appeals from a decision of the State Board of Elections shall be to the Superior Court~~  
23 ~~of Wake County.~~

24 ~~A copy of the State Board of Elections' final decision shall be served on the parties~~  
25 ~~personally or by certified mail. After the decision by the State Board of Elections has~~  
26 ~~been served on the parties, the certification of election shall issue unless the appealing~~  
27 ~~party petitions the Superior Court of Wake County for a stay of the certification within 10~~  
28 ~~days after the date of service.~~

29 ~~The Superior Court of Wake County shall not issue a stay of certification unless the~~  
30 ~~petitioner shows the court that he intends to appeal the decision of the State Board of~~  
31 ~~Elections and that he is likely to prevail and that the results of the election would be~~  
32 ~~changed in his favor. Mere irregularities in the election which would not change the~~  
33 ~~results of the election shall not be sufficient for the court to issue a stay of certification.~~

34 A copy of the final decision of the State Board of Elections in a contested election  
35 shall be served on the parties personally or by certified mail. A decision to order a new  
36 election is considered a final decision for purposes of seeking review of the decision. An  
37 aggrieved party has the right to appeal the final decision within 10 days of the date of  
38 service. After the decision by the State Board of Elections has been served on the parties,  
39 the certification of nomination or election or the results of the referendum shall issue  
40 unless an appealing party obtains a stay of the certification from the Superior Court of  
41 Wake County within 10 days after the date of service.

42 Appeals from a decision of the State Board of Elections shall be to the Superior Court  
43 of Wake County. The court shall not issue a stay of certification of nomination or election

1 or the results of a referendum unless the petitioner shows the court that the petitioner has  
2 appealed the decision of the State Board of Elections, that the petitioner is an aggrieved  
3 party, that the petitioner is likely to prevail, and that the results of the election would be  
4 changed in the petitioner's favor. Mere irregularities in the election which would not  
5 change the results of the election shall not be sufficient for the court to issue a stay of  
6 certification.

7 The chair of the county or municipal board of elections shall not issue a certification  
8 of nomination or election or the results of a referendum until 10 days after service of a  
9 final decision in an election contest or until an election contest is dismissed. No  
10 certification shall issue while an election contest is pending before the county, municipal,  
11 or State board of elections on appeal or otherwise."

12 – REENACTING AND RECODIFYING PROVISIONS OF PRE-1995 VOTER  
13 REGISTRATION ARTICLE THAT WERE INADVERTENTLY DROPPED IN  
14 ENACTMENT OF ARTICLE 7A OF CHAPTER 163.

15 Section 3.(a) Article 4 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by  
16 adding a new section to read:

17 "**§ 163-37. Duty of county board of commissioners.**

18 The respective boards of county commissioners shall appropriate reasonable and  
19 adequate funds necessary for the legal functions of the county board of elections,  
20 including reasonable and just compensation of the director of elections."

21 Section 3.(b) Article 12 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by  
22 adding a new section to read:

23 "**§ 163-131. Accessible polling places.**

24 (a) The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules to assure that any disabled  
25 or elderly voter assigned to an inaccessible polling place, upon advance request of such  
26 voter, will be assigned to an accessible polling place. Such rules should allow the request  
27 to be made in advance of the day of the election.

28 (b) Words in this section have the meanings prescribed by P.L. 98-435, except that  
29 the term 'disabled' in this section has the same meaning as 'handicapped' in P.L. 98-435."

30 – CLARIFYING THE STATUTES CONCERNING CANDIDATE VACANCIES IN  
31 THE NONPARTISAN ELECTION OF JUDGES.

