

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 188

Short Title: Uniform Poll Closing Hours.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wood.

Referred to: Judiciary.

February 9, 1989

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO SET A UNIFORM POLL CLOSING TIME.

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 voting~~
9 ~~places at which voting machines are used the responsible county board of elections may permit~~
10 ~~the polls to remain open until 8:30 P.M.;~~ Provided, however, that the State Board of
11 Elections may provide that all polls in the State shall remain open until 8:30 P.M., by
12 action of the State Board of Elections taken at least two weeks before the election to
13 which the closing hour shall apply. The State Board of Elections may take such action
14 only:

- 15 (1) Upon a finding by the State Board of Elections that there is a need to
16 extend the voting hours in order to accommodate an expected heavy
17 voter turnout; or
18 (2) Upon the request of at least five county boards of elections, made after
19 the close of registration for the election."

20 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective with respect to primaries and
21 elections held on or after September 1, 1989.