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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT COUNTIES TO USE THE VOTE CENTER CONCEPT FOR SECOND PRIMARIES, WHERE ONLY THE EARLY VOTING SITES FOR THE FIRST PRIMARY ARE OPEN ON THE DAY OF THE SECOND PRIMARY RATHER THAN THE NORMAL ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163-111 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e1) Option for Voting Centers During Second Primary. – A county board of elections may, with approval of the State Board of Elections, provide for a limited number of voting sites to be opened during a potential second primary. The plan adopted under this subsection shall not be implemented if the second primary includes any race other than a statewide or federal office on the ballot. The plan shall comply with all of the following:

(1) Be submitted by the county board of elections to the State Board prior to December 1 of the calendar year before the election.

(2) Apply only to a second primary for the following year, if any.

(3) Be approved by the State Board prior to January 1 of the election year.

(4) Provide for all of the following:

a. The second primary election day voting places shall be the same sites used for one-stop voting for the first primary under G.S. 163-227.2.

b. The sites under sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision shall be open for regular election day polling hours.

c. A voter who is eligible to vote in the second primary may vote at any one of the available voting places under sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision.

d. One-stop voting shall still be conducted as provided in G.S. 163-227.2.

e. The county board shall conduct voter education as to the voting places to be open during the second primary, including listing the second primary voting places in:

1. The legal notice required under G.S. 163-33(8) for the first and second primaries.

2. Either a posting on the wall of the voting place, a printed handout for each voter voting in person during the first primary, or both.



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1 f. Election results shall be reported in accordance with
2 G.S. 163-132.5G."

3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2014, and applies to elections
4 held on or after that date.