32 Section 4.(a) G.S. 163-327 reads as rewritten:

33 "**§ 163-327. ~~Death~~ Vacancies of candidates or elected officers.**

34 (a) Death or Disqualification of Candidate Before Primary. – If a candidate for  
35 nomination in a primary ~~dies, dies or becomes disqualified, or withdraws~~ disqualified  
36 before the primary but after the ballots have been printed, the State Board of Elections  
37 shall determine whether or not there is time to reprint the ballots. If the Board determines  
38 that there is not enough time to reprint the ballots, the deceased or disqualified  
39 candidate's name shall remain on the ballots. If that candidate receives enough votes for  
40 nomination, such votes shall be disregarded and the candidate receiving the next highest  
41 number of votes below the number necessary for nomination shall be declared  
42 nominated. If the death or disqualification of the candidate leaves only two candidates for

1 each office to be filled, the nonpartisan primary shall not be held and all candidates shall  
2 be declared nominees.

3 (b) Death, Disqualification, or Resignation of Official After Election. – If a person  
4 elected to the office of superior court judge dies, becomes disqualified, or resigns on or  
5 after election day and before he has qualified by taking the oath of office, the office shall  
6 be deemed vacant and shall be filled as provided by law.”

7 Section 4.(b) G.S. 163-328 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 163-328. Failure of candidates to file; death or other disqualification of a  
9 candidate before election.**

10 (a) Insufficient Number of Candidates. – If when the filing period expires,  
11 candidates have not filed for an office to be filled under this Article, the State Board of  
12 Elections shall extend the filing period for five days for any such offices.

13 (b) Death or Other Disqualification of Candidate; Reopening Filing. – If there is  
14 no primary because only one or two candidates have filed for a single office, or the  
15 number of candidates filed for a group of offices does not exceed twice the number of  
16 positions to be filled, and thereafter a candidate dies or otherwise becomes disqualified  
17 before the election and before the ballots are printed, the State Board of Elections shall,  
18 upon notification of the ~~death,~~ death or other disqualification, immediately reopen the  
19 filing period for an additional five days during which time additional candidates shall be  
20 permitted to file for election. If the ballots have been printed at the time the State Board  
21 of Elections receives notice of the candidate's ~~death,~~ death or other disqualification, the  
22 Board shall determine whether there will be sufficient time to reprint them before the  
23 election if the filing period is reopened for three days. If the Board determines that there  
24 will be sufficient time to reprint the ballots, it shall reopen the filing period for three days  
25 to allow other candidates to file for election, and such election shall be conducted on the  
26 plurality basis.

27 (c) ~~Death of~~ Vacancy Caused by Nominated Candidate; Ballots Not Reprinted. – If  
28 the ballots have been printed at the time the State Board of Elections receives notice of a  
29 candidate's ~~death,~~ other disqualification, or resignation, and if the Board determines that  
30 there is not enough time to reprint the ballots before the election if the filing period is  
31 reopened for three days, then regardless of the number of candidates remaining for the  
32 office or group of offices, the ballots shall not be reprinted and the name of the ~~deceased~~  
33 vacated candidate shall remain on the ballots. If a ~~deceased~~ vacated candidate should poll  
34 the highest number of votes in the election for a single office or enough votes to be  
35 elected to one of a group of offices, the State Board of Elections shall declare the office  
36 vacant and it shall be filled in the manner provided by law."

37 – CONFORMING THE STATUTES TO COURT RULINGS CONCERNING  
38 PETITIONS AND MAKING OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE PETITION  
39 STATUTES.

40 Section 5.(a) G.S. 163-96(b) reads as rewritten:

41 **"§ 163-96. "Political party" defined; creation of new party.**

42 (a) Definition. – A political party within the meaning of the election laws of this  
43 State shall be either:

- 1 (1) Any group of voters which, at the last preceding general State election,  
2 polled for its candidate for Governor, or for presidential electors, at least  
3 ten percent (10%) of the entire vote cast in the State for Governor or for  
4 presidential electors; or
- 5 (2) Any group of voters which shall have filed with the State Board of  
6 Elections petitions for the formulation of a new political party which are  
7 signed by registered and qualified voters in this State equal in number to  
8 two percent (2%) of the total number of voters who voted in the most  
9 recent general election for Governor. Also the petition must be signed  
10 by at least 200 registered voters from each of four congressional  
11 districts in North Carolina. To be effective, the petitioners must file their  
12 petitions with the State Board of Elections before 12:00 noon on the  
13 first day of June preceding the day on which is to be held the first  
14 general State election in which the new political party desires to  
15 participate. The State Board of Elections shall forthwith determine the  
16 sufficiency of petitions filed with it and shall immediately communicate  
17 its determination to the State chairman of the proposed new political  
18 party.

