

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 628  
HOUSE BILL 977

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT IN COUNTIES HAVING FIFTEEN OR MORE PRECINCTS,  
TWO SPECIAL REGISTRATION COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE APPOINTED, ONE  
EACH FROM THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** The first paragraph of G.S. 163-41(b) is deleted and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"Appointment of Special Registration Commissioners. The county board of elections in those counties having 15 or more voting precincts shall appoint, in addition to registrars and judges, at least two persons of good repute and qualifications to act as special registration commissioners. In counties with less than 15 voting precincts the county board of elections may, in its discretion, appoint special registration commissioners. Persons appointed as special registration commissioners shall be appointed on the date on which registrars and judges are appointed pursuant to G.S. 163-41 or within 60 days thereafter and shall serve for two years, but the county board of elections may terminate their authority at any time without cause. In counties having 15 or more voting precincts the county chairman of each of the two political parties having the greatest voter registration in the State shall have the right to recommend two or more registered voters who are residents of the county for appointment as special registration commissioners. If such recommendations are received by the county board of elections at least five days prior to the date on which appointments of registrars and judges must be made, the county board of elections shall make one appointment from each list of names recommended."

**Sec. 2.** The second paragraph of G.S. 163-41(b), as it appears in the 1979 Supplement to Volume 3D is amended in the first line by deleting "In counties", and inserting "In all counties".

**Sec. 3.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1981.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of June, 1981.