

May 14, 2002

**S 2. 2002 PRIMARY SCHEDULING.** *TO ALLOW THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO ISSUE TEMPORARY ORDERS, GUIDELINES, AND DIRECTIVES FOR THE 2002 PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS AND RELATING TO OTHER ELECTIONS THAT HAD BEEN ON THE 2002 PRIMARY BALLOT.* Enacts new GS 163-22.4, for 2002 primary and general elections only, to authorize the State Board of Elections to issue temporary orders and guidelines that change, add, or delete election statutes and rules. These orders and guidelines may provide that the result of a primary election shall be determined by a plurality and no second primary shall be held. This authority extends to any elections originally scheduled for May 7, 2002. Enacts new GS 120-30.9J to require the Administrative Officer of the Courts to submit to the U.S. Attorney General within 30 days of the date they become effective all judicial orders that amend, delete, add to, or repeal any law or other judicial order that constitutes a "change affecting voting" under section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act. Provides that the proposed constitutional amendment allowing dedication and acceptance of property into the State Nature and Historic Preserve by enactment of a bill rather than by joint resolution shall be submitted to the voters at the statewide general election in 2002 rather than at the next primary election. Provides that if any members of any county board of education elected at the primary election and are to take office under a local act in July after the primary, in 2002 only, such board members shall instead take office on the same day in the second month after the primary, and the terms of any board members that would otherwise expire in July 2002 are extended accordingly.

**Intro. by Rand.**

Ref. to Redistricting

GS 120, 163, CONST

May 15, 2002

**S 2. 2002 PRIMARY SCHEDULING.** Intro. 5/14/02. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes only.

May 16, 2002

**S 2. 2002 PRIMARY SCHEDULING.** Intro. 5/14/02. Senate amendments make the following changes to 2nd edition. Add provision to new GS 163-22.4 that the authority of the State Board of Elections to make changes in the election statutes and rules extends to elections originally scheduled for May 7, 2002, *or on the date of the second primary*. Substitute the Attorney General for the Administrative Officer of the Courts as the official who is to submit changes to the U. S. Attorney General.