19 (b) Petitions for New Political Party. – Petitions for the creation of a new political  
20 party shall contain on the heading of each page of the petition in bold print or all in  
21 capital letters the words: "THE UNDERSIGNED REGISTERED VOTERS IN .....  
22 COUNTY HEREBY PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL  
23 PARTY TO BE NAMED ..... AND WHOSE STATE CHAIRMAN IS .....,  
24 RESIDING AT..... AND WHO CAN BE REACHED BY TELEPHONE AT.....  
25 THE SIGNERS OF THIS PETITION INTEND TO ORGANIZE A NEW POLITICAL  
26 PARTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT SUCCEEDING GENERAL ELECTION."  
27 All printing required to appear on the heading of the petition shall be in type no smaller  
28 than 10 point or in all capital letters, double spaced typewriter size. In addition to the  
29 form of the petition, the organizers and petition circulators shall inform the signers of the  
30 general purpose and intent of the new party.

31 The petitions must specify the name selected for the proposed political party. The  
32 State Board of Elections shall reject petitions for the formation of a new party if the name  
33 chosen contains any word that appears in the name of any existing political party  
34 recognized in this State or if, in the Board's opinion, the name is so similar to that of an  
35 existing political party recognized in this State as to confuse or mislead the voters at an  
36 election.

37 The petitions must state the name and address of the State chairman of the proposed  
38 new political party.

39 ~~The validity of the signatures on the petitions shall be proved in accordance with one~~  
40 ~~of the following alternative procedures:~~

- 41 (1) ~~The signers may acknowledge their signatures before an officer~~  
42 ~~authorized to take acknowledgments, after which that officer shall~~

1 certify the validity of the signatures by appropriate notation attached to  
2 the petition, or

- 3 (2) ~~A person in whose presence a petition was signed may go before an~~  
4 ~~officer authorized to take acknowledgments and, after being sworn,~~  
5 ~~testify to the genuineness of the signatures on the petition, after which~~  
6 ~~the officer before whom he has testified shall certify his testimony by~~  
7 ~~appropriate notation attached to the petition.~~

8 (b1) Each petition shall be presented to the chairman of the board of elections of the  
9 county in which the signatures were obtained, and it shall be the chairman's duty:

- 10 (1) To examine the signatures on the petition and place a check mark on the  
11 petition by the name of each signer who is qualified and registered to  
12 vote in his county.
- 13 (2) To attach to the petition his signed certificate
- 14 a. Stating that the signatures on the petition have been checked  
15 against the registration records and
- 16 b. Indicating the number found qualified and registered to vote in  
17 his county.
- 18 (3) To return each petition, together with the certificate required by the  
19 preceding subdivision, to the person who presented it to him for  
20 checking.

21 The group of petitioners shall submit the petitions to the chairman of the county board  
22 of elections in the county in which the signatures were obtained no later than 5:00 P.M.  
23 on the fifteenth day preceding the date the petitions are due to be filed with the State  
24 Board of Elections as provided in subsection (a)(2) of this section. Provided the petitions  
25 are timely submitted, the chairman of the county board of elections ~~shall require a fee of~~  
26 ~~five cents (5¢) for each signature appearing and shall proceed to examine and verify the~~  
27 ~~signatures under the provisions of this subsection. Verification shall be completed within~~  
28 ~~two weeks from the date such petitions are presented and the required fee received.~~  
29 presented.

