

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION

CHAPTER 81
HOUSE BILL 263

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ACT TO
ACCOUNT FOR THE CHANGE IN ITS DATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-213.4 reads as rewritten:

"§ **163-213.4. Nomination by State Board of Elections.**—The State Board of Elections shall convene in Raleigh on the ~~seventy-fifth (75th) day~~ second Tuesday in December preceding the presidential preference primary election. At the meeting required by this section, the State Board of Elections shall nominate as presidential primary candidates all candidates affiliated with a political party, recognized pursuant to the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, who have become eligible to receive payments from the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account, as provided in section 9033 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. Immediately upon completion of these requirements, the Board shall release to the news media all such nominees selected. Provided, however, nothing shall prohibit the partial selection of nominees prior to the meeting required by this section, if all provisions herein have been complied with."

Sec. 2. G.S. 163-213.3 reads as rewritten:

"§ **163-213.3. Conduct of election.**—The presidential preference primary election shall be conducted and canvassed by the same authority and in the manner provided by law for the conduct and canvassing of the primary election for the office of Governor and all other offices enumerated in G.S. 163-187 and under the same provisions stipulated in G.S. 163-188, except that the earliest date by which absentee ballots shall be available shall be 35 days prior to the date of the primary. The State Board of Elections shall have authority to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with provisions contained herein, pursuant to the administration of this Article."

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22nd day of April, 1987.