

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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HOUSE BILL 1194

Short Title: Election Board Closing Time.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blue; and Adams.

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform.

April 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT COUNTY BOARDS OF
3 ELECTIONS CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY FOR VOTER
4 REGISTRATION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-82.6(c) reads as rewritten:

7 "(c) Registration Deadlines for an Election. – In order to be valid for an election,
8 the form:

- 9 (1) If submitted by mail, must be postmarked at least 25 days before the
10 election, except that any mailed application on which the postmark is
11 missing or unclear is validly submitted if received in the mail not later
12 than 20 days before the election,
13 (2) If submitted in person, must be received by the county board of
14 elections by ~~5:00 p.m.~~ a time established by that board, but no earlier
15 than 5:00 P.M., on the twenty-fifth day before the election,
16 (3) If submitted through a delegatee who violates the duty set forth in
17 subsection (a) of this section, must be signed by the applicant and
18 given to the delegatee not later than 25 days before the election,

19 except as provided in subsection (d) of this section."

20 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective with respect to elections held on or
21 after January 1, 2002.