

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1999

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HOUSE BILL 1023

Short Title: Statewide Elections/Funding.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Rayfield; Allred, Arnold, Barbee, Berry, Bowie, Bridgeman, Brown, Brubaker, Buchanan, Cansler, Capps, Daughtry, Davis, Dockham, Eddins, Esposito, Gillespie, Grady, Gray, Gulley, Hiatt, Holmes, Howard, Kiser, McCombs, McMahan, Miner, Mitchell, Morris, Preston, Russell, Setzer, Sherrill, Starnes, Teague, Tucker, Walend, and G. Wilson.

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Appropriations.

April 14, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO COUNTIES FOR THE COST
2 OF CONDUCTING STATEWIDE PRIMARIES, ELECTIONS, AND
3 REFERENDA, AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. Article 14 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 163-25.1. State reimbursement of county boards of elections for cost of**
9 **conducting statewide primaries, elections, and referenda.**

10 The State Board of Elections shall reimburse each county board of elections for the
11 cost of conducting each statewide primary, election, and referendum. State
12 reimbursement shall be a pro rata share of the cost of conducting a primary, election, or
13 referendum based on the portion of the ballot taken up with statewide contests. 'Cost of
14 conducting a primary, election, or referendum' shall include, but not be limited to, the
15 cost of printing ballots, programming computerized voting systems, and paying precinct
16 officials. It shall not include costs of the county board of elections that would be the same

1 were an election not being held, such as the salaries of permanent employees, building
2 rent, and the portion of utility costs that is unaffected by the election."

3 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of
4 Elections the sum of two hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$227,500)
5 for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and two hundred twenty-seven thousand five hundred
6 dollars (\$227,500) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to reimburse county boards of elections
7 for the cost of conducting statewide primaries, elections, and referenda, according to the
8 provisions of Section 1 of this act.

9 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.