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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS GOVERNING MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND
3 TO RESTORE THE LAST SATURDAY OF EARLY ONE-STOP VOTING.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 163A-1306, as amended by Section 3.4(h) of S.L. 2018-144,
6 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 163A-1306. Register of absentee requests, applications, and ballots issued; a public**
8 **record.**

9 (a) ~~The~~ With respect to each request for mail-in absentee ballots, the State Board shall
10 approve an official register in which the county board of elections in each county of the State
11 shall record the following information:

- 12 (1) Name of voter for whom application and ballots are being requested, and, if
13 applicable, the name and address of the voter's near relative or verifiable legal
14 guardian who requested the application and ballots for the voter.
- 15 (2) Number of assigned voter's application when issued.
- 16 (3) Precinct in which the applicant is registered.
- 17 (4) Address to which ballots are to be mailed, ~~or, if the voter voted pursuant to~~
18 ~~G.S. 163A-1300, 163A-1302, 163A-1303, and 163A-1304, a notation of that~~
19 ~~fact mailed.~~
- 20 (5) Date request for application for ballots is received by the county board of
21 elections.
- 22 (6) The voter's party affiliation.
- 23 (7) The date the ballots were mailed or delivered to the voter.
- 24 (8) Whatever additional information and official action may be required by this
25 Part.

26 (b) With respect to each early "one-stop" absentee ballot voted under G.S. 163A-1300,
27 163A-1302, 163A-1303, or 163A-1304, the State Board shall approve an official register in
28 which the county board of elections in each county of the State shall record the following
29 information:

- 30 (1) Name of voter for whom application and ballots are being requested.
- 31 (2) Number of assigned voter's application when issued.
- 32 (3) The precinct in which the voter is registered.
- 33 (4) The date the voter voted early "one-stop."
- 34 (5) The voter's party affiliation.



1 (6) Whatever additional information and official action may be required by this
2 Part.

3 (c) ~~The State Board may provide for the register-official registers required by this section~~
4 ~~to be kept by electronic data processing equipment, and a copy shall be printed out each business~~
5 ~~day or a supplement printed out each business day of new information.equipment.~~

6 (d) The official register required by subsection (a) of this section shall be confidential
7 and not a public record until the opening of the voting place in accordance with G.S. 163A-1130,
8 at which time the official register shall constitute a public record. The official register of absentee
9 requests, applications and ballots issued-required by subsection (b) of this section shall constitute
10 a public record and shall be opened to the inspection of any registered voter of the county within
11 60 days before and 30 days after an election in which absentee ballots were authorized, or at any
12 other time when good and sufficient reason may be assigned for its inspection.

13 (e) Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, the State Board or a county board of
14 elections shall inform the voter of the status of that voter's request for mail-in absentee ballots
15 upon inquiry the voter or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian."

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 163A-1313 reads as rewritten:

17 **"§ 163A-1313. Applications for absentee ballots; how retained.**

18 (a) The county board of elections shall retain, in a safe place, the original of all
19 applications made for absentee ballots and shall make them ballots, which shall be available to
20 inspection by the State Board or to any person upon the directive of the State Board. Any copies
21 of any photographic identification associated with the absentee ballots shall not be a public
22 record.

23 (b) The county board of elections shall create a list of applications made for absentee
24 ballots received by the county board, which shall be updated daily from the date the county board
25 begins to mail application and ballots through the date of canvass. Such list shall be a public
26 record.

27 (c) All applications for absentee ballots shall be retained by the county board of elections
28 for a period of one year after which they-those applications may be destroyed."

29 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 163A-871(a) reads as rewritten:

30 "(a) Official Record. – The State voter registration system is the official voter registration
31 list for the conduct of all elections in the State. The State Board and the county board of elections
32 may keep copies of voter registration data, including voter registration applications, in any
33 medium and format expressly approved by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
34 pursuant to standards and conditions established by the Department and mutually agreed to by
35 the Department and the State Board. A completed and signed registration application form, if
36 available, described in G.S. 163A-862, once approved by the county board of elections, becomes
37 backup to the official registration record of the voter. Full or partial social security numbers,
38 dates of birth, the identity of the public agency at which the voter registered under
39 G.S. 163A-884, any electronic mail address submitted under this Article or Part 2 of Article 21
40 of this Chapter, and drivers license numbers that may be generated in the voter registration
41 process, by either the voter, the State Board-Board, or a county board of elections, elections in
42 the mail-in absentee ballot process are confidential and shall not be considered public records
43 and subject to disclosure to the general public under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
44 Cumulative data based on those items of information may be publicly disclosed as long as
45 information about any individual cannot be discerned from the disclosed data. Disclosure of
46 information in violation of this subsection shall not give rise to a civil cause of action. This
47 limitation of liability does not apply to the disclosure of information in violation of this
48 subsection as a result of gross negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing that would
49 otherwise be actionable. The signature of the voter, either on the paper application or an
50 electronically captured image of it, may be viewed by the public but may not be copied or traced

1 except by election officials for election administration purposes. Any such copy or tracing is not
2 a public record."

3 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163A-1308, as amended by S.L. 2018-144, reads as rewritten:

4 "**§ 163A-1308. Simultaneous issuance of absentee ballots with application.**

5 (a) A qualified voter who ~~desires to vote by absentee ballot, is eligible to vote by absentee~~
6 ballot under G.S. 163A-1295(a), or that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, shall
7 complete a request form for an absentee application and absentee ballots so that the county board
8 of elections receives that completed request form not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Tuesday before
9 the election. That completed written request form shall be in compliance with G.S. 163A-1309.
10 The county board of elections shall enter in the register of absentee requests, applications, and
11 ballots issued the information required in G.S. 163A-1306 as soon as each item of that
12 information becomes available. Upon receiving the completed request form, the county board of
13 elections shall cause to be mailed to that voter a single package that includes all of the following:

14 (1) The official ballots ~~that the~~ voter is entitled to vote.

15 (2) A container-return envelope for the ballots, printed in accordance with
16 G.S. 163A-1307.

17 (3) An instruction sheet.

18 (a1) The ballots, envelope, and instructions shall be mailed to the voter by the county
19 board's chairman, member, officer, or employee as determined by the board and entered in the
20 register as provided by this Part.

21 (b) Absence for Sickness or Physical Disability. – Notwithstanding the provisions of
22 subsection (a) of this section, if a voter expects to be unable to go to the voting place to vote in
23 person on election day because of that voter's sickness or other physical disability, that voter or
24 that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian may make the request ~~under subsection (a)~~
25 ~~of this section~~ for absentee ballots in person to the board of elections of the county in which the
26 voter is registered after 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election but not later than 5:00 p.m.
27 on the day before the election. The county board of elections shall treat that completed request
28 form in the same manner as a request under subsection (a) of this section but may personally
29 deliver the application and ballots to the voter or that voter's near relative or verifiable legal
30 guardian-guardian, and shall enter in the register of absentee requests, applications, and ballots
31 issued the information required in G.S. 163A-1306 as soon as each item of that information
32 becomes available. The county board of elections shall personally deliver to the requester in a
33 single package:

34 (1) The official ballots the voter is entitled to vote.

35 (2) A container-return envelope for the ballots, printed in accordance with
36 G.S. 163A-1307.

37 (3) An instruction sheet.

38 (c) Delivery of Absentee Ballots and Container-Return Envelope to Applicant. – When
39 the county board of elections receives a completed request form for applications and absentee
40 ~~ballots, ballots from the voter, or the near relative or the verifiable legal guardian of that voter,~~
41 the county board shall promptly issue and transmit them to the voter in accordance with the
42 following instructions:

43 (1) On the top margin of each ballot the applicant is entitled to vote, the chair, a
44 member, officer, or employee of the board of elections shall write or type the
45 words "Absentee Ballot No. ____ " or an abbreviation approved by the State
46 Board and insert in the blank space the number assigned the applicant's
47 application in the register of absentee requests, applications, and ballots
48 issued. That person shall not write, type, or print any other matter upon the
49 ballots transmitted to the absentee voter. Alternatively, the board of elections
50 may cause to be barcoded on the ballot the voter's application number, if that
51 barcoding system is approved by the State Board.

