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Short Title: Orange County Super Precinct.

(Local)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO
3 CONDUCT A PILOT PROGRAM IN WHICH THE METHODS USED IN
4 ONE-STOP VOTING WOULD CONTINUE THROUGH ELECTION DAY AS
5 THE VOTING METHOD, TO BE KNOWN AS "SUPER PRECINCTS" OR
6 "VOTE CENTERS".

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** With the approval of the State Board of Elections, the Orange
9 County Board of Elections may conduct a pilot program for any or all primaries or
10 elections occurring prior to January 1, 2007, where the requirements of this act prevail
11 over any other requirement concerning voting on election day. The pilot program shall
12 consist of continuing one-stop voting as provided in G.S. 163-227.2 or on election day
13 as the method of voting. The program consists of the following elements:

- 14 (1) Any voter properly registered in the county may vote at any one-stop
15 site during the one-stop period established in G.S. 163-227.2 or on
16 election day.
17 (2) No polling places are open on election day other than the one-stop
18 sites.
19 (3) The county board of elections may also refer to the sites (whether
20 before the election or on election day) as "super precincts" or "vote
21 centers".
22 (4) All one-stop sites shall have real-time online connection to the voter
23 registration system so that voters can be checked.
24 (5) Notwithstanding G.S. 163-227.2(e1), votes cast under this act (other
25 than provisional ballots) shall not be marked with an absentee ballot
26 number, as the real-time online voter registration system will ensure
27 that no voter can vote more than once.

- 1 (6) A larger number of one-stop sites may be open on election day than
2 during the earlier part of the one-stop period.
- 3 (7) Where technically feasible, the election returns shall be reported by
4 precinct as well as by voting site.
- 5 (8) Notwithstanding G.S. 163-227.2(g), the State Board of Elections may
6 allow the county board of elections to designate one-stop sites in
7 commercial buildings that are not public buildings.

8 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. The State Board of
9 Elections shall closely monitor the pilot program and report its findings and
10 recommendations to the General Assembly at its 2006 Regular Session and to the 2007
11 General Assembly.