30 (c) Repealed by Session Laws 1983, c. 576, s. 3."

31 Section 5.(b) G.S. 163-122(a) reads as rewritten:

32 "(a) Procedure for Having Name Printed on Ballot as Unaffiliated Candidate. – Any  
33 qualified voter who seeks to have his name printed on the general election ballot as an  
34 unaffiliated candidate shall:

- 35 (1) If the office is a statewide office, file written petitions with the State  
36 Board of Elections supporting his candidacy for a specified office.  
37 These petitions must be filed with the State Board of Elections on or  
38 before 12:00 noon on the last Friday in June preceding the general  
39 election and must be signed by qualified voters of the State equal in  
40 number to two percent (2%) of the total number of registered voters in  
41 the State as reflected by the most recent statistical report issued by the  
42 State Board of Elections. ~~Each~~ No later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifteenth  
43 day preceding the date the petitions are due to be filed with the State

1           Board of Elections, each petition shall be presented to the chairman of  
2           the board of elections of the county in which the signatures were  
3           obtained. ~~The~~ Provided the petitions are timely submitted, the chairman  
4           shall examine the names on the petition and place a check mark on the  
5           petition by the name of each signer who is qualified and registered to  
6           vote in his county and shall attach to the petition his signed certificate.  
7           Said certificates shall state that the signatures on the petition have been  
8           checked against the registration records and shall indicate the number of  
9           signers to be qualified and registered to vote in his county. The  
10          chairman shall return each petition, together with the certificate required  
11          in this section, to the person who presented it to him for checking.  
12          Verification by the chairman of the county board of elections shall be  
13          completed within two weeks from the date such petitions are ~~presented~~  
14          and a fee of five cents (5¢) for each name appearing on the petition has been  
15          received. presented.

16          (2) If the office is a district office comprised of two or more counties, file  
17          written petitions with the State Board of Elections supporting his  
18          candidacy for a specified office. These petitions must be filed with the  
19          State Board of Elections on or before 12:00 noon on the last Friday in  
20          June preceding the general election and must be signed by qualified  
21          voters of the district equal in number to four percent (4%) of the total  
22          number of registered voters in the district as reflected by the latest  
23          statistical report issued by the State Board of Elections. Each petition  
24          shall be presented to the chairman of the board of elections of the  
25          county in which the signatures were obtained. The chairman shall  
26          examine the names on the petition and the procedure for certification  
27          and deadline for submission to the county board shall be the same as  
28          specified in (1) above.

29          (3) If the office is a county office or a single county legislative district, file  
30          written petitions with the chairman or director of the county board of  
31          elections supporting his candidacy for a specified county office. These  
32          petitions must be filed with the county board of elections on or before  
33          12:00 noon on the last Friday in June preceding the general election and  
34          must be signed by qualified voters of the county equal in number to four  
35          percent (4%) of the total number of registered voters in the county as  
36          reflected by the most recent statistical report issued by the State Board  
37          of Elections, except if the office is for a district consisting of less than  
38          the entire county and only the voters in that district vote for that office,  
39          the petitions must be signed by qualified voters of the district equal in  
40          number to four percent (4%) of the total number of voters in the district  
41          according to the most recent figures certified by the State Board of  
42          Elections. Each petition shall be presented to the chairman or director of  
43          the county board of elections. The chairman shall examine, or cause to

1 be examined, the names on the petition and the procedure for  
2 certification shall be the same as specified in (1) above.

- 3 (4) If the office is a partisan municipal office, file written petitions with the  
4 chairman or director of the county board of elections in the county  
5 wherein the municipality is located supporting his candidacy for a  
6 specified municipal office. These petitions must be filed with the county  
7 board of elections on or before the time and date specified in G.S. 163-  
8 296 and must be signed by the number of qualified voters specified in  
9 G.S. 163-296. The procedure for certification shall be the same as  
10 specified in (1) above.

