

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 453
HOUSE BILL 916

AN ACT TO PERMIT OBSERVERS TO BE RELIEVED ON ELECTION DAY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-45 is amended by rewriting the first paragraph to read as follows:

"The chairman of each political party in the county shall have the right to designate two observers to attend each voting place at each primary and election and such observers may, at the option of the designating party chairman, be relieved during the day of the primary or election after serving no less than four hours and provided the list required by this section to be filed by each chairman contains the names of all persons authorized to represent such chairman's political party. Not more than two observers from the same political party shall be permitted in the voting enclosure at any time. This right shall not extend to the chairman of a political party during a primary unless that party is participating in the primary. In any election in which an unaffiliated candidate is named on the ballot, he or his campaign manager shall have the right to appoint two observers for each voting place consistent with the provisions specified herein. Persons appointed as observers must be registered voters of the precinct for which appointed and must have good moral character. Observers shall take no oath of office."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 30th day of May, 1977.