

March 1, 1999

**H 175. ABSENTEE VOTING CHANGES-2. TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE ELECTION LAWS DESIGNED TO PREVENT LONG LINES AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY.** Substantially similar to S 186, introduced March 1, 1999, except for the following: (1) does not list identification voter must show prior to being issued absentee ballot under one-stop voting procedure; (2) omits provisions permitting observers from political parties and unaffiliated candidates to be at one-stop voting sites; and (3) does not extend deadline for receipt of absentee ballots by county board of elections to 7:30 p.m. the day of the election. Adds new GS 163-27.1 to permit Executive Secretary-Director to exercise emergency powers over any election in a district where either a natural disaster or extremely inclement weather has occurred, during an armed conflict involving U.S. armed forces, or when an election contest court finds there were errors in the conduct of an election making it impossible to determine the result. Applies to elections held on or after July 1, 1999.

**Intro. by Nesbitt.**

Ref. to Election Law

GS 163