1 (2) The chair, member, officer, or employee of the board of elections shall fold
2 and place the ballots (identified in accordance with the preceding instruction)
3 in a container-return envelope and write or type in the appropriate blanks
4 thereon, in accordance with the terms of G.S. 163A-1307(b), the absentee
5 voter's name, the absentee voter's application number, and the designation of
6 the precinct in which the voter is registered. If the ballot is barcoded under
7 this section, the envelope may be barcoded rather than having the actual
8 number appear. The person placing the ballots in the envelopes shall leave the
9 container-return envelope holding the ballots unsealed.

10 (3) The chair, member, officer, or employee of the board of elections shall then
11 place the unsealed container-return envelope holding the ballots together with
12 printed instructions for voting and returning the ballots, in an envelope
13 addressed to the voter at the post office address stated in the request, seal the
14 envelope, and mail it at the expense of the county board of elections: Provided,
15 that in case of a request received after 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the
16 election under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, in lieu of
17 transmitting the ballots to the voter in person or by mail, the chair, member,
18 officer, or employee of the board of elections may deliver the sealed envelope
19 containing the instruction sheet and the container-return envelope holding the
20 ballots to a near relative or verifiable legal guardian of the voter.

21 The county board of elections may receive completed written request forms for applications
22 at any time prior to the election but shall not mail applications and ballots to the voter or issue
23 applications and ballots in person earlier than 60 days prior to the statewide general election in
24 an even-numbered year, or earlier than 50 days prior to any other election, except as provided in
25 G.S. 163A-1300, 163A-1302, 163A-1303, and 163A-1304. No election official shall issue
26 applications for absentee ballots except in compliance with this Part.

27 (d) The application shall be completed and signed by the voter personally, the ballots
28 marked, the ballots sealed in the container-return envelope, and the certificate completed as
29 provided in G.S. 163A-1310.

30 (e) At its next official meeting after return of the completed container-return envelope
31 with the voter's ballots, the county board of elections shall determine whether the container-return
32 envelope has been properly executed. If the board determines that the container-return envelope
33 has been properly executed, it shall approve the application and deposit the container-return
34 envelope with other container-return envelopes for the envelope to be opened and the ballots
35 counted at the same time as all other container-return envelopes and absentee ballots.

36 (f) Required Meeting of County Board of Elections. – During the period commencing on
37 the third Tuesday before an election, in which absentee ballots are authorized, the county board
38 of elections shall hold one or more public meetings each Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of
39 action on applications for absentee ballots. At these meetings, the county board of elections shall
40 pass upon applications for absentee ballots.

41 If the county board of elections changes the time of holding its meetings or provides for
42 additional meetings in accordance with the terms of this subsection, notice of the change in hour
43 and notice of the schedule of additional meetings, if any, shall be published in a newspaper
44 circulated in the county at least 30 days prior to the election.

45 At the time the county board of elections makes its decision on an application for absentee
46 ballots, the board shall enter in the appropriate column in the register of absentee requests,
47 applications, and ballots issued opposite the name of the applicant a notation of whether the
48 applicant's application was "Approved" or "Disapproved".

49 The decision of the board on the validity of an application for absentee ballots shall be final
50 subject only to such review as may be necessary in the event of an election contest. The county
51 board of elections shall constitute the proper official body to pass upon the validity of all

1 applications for absentee ballots received in the county; this function shall not be performed by
2 the chairman or any other member of the board individually.

3 (g) The State Board, by rule or by instruction to the county board of elections, shall
4 establish procedures to provide appropriate safeguards in the implementation of this section.

5 (h) For the purpose of this Part, "near relative" means spouse, brother, sister, parent,
6 grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law,
7 stepparent, or stepchild."

8 **SECTION 3.(a)** G.S. 163A-1309, as amended by S.L. 2018-144, reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 163A-1309. Method of requesting absentee ballots.**

10 (a) Valid Types of Written Requests. – A completed written request form for ~~an~~ absentee
11 ~~ballot~~ ballots as required by G.S. 163A-1308 is valid only if it is on a form created by the State
12 Board and signed by the voter requesting absentee ballots or that voter's near relative or verifiable
13 legal guardian. The State Board shall make the form available only at its offices, ~~online,~~ and in
14 each county board of elections ~~office, and that form may be reproduced.~~ office. A voter may
15 make a request in person or by writing to the county board for the State Board created form to
16 request ~~an~~ absentee ~~ballot~~ ballots. The request form created by the State Board for an absentee
17 ~~ballot~~ shall require at least the following information:

