

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1101

Short Title: Prompt Release of Election Results.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Allred.

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform.

April 4, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PROMPT RELEASE OF ELECTION RESULTS
3 AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-182.2(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules for the initial counting of
7 official ballots. All election officials shall be governed by those rules. In promulgating
8 those rules, the State Board shall adhere to the following guidelines:

9 (1) For each voting system used, the rules shall specify the role of precinct
10 officials and of the county board of elections in the initial counting of
11 official ballots.

12 (2) The rules shall provide for accurate unofficial reporting of the results
13 from the precinct to the county board of elections with reasonable
14 speed on the night of the election.

15 (3) The rules shall provide for the prompt and secure transmission of
16 official ballots from the voting place to the county board of elections.

17 (4) The rules shall provide for the public release of unofficial election
18 results promptly after the closing of all polls. The rules shall provide
19 for release of partial results as soon as they are available after the polls
20 are closed rather than holding back available results until all results are
21 in.

22 The State Board shall direct the county boards of elections in the application of the
23 principles and rules in individual circumstances."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to all
25 primaries and elections held on or after that date.