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HOUSE BILL 658

Short Title: Change Early Voting Period. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jones, Stam, Collins, and Sager (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Elections.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 SECTION 1. G.S. 163-227.2(b) reads as rewritten:

5 "§ 163-227.2. Alternate procedures for requesting application for absentee ballot;
6 "one-stop" voting procedure in board office.

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8 (b) Not earlier than the ~~third~~-second Thursday before an election, in which absentee
9 ballots are authorized, in which a voter seeks to vote and not later than 1:00 P.M. on the last
10 Saturday before that election, the voter shall appear in person only at the office of the county
11 board of elections, except as provided in subsection (g) of this section. A county board of
12 elections shall conduct one-stop voting on the last Saturday before the election until 1:00 P.M.
13 and may conduct it until 5:00 P.M. on that Saturday. That voter shall enter the voting enclosure
14 at the board office through the appropriate entrance and shall at once state his or her name and
15 place of residence to an authorized member or employee of the board. In a primary election, the
16 voter shall also state the political party with which the voter affiliates and in whose primary the
17 voter desires to vote, or if the voter is an unaffiliated voter permitted to vote in the primary of a
18 particular party under G.S. 163-119, the voter shall state the name of the authorizing political
19 party in whose primary he wishes to vote. The board member or employee to whom the voter
20 gives this information shall announce the name and residence of the voter in a distinct tone of
21 voice. After examining the registration records, an employee of the board shall state whether
22 the person seeking to vote is duly registered. If the voter is found to be registered that voter
23 may request that the authorized member or employee of the board furnish the voter with an
24 application form as specified in G.S. 163-227. The voter shall complete the application in the
25 presence of the authorized member or employee of the board, and shall deliver the application
26 to that person.

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28 SECTION 2. This act applies with respect to elections held on or after January 1,
29 2012.

