

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

**SESSION LAW 2001-288  
HOUSE BILL 1041**

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS BE PRINTED IN  
SPANISH AS WELL AS ENGLISH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 13 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 163-140.2. Ballot instructions in English and Spanish.**

In every county or municipality where the Hispanic population exceeds six percent (6%), in accordance with the most recent decennial federal census, all instructions to the voter for ballots shall be printed in both English and Spanish. The State Board of Elections shall prepare a Spanish translation of ballot instructions for local boards of elections."

**SECTION 2.** If Senate Bill 17 of the 2001 Session of the General Assembly is enacted, then G.S. 163-140.2, as enacted by Section 1 of this act, is recodified as G.S. 163-165.5A.

**SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective with respect to all primaries, elections, and referenda held on or after August 1, 2001. This act expires January 1, 2012, unless extended by legislation enacted before that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley  
Governor

Approved 10:58 a.m. this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001