

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1192

Short Title: Poll Closing Times.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blue; and Wainwright.

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform.

April 12, 2001

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO STANDARDIZE POLL CLOSING TIMES.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 SECTION 1. G.S. 163-2 reads as rewritten:

5 "§ 163-2. Hours of primaries and elections.

6 In all primaries, general elections, special elections, and referenda held in this State,
7 including those held in and for municipalities and special districts, the polls shall be
8 open at 6:30 A.M., and shall be closed at 7:30 P.M.: Provided, however, that ~~at all~~
9 ~~voting places at which voting machines are used the responsible county board of~~
10 ~~elections may permit the polls to remain open until 8:30 P.M.~~ at any polling place where
11 malfunctions in voting equipment have prevented voters at that polling place from
12 voting, the county board of elections, with the approval of the State Board of Elections,
13 may extend the time at which the polls close in that precinct by the length of time that
14 voters were prevented from voting, but not past 9:30 P.M."

15 SECTION 2. This act applies with respect to any primary or election
16 conducted on or after January 1, 2002.