11 Upon compliance with the provisions of (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection, the  
12 board of elections with which the petitions ~~and affidavit~~ have been timely filed shall cause  
13 the unaffiliated candidate's name to be printed on the general election ballots in  
14 accordance with G.S. 163-140.

15 An individual whose name appeared on the ballot in a primary election preliminary to  
16 the general election shall not be eligible to have his name placed on the general election  
17 ballot as an unaffiliated candidate for the same office in that year."

18 Section 5.(c) G.S. 163-123(c)(1) reads as rewritten:

- 19 "(1) If the office is a statewide office, file written petitions with the State  
20 Board of Elections supporting his candidacy for a specified office.  
21 These petitions shall be filed on or before noon on the 90th day before  
22 the general election. They shall be signed by 500 qualified voters of the  
23 State. ~~Before being filed with the State Board of Elections, No later than~~  
24 5:00 p.m. on the fifteenth day preceding the date the petitions are due to  
25 be filed with the State Board of Elections, each petition shall be  
26 presented to the board of elections of the county in which the signatures  
27 were obtained. A petition presented to a county board of elections shall  
28 contain only names of voters registered in that county. ~~The Provided the~~  
29 petitions are timely submitted, the chairman of the county board of  
30 elections shall examine the names on the petition and place a check  
31 mark by the name of each signer who is qualified and registered to vote  
32 in his county. The chairman of the county board shall attach to the  
33 petition his signed certificate. On his certificate the chairman shall state  
34 that the signatures on the petition have been checked against the  
35 registration records and shall indicate the number of signers who are  
36 qualified and registered to vote in his county and eligible to vote for that  
37 office. The chairman shall return each petition, together with the  
38 certificate required in this section, to the person who presented it to him  
39 for checking. The chairman of the county board shall complete the  
40 verification within two weeks from the date the petition is presented. At  
41 the time of submitting the petition, a fee of five cents (5¢) shall be paid for  
42 each name appearing on the petition."

1 – CORRECTING MISCITATIONS AND OTHER TECHNICAL ERRORS IN THE  
2 ELECTIONS STATUTES.

3 Section 6.(a) G.S. 163-22(e) reads as rewritten:

4 "(e) The State Board of Elections shall determine, in the manner provided by law,  
5 the form and content of ballots, instruction sheets, pollbooks, talley sheets, abstract and  
6 return forms, certificates of election, and other forms to be used in primaries and  
7 elections. The Board shall furnish to the county and ~~municipal~~ boards of elections the  
8 registration application forms required pursuant to G.S. ~~163-67-~~163-82.3. The State  
9 Board of Elections shall direct the county boards of elections to purchase a sufficient  
10 quantity of all forms attendant to the registration and elections process. In addition, the  
11 State Board shall provide a source of supply from which the county boards of elections  
12 may purchase the quantity of pollbooks needed for the execution of its responsibilities.  
13 In the preparation of ballots, pollbooks, abstract and return forms, and all other forms, the  
14 State Board of Elections may call to its aid the Attorney General of the State, and it shall  
15 be the duty of the Attorney General to advise and aid in the preparation of these books,  
16 ballots and forms."

17 Section 6.(b) G.S. 163-33(10) reads as rewritten:

18 "(10) To appoint and remove the board's clerk, assistant  
19 clerks, and other employees; and to appoint and remove  
20 precinct transfer assistants as provided in G.S. ~~163-72.3-~~163-  
21 82.15(g)."

22 Section 6.(c) G.S. 163-82.4(b) reads as rewritten:

23 "(b) Notice of Requirements, Attestation, Notice of Penalty, and Notice of  
24 Confidentiality. – The form required by G.S. 163-82.3(a) shall contain, in uniform type,  
25 the following:

- 26 (1) A statement that specifies each eligibility requirement (including  
27 citizenship) and an attestation that the applicant meets each such  
28 requirement, with a requirement for the signature of the applicant, under  
29 penalty of a Class I felony under G.S. ~~163-275(a)-~~163-275(4).  
30 (2) A statement that, if the applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that  
31 the applicant has declined to register will remain confidential and will  
32 be used only for voter registration purposes.  
33 (3) A statement that, if the applicant does register to vote, the office at  
34 which the applicant submits a voter registration application will remain  
35 confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes."