- 18 (1) The name and address of the residence of the voter.
- 19 (2) The name and address of the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian
20 if that individual is making the request.
- 21 (3) The address of the voter to which the application and absentee ballots are to
22 be mailed if different from the residence address of the voter.
- 23 (4) The identification required in accordance with State Board rules, as provided
24 in subsection (f) of this section.
- 25 (5) The voter's date of birth.
- 26 (6) The signature of the voter or of the voter's near relative or verifiable legal
27 guardian if that individual is making the request.
- 28 (7) A clear indicator of the calendar year in which the election or elections
29 generating the request are to be held.
- 30 (8) The name of any individual or group that assisted with the voter with obtaining
31 or completing the written request form, including any near relative or
32 verifiable legal guardian.
- 33 (9) A unique identifier, applicable only to the voter completing that written
34 request form.

35 (b) Request to Update Voter Registration. – A completed request form for ~~an~~ absentee
36 ~~ballot~~ ballots shall be deemed a request to update the official record of voter registration for that
37 voter and shall be confirmed in writing in accordance with G.S. 163A-877(d).

38 (c) Return of Request. – ~~The completed request form for an absentee ballot ballots shall~~
39 ~~be delivered to the county board of elections elections only by the voter or that voter's near~~
40 ~~relative or verifiable legal guardian. If the voter does not include the information requested in~~
41 ~~subdivision (a)(4) of this section, a copy of a document listed in G.S. 163A-1144(a)(2) shall~~
42 ~~accompany the completed request form.~~

43 (d) Confirmation of Voter Registration. – Upon receiving a completed request form for
44 ~~an~~ absentee ~~ballot~~ ballots, the county board shall confirm that voter's registration. If that voter is
45 confirmed as a registered voter of the county, the absentee ballots and certification form shall be
46 mailed to the voter, unless personally delivered in accordance with G.S. 163A-1308(b). If the
47 voter's official record of voter registration conflicts with the completed request form for ~~an~~
48 absentee ~~ballot~~ ballots or cannot be confirmed, the voter shall be so notified. If the county board
49 cannot resolve the differences, no application or absentee ballots shall be issued.

50 (e) Invalid Types of Written Requests. – A request is not valid if it is not delivered by the
51 voter, or that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or if it does not comply with

1 subsection (a) of this section. If a county board of elections receives a request for an absentee
2 ~~ballet ballots~~ that does not comply with subsection (a) of this section, the board shall not issue
3 an application and ~~ballet absentee ballots~~ under G.S. 163A-1308.

4 (f) Rules by State Board. – The State Board shall adopt rules for the enforcement of this
5 section, including rules to provide for the forms of identification that ~~must~~ shall be included with
6 the completed written request for an absentee ~~ballet ballots~~. At a minimum, the rules shall include
7 the following:

- 8 (1) Acceptable photocopies of forms of readable identification ~~that are~~
9 ~~substantially similar to those required under as described in~~
10 G.S. 163A-1145.1.
- 11 (2) A process for a voter without acceptable photocopies of forms of readable
12 identification under subdivision (1) of this section to complete an alternative
13 affidavit in accordance with G.S. 163A-1145.1(d)(1), (d)(2), or (d)(3) that
14 includes ~~lack of access to a method to attach an electronic or inability to attach~~
15 a physical copy of the voter's identification card to with the written request as
16 a reasonable impediment to compliance with the identification requirement.
- 17 (3) ~~A process for a voter to request the option to return the information required~~
18 ~~by subdivision (1) or (2) of this section with the absentee ballot~~
19 ~~container return envelope, as provided in G.S. 163A-1307."~~

20 **SECTION 3.(b)** G.S. 163A-1309(a)(9), as enacted by this act, is effective January
21 1, 2020, and applies to requests for absentee ballots on or after that date. On or before May 1,
22 2020, the State Board of Elections shall report to the Joint Legislative Elections Oversight
23 Committee and the General Assembly as to its plans to implement this provision and any
24 recommendations for statutory changes necessary to implement this provision.

