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SENATE BILL 1124*

Short Title: Pollworker Split Shifts.

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Sponsors: Senators Gulley; Plexico and Winner.

Referred to: Judiciary II/Election Laws.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW PRECINCT ASSISTANTS TO WORK SPLIT SHIFTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

The chairman of each political party in the county shall have the right to recommend from three to 10 registered voters in each precinct for appointment as precinct assistants 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.