36 Section 6.(d) G.S. 163-82.4(c) reads as rewritten:

37 "(c) Party Affiliation or Unaffiliated Status. – The application form described in  
38 G.S. 163-82.3(a) shall provide a place for the applicant to state a preference to be  
39 affiliated with one of the political parties in G.S. 163-96, or a preference to be an  
40 "unaffiliated" voter. Every person who applies to register shall state his preference. If the  
41 applicant fails to declare a preference for a party or for unaffiliated status, that person  
42 shall be listed as "unaffiliated", except that if the person is already registered to vote in  
43 the county and that person's registration already contains a party affiliation, the county

1 board shall not change the registrant's status to "unaffiliated" unless the registrant clearly  
2 indicates a desire in accordance with G.S. 163-82.17 for such a change. An unaffiliated  
3 registrant shall not be eligible to vote in any political party primary, except as provided in  
4 G.S. ~~163-116, 163-119~~, but may vote in any other primary or general election. The  
5 application form shall so state."

6 Section 6.(e) G.S. 163-111(e) reads as rewritten:

7 "(e) Date of Second Primary; Procedures. – If a second primary is required under  
8 the provisions of this section, the appropriate board of elections, State or county, shall  
9 order that it be held four weeks after the first primary.

10 There shall be no registration of voters between the dates of the first and second  
11 primaries. Persons whose qualifications to register and vote mature after the day of the  
12 first primary and before the day of the second primary may register on the day of the  
13 second primary and, when thus registered, shall be entitled to vote in the second primary.  
14 The second primary is a continuation of the first primary and any voter who files a proper  
15 and timely affidavit of transfer of precinct, under the provisions of G.S. ~~163-72(e), 163-~~  
16 ~~82.15~~, before the first primary may vote in the second primary without having to refile  
17 the affidavit of transfer if he is otherwise qualified to vote in the second primary. Subject  
18 to this provision for registration, the second primary shall be held under the laws, rules,  
19 and regulations provided for the first primary."

20 Section 6.(f) G.S. 163-150(a) reads as rewritten:

21 "(a) Checking Registration. – A person seeking to vote shall enter the voting  
22 enclosure at the voting place through the appropriate entrance and shall at once state his  
23 name and place of residence to one of the judges of election. In a primary election, the  
24 voter shall also state the political party with which he affiliates and in whose primary he  
25 desires to vote, or if the voter is an unaffiliated voter permitted to vote in the primary of a  
26 particular party under G.S. ~~163-116, 163-119~~, the voter shall state the name of the  
27 authorizing political party in whose primary he wishes to vote. The judge to whom the  
28 voter gives this information shall announce the name and residence of the voter in a  
29 distinct tone of voice. After examining the precinct registration records, the chief judge  
30 shall state whether the person seeking to vote is duly registered."

31 Section 6.(g) G.S. 163-150(b) reads as rewritten:

32 "(b) Distribution of Ballots; Information. – If the voter is found to be registered and  
33 is not challenged, or, if challenged and the challenge is overruled as provided in G.S.  
34 163-88, the responsible judge of election shall hand him an official ballot of each kind he  
35 is entitled to vote. In a primary election the voter shall be furnished ballots of the political  
36 party with which he affiliates and no others, except that unaffiliated voters who are  
37 permitted to vote in a party primary under G.S. ~~163-116-163-119~~ shall be furnished  
38 ballots for that primary. No such unaffiliated voter shall vote in the primary of more than  
39 one party on the same day. It shall be the duty of the chief judge and judges holding the  
40 primary or election to give any voter any information he desires in regard to the kinds of  
41 ballots he is entitled to vote and the names of the candidates on the ballots. In response to  
42 questions asked by the voter, the chief judge and judges shall communicate to him any  
43 information necessary to enable him to mark his ballot as he desires."

