

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1173*

Short Title: Pollworker Split Shifts.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cansler; Arnold, W. Brown, Clary, Cocklereece, Justus, Rayfield, Sharpe, Shubert, and Thompson.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

May 15, 1996

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW PRECINCT ASSISTANTS TO WORK SPLIT SHIFTS.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. G.S. 163-42 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 163-42. Assistants at polls; appointment; term of office; qualifications; oath of**
6 **office.**

7 Each county and municipal board of elections is authorized, in its discretion, to
8 appoint two or more assistants for each precinct to aid the chief judge and judges. Not
9 more than two assistants shall be appointed in precincts having 500 or less registered
10 voters. Assistants shall be qualified voters of the precinct for which appointed. When the
11 board of elections determines that assistants are needed in a precinct an equal number
12 shall be appointed from different political parties, unless the requirement as to party
13 affiliation cannot be met because of an insufficient number of voters of different political
14 parties within a precinct.

15 In the discretion of the county board of elections, a precinct assistant may serve less
16 than the full day prescribed for chief judges and judges in G.S. 163-47(a).

17 The chairman of each political party in the county shall have the right to recommend
18 from three to 10 registered voters in each precinct for appointment as precinct assistants
19 in that precinct. If the recommendations are received by it no later than the thirtieth day

1 prior to the primary or election, the board shall make appointments of the precinct
2 assistants for each precinct from the names thus recommended.

3 Before entering upon the duties of the office, each assistant shall take the oath
4 prescribed in G.S. 163-41(a) to be administered by the chief judge of the precinct
5 for which the assistant is appointed. Assistants serve for the particular primary or election
6 for which they are appointed, unless the county board of elections appoints them for a
7 term to expire on the date appointments are to be made pursuant to G.S. 163-41."

8 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.