GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 717 HOUSE BILL 1125

AN ACT TO ALLOW ONE-STOP BALLOTS TO BE DIRECTLY INSERTED IN OPTICAL SCAN TABULATORS IN VARIOUS COUNTIES AS IF THE BALLOTS WERE BEING VOTED AT THE PRECINCT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 163-227.2, if the county uses a system with retrievable ballots, after the voter casts the ballot under G.S. 163-227.2, the voter shall deposit the ballot in the ballot box or voting system in the same manner as if such box or system was in use in a precinct on election day. At the end of each business day, or at any time when there will be no employee or officer of the board of elections on the premises, the ballot box or system shall be secured in accordance with rules adopted by the State Board of Elections, which shall include verifying that no additional ballots have been placed in the box or system.

- (b) Voting under this section shall be under rules approved by the State Board of Elections. The ballot shall have the ballot number on it in accordance with G.S. 163-230(3)a. so that it is retrievable.
- Sec. 2. This act applies only to Wake, Durham, Watauga, and Randolph counties.
 - Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 21st day of June, 1996.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives