

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 303
HOUSE BILL 521

AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO CAUSE VOTING MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC VOTE COUNTERS TO BE EXAMINED PRIOR TO THEIR USE IN AN ELECTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 4 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended to add a new section to read:

"§ 163-33.2. **Chairman and county board to examine voting machines.** — Prior to each primary and general election the chairman and members of the county board of elections, in counties where voting machines are used, shall test vote, in a reasonable number of combinations, no less than 10 percent (10%) of all voting machines programmed for each primary or election, such machines to be selected at random by the board after programming has been completed, and further, the board shall record the serial numbers of the machines test voted in the official minutes of the board. In the alternative, the board may cause the test voting required herein to be performed by persons qualified to program and test voting equipment."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 4th day of May, 1981.