25 **SECTION 3.1.** G.S. 163A-1307(b) reads as rewritten:

26 "(b) Application on Container-Return Envelope. – In time for use not later than 60 days
27 before a statewide general election in an even-numbered year, and not later than 50 days before
28 a statewide primary, other general election or county bond election, the county board of elections
29 shall print a sufficient number of envelopes in which persons casting absentee ballots may
30 transmit their marked ballots to the county board of elections. However, in the case of municipal
31 elections, sufficient container-return envelopes shall be made available no later than 30 days
32 before an election. Each container-return envelope shall have printed on it an application which
33 shall be designed and prescribed by the State Board, providing for all of the following:

- 34 (1) The voter's certification of eligibility to vote the enclosed ballot and of having
35 voted the enclosed ballot in accordance with this Part.
- 36 (2) A space for identification of the envelope with the voter and the voter's
37 signature.
- 38 (3) A space for the identification of the two persons witnessing the casting of the
39 absentee ballot in accordance with G.S. 163A-1310, those persons' signatures,
40 and those persons' addresses.
- 41 (4) A space for the name and address of any person who, as permitted under
42 G.S. 163A-1298(a), assisted the voter if the voter is unable to complete and
43 sign the certification and that individual's signature.
- 44 (5) A space for approval by the county board of elections.
- 45 (6) A space to allow reporting of a change of name as provided by G.S. 163A-880.
- 46 (7) A prominent display of the unlawful acts under G.S. 163A-1298 and
47 G.S. 163A-1389, except if there is not room on the envelope, the State Board
48 may provide for that disclosure to be made on a separate piece of paper to be
49 included along with the container-return envelope.

1 The container-return envelope shall be printed in accordance with the instructions of the State
2 ~~Board.~~Board, which shall prohibit the display of the voter's party affiliation on the outside of the
3 container-return envelope."

4 **SECTION 4.(a)** G.S. 163A-1317 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 163A-1317. Certain violations of absentee ballot law made criminal offenses.**

6 (a) False Statements under Oath Made Class ~~2-1~~1 Misdemeanor. – If any person shall
7 willfully and falsely make any affidavit or statement, under oath, which affidavit or statement
8 under oath, is required to be made by the provisions of this Part, ~~he~~that person shall be guilty of
9 a Class ~~2-1~~1 misdemeanor.

10 (b) False Statements Not under Oath Made Class ~~2-1~~1 Misdemeanor. – Except as provided
11 by G.S. 163A-1389(16), if any person, for the purpose of obtaining or voting any official ballot
12 under the provisions of this Part, shall willfully sign any printed or written false statement which
13 does not purport to be under oath, or which, if it purports to be under oath, was not duly sworn
14 to, ~~he~~that person shall be guilty of a Class ~~2-1~~1 misdemeanor.

15 (c) Candidate Witnessing Absentee Ballots of Nonrelative Made Class ~~2-1~~1 Misdemeanor.
16 – A person is guilty of a Class ~~2-1~~1 misdemeanor if that person acts as a witness under
17 G.S. 163A-1310(a) in any primary or election in which the person is a candidate for nomination
18 or election, unless the voter is the candidate's near relative as defined in G.S. 163A-1308(h).

19 (d) Fraud in Connection with Absentee Vote; Forgery. – Any person attempting to aid
20 and abet fraud in connection with any absentee vote cast or to be cast, under the provisions of
21 this Part, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Attempting to vote by fraudulently signing the name
22 of a regularly qualified voter is a Class ~~I-G~~G felony.

23 (d1) Sell or Attempt to Sell Completed Written Request for Absentee Ballot Made a Class
24 1 Misdemeanor. – Any person who sells or attempts to sell, or purchases or agrees to purchase,
25 a completed application and ballots, shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

26 (d2) Destruction of Absentee Ballot. – Any person who intentionally fails to deliver or
27 intentionally destroys a completed written request, a completed application for absentee ballots,
28 or voted absentee ballots shall be guilty of a Class G felony.

29 (d3) Copies or Retention of Identifying Information. – Any person, other than the voter or
30 near relative or verifiable legal guardian of that voter, who copies or otherwise retains the request
31 for absentee ballots, a completed application for absentee ballots, or any identifying information,
32 as defined in G.S. 14-113.20, disclosed in a request or application shall be guilty of a Class G
33 felony.

