

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 201

Short Title: Poll Greeter Distance.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cummings; Allred, Barbee, Brawley, Davis, Grady, Hayes, Lemmond, McComas, McMahan, Nichols, Rayfield, Russell, Snowden, and Tallent.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

February 16, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ELECTIONEERING WITHIN TWO HUNDRED FEET OF
THE POLLING PLACE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-147 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-147. No loitering or electioneering at voting place.

(a) No person or group of persons shall, while the polls are open at the voting place on the day of the primary or election, loiter about, congregate, distribute campaign material, or do any electioneering within the voting place, or within ~~50~~200 feet in any direction of the entrance or entrances to the building in which the voting place is located. Notwithstanding the above provision, if the voting place is located in a large building, the chief judge and judges of the precinct may designate the entrance to the voting place within said building and none of the above activity shall be permitted within ~~50~~200 feet of said entrance or entrances of said voting place. This section shall not, however, prohibit any candidate for nomination or election from visiting such voting place in person, provided he does not enter the voting enclosure except to cast his vote as a registered voter in said precinct. The county boards