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HOUSE BILL 1041  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/23/01  
Senate Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 6/26/01

Short Title: Ballot Instructions in Spanish.

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Sponsors:

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April 10, 2001

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS BE PRINTED IN  
3 SPANISH AS WELL AS ENGLISH.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Article 13 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended  
6 by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 163-140.2. Ballot instructions in English and Spanish.**

8 In every county or municipality where the Hispanic population exceeds six percent  
9 (6%), in accordance with the most recent decennial federal census, all instructions to the  
10 voter for ballots shall be printed in both English and Spanish. The State Board of  
11 Elections shall prepare a Spanish translation of ballot instructions for local boards of  
12 elections."

13 SECTION 2. If Senate Bill 17 of the 2001 Session of the General Assembly  
14 is enacted, then G.S. 163-140.2, as enacted by Section 1 of this act, is recodified as G.S.  
15 163-165.5A.

16 SECTION 3. This act becomes effective with respect to all primaries,  
17 elections, and referenda held on or after August 1, 2001. This act expires January 1,  
18 2012, unless extended by legislation enacted before that date.