

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1359
HOUSE BILL 1366

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 163-42 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PRECINCT ASSISTANTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-42 is amended by adding a new last sentence to the first paragraph as follows:

"Each of the required two precinct assistants in each precinct shall be a registered voter of a different political party. Where there are more than two precinct assistants to be appointed in a precinct, no more than a majority of them shall be registered voters of the same political party, and if there is an odd number of precinct assistants to be appointed in that precinct. However, if these requirements cannot be met because there is an insufficient number of voters of the political parties available for appointment as precinct assistants, the county board of elections shall, nevertheless, secure as much bi-partisan representation among precinct assistants as circumstances in the precinct permit, taking into account the recommendations received by it from the party chairmen and the number of precinct assistants to be appointed."

Sec. 2. G.S. 163-42 is further amended by rewriting the second paragraph to read as follows:

"The chairman of each political party in the county shall have the right to recommend from three to ten registered voters in each precinct for appointment as precinct assistants in that precinct. If the recommendations are received by it before the seventh Saturday before the primary is to be held, the board shall make appointments of the precinct assistants for each precinct from the names thus recommended."

Sec. 3. G.S. 163-42 is further amended by rewriting the fourth paragraph to read as follows:

"In all precincts, whether using voting machines or paper ballots, the county board of elections may appoint one precinct assistant for each 300 voters registered in that precinct in addition to the two required precinct assistants."

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1974.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of April, 1974.