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HOUSE BILL 1046

Short Title: Data by Precinct.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander; and Wainwright.

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE ACCURACY AND UNDERSTANDABILITY OF  
3 PRECINCT DATA.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 12A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended  
6 by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 163-132.5G. Voting data maintained by precinct.**

8 Each county board of elections shall maintain voting data by precinct so that  
9 precinct returns for each item on the ballot shall include the votes cast by all residents of  
10 the precinct, including transfer voters and those who voted by provisional ballot, by  
11 curbside ballot, and by absentee ballot, both mail and one-stop. The State Board of  
12 Elections shall promulgate rules for the enforcement of this section so that its provisions  
13 are put into effect without compromising the secrecy of the ballot."

14 **SECTION 2.** Article 12A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended  
15 by adding a new section to read:

16 "**§ 163-132.5H. State Board of Elections to develop standards for naming precincts.**

17 The State Board of Elections shall develop standards for naming precincts. Those  
18 standards shall facilitate the study of historical voter registration and voting data by  
19 such means as the following:

20 (1) Preventing reassignment of precinct names or numbers where that  
21 reassignment would frustrate comparison of precinct data over the  
22 years.

23 (2) Mandating that precincts that result from splitting larger precincts be  
24 given names that indicate the precincts' history as part of the larger  
25 precincts.

26 The county boards of elections shall adhere to those standards in their official  
27 references to precincts and in their reports concerning precinct boundaries, voter  
28 registration, and voting data to the State Board of Elections and to the Legislative

1 Services Office. In other contexts, this section does not prohibit a county board from  
2 using informal names for precincts where appropriate."

3           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law, except that data  
4 from provisional and absentee voting is not required to be provided by precincts until  
5 the 2002 general election.