34 (d4) Compensation Based on Requests. – Any person who compensates another, or who
35 accepts compensation, based on the number of returned written requests for absentee ballots
36 under G.S. 163A-1309 shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

37 (d5) Intent to Unlawfully Influence. – Any person who commits, attempts to commit, or
38 conspires to commit a crime identified in G.S. 163A-865(b), 163A-1298(a), 163A-1388,
39 163A-1389, or this section with the intent to unlawfully influence or interfere with a primary or
40 election, or to otherwise unlawfully gain, shall be guilty of a Class F felony.

41 (d6) Disclosure of Register of Absentee Ballot Requests. – Notwithstanding G.S. 132-3(a),
42 any person who steals, releases, or possesses the official register of absentee requests for mail-in
43 absentee ballots as provided in G.S. 163A-1306 prior to the opening of the voting place in
44 accordance with G.S. 163A-1130, for a purpose other than the conduct of business at the county
45 board of elections, shall be guilty of a Class G felony.

46 (e) Violations Not Otherwise Provided for Made Class ~~2-1~~1 Misdemeanors. – If any person
47 shall willfully violate any of the provisions of this Part, or willfully fail to comply with any of
48 the provisions thereof, for which no other punishment is herein provided, ~~he~~that person shall be
49 guilty of a Class ~~2-1~~1 misdemeanor."

50 **SECTION 4.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to
51 offenses committed on or after that date.

1 **SECTION 5.(a)** G.S. 163A-1300(b) reads as rewritten:

2 "(b) Not earlier than the third ~~Wednesday~~-Thursday before an election, in which absentee
3 ballots are authorized, in which a voter seeks to vote and not later than ~~7:00 P.M. on the last~~
4 ~~Friday~~ 1:00 P.M. on the last Saturday before that election, the voter shall appear in person only
5 at the office of the county board of elections, except as provided in G.S. 163A-1303. A county
6 board of elections shall conduct one-stop voting on the last Saturday before the election from
7 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. and may conduct one-stop early voting until 5:00 P.M. on that
8 Saturday. That voter shall enter the voting enclosure at the board office through the appropriate
9 entrance and shall at once state his or her name and place of residence to an authorized member
10 or employee of the board and present photo identification in accordance with G.S. 163A-1145.
11 In a primary election, the voter shall also state the political party with which the voter affiliates
12 and in whose primary the voter desires to vote, or if the voter is an unaffiliated voter permitted
13 to vote in the primary of a particular party under G.S. 163A-989, the voter shall state the name
14 of the authorizing political party in whose primary he wishes to vote. The board member or
15 employee to whom the voter gives this information shall announce the name and residence of the
16 voter in a distinct tone of voice. After examining the registration records, an employee of the
17 board shall state whether the person seeking to vote is duly registered. If the voter is found to be
18 registered that voter may request that the authorized member or employee of the board furnish
19 the voter with an application form as specified in G.S. 163A-1391. The voter shall complete the
20 application in the presence of the authorized member or employee of the board, and shall deliver
21 the application to that person."

22 **SECTION 5.(b)** G.S. 163A-1303(c) reads as rewritten:

23 "(c) For all sites approved for one-stop voting under this section, a county board of
24 elections shall provide the following:

- 25 (1) Each one-stop site across the county shall be open at that same location during
26 the period required by G.S. 163A-1300(b).
- 27 (2) If any one-stop site across the county is opened on any day during the period
28 required by G.S. 163A-1300(b), all one-stop sites shall be open on that day.
- 29 (3) On each weekday during the period required by G.S. 163A-1300(b), all
30 one-stop sites shall be open from ~~7:00 A.M.~~ 8:00 A.M. to ~~7:00 P.M.~~ 8:00 P.M.
- 31 (4) If the county board of elections opens one-stop sites on Saturdays during the
32 period required by G.S. 163A-1300(b), then all one-stop sites shall be open
33 for the same number of hours uniformly throughout the county on those
34 Saturdays.
- 35 (5) If the county board of elections opens one-stop sites on Sundays during the
36 period required by G.S. 163A-1300(b), then all one-stop sites shall be open
37 for the same number of hours uniformly throughout the county on those
38 Sundays."

39 **SECTION 5.(c)** This section becomes effective August 1, 2019.

40 **SECTION 6.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective January 1,
41 2020, and applies to elections conducted on or after that date.

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