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HOUSE BILL 34
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Short Title: Ban Butterfly and Punch-Card Ballots. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO BAN BUTTERFLY AND PUNCH-CARD BALLOTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article13 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 163.140.2. Punch-Card ballots.**

No ballot may be used which requires the voter to punch out a hole with a stylus or other tool in any election."

SECTION 2. Article 13 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"**§ 163.140.3. Butterfly ballots.**

No ballot may have two parallel sets of columns with some of the parties in one column and the other parties in the second column."

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act becomes effective when it becomes law, and applies to elections conducted on or after that date except in the counties, and the municipalities located therein, of: Cabarrus, Duplin, Forsyth, McDowell, Mitchell, Onslow, Vance, and Watauga. Section 1 of this act becomes effective in those counties and municipalities when federal, State, or applicable local funds are appropriated to replace the punch-card systems in use. Nothing in this act shall obligate the General Assembly to appropriate funds to implement this act. Section 2 of this act is effective when it becomes law.