1 Section 6.(h) G.S. 163-274(13) reads as rewritten:

2 "(13) Except as authorized by G.S. ~~163-72.2(b)~~, 163-82.15,  
3 for any person to provide false information, or sign the name of  
4 any other person, to a written report under G.S. ~~163-72.2~~. 163-  
5 82.15."

6 Section 6.(i) G.S. 163-275(14) reads as rewritten:

7 "(14) For any officer ~~authorized by G.S. 163-80~~ to register  
8 voters and any other individual to knowingly and willfully  
9 receive, complete, or sign an application to register from any  
10 voter contrary to the provisions of G.S. ~~163-72~~; 163-82.4; or".

11 Section 6.(j) G.S. 163-213.2 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 163-213.2. Primary to be held; date; qualifications and registration of voters.**

13 On the Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1992, and every four years thereafter,  
14 the voters of this State shall be given an opportunity to express their preference for the  
15 person to be the presidential candidate of their political party.

16 Any person otherwise qualified who will become qualified by age to vote in the  
17 general election held in the same year of the presidential preference primary shall be  
18 entitled to register and vote in the presidential preference primary. Such persons may  
19 register not earlier than 60 days nor later than the last day for making application to  
20 register under G.S. ~~163-67~~ 163-82.6 prior to the said primary. In addition, persons who  
21 will become qualified by age to register and vote in the general election for which the  
22 primary is held, who do not register during the special period may register to vote after  
23 such period as if they were qualified on the basis of age, but until they are qualified by  
24 age to vote, they may vote only in primary elections."

25 Section 6.(k) G.S. 163-253 reads as rewritten:

26 **"§ 163-253. Article inapplicable to persons after change of status; reregistration  
27 required.**

28 Upon discharge from the armed forces of the United States or termination of any other  
29 status qualifying him to register and vote by absentee ballot under the provisions of this  
30 Article, the voter shall not be entitled to vote by military absentee ballot, and if he was  
31 registered under the provisions of this Article his registration shall become void and he  
32 shall be required to register under the provisions of Article ~~7-7A~~ before being entitled to  
33 vote in any primary or election."

34 Section 6.(l) G.S. 163-254 reads as rewritten:

35 **"§ 163-254. Registration and voting on primary or election day.**

36 Notwithstanding any other provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, any  
37 person entitled to vote an absentee ballot pursuant to G.S. 163-245 shall be permitted to  
38 register in person at any time including the day of a primary or election. Should such  
39 person's eligibility to register or vote as provided in G.S. 163-245 terminate after the  
40 ~~registration records have closed twenty-fifth day~~ prior to a primary or election, such person,  
41 if he appears in person, shall be entitled to register if otherwise qualified ~~during the time~~  
42 ~~the records are closed, after the twenty-fifth day before the primary or election,~~ or on the

1 primary or election day, and shall be permitted to vote if such person is otherwise  
2 qualified."

3 Section 6.(m) G.S. 163-278.8(f) reads as rewritten:

4 "(f) All expenditures for nonmedia expenses (except postage) of more than fifty  
5 dollars (\$50.00) shall be made by check only. All expenditures for nonmedia expenses of  
6 fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less may be made by check or by cash payment. All nonmedia  
7 expenditures of more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be accounted for and reported  
8 individually and separately, but expenditures of ~~less than~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less may  
9 be accounted for and reported in an aggregated amount, but in that case the treasurer shall  
10 account for and report that he made expenditures of ~~less than~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less  
11 each, the amounts, dates, and the purposes for which made. In the case of a nonmedia  
12 expenditure required to be accounted for individually and separately by this subsection, if  
13 the expenditure was to an individual, the report shall list the name and address of the  
14 individual."

15 Section 7. This act is effective when it becomes law.