

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**SENATE BILL 122**

Short Title: Polls Close at 9:00 P.M.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Webster; Carrington, Forrester, Garwood, Hartsell, and Shaw  
of Guilford.

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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February 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ALL POLLS CLOSE AT 9:00 P.M.

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 the responsible county board of elections may permit the polls to remain open until 8:30 P.M.~~ 9:00 P.M."

**SECTION 2.** This act applies with respect to elections conducted on or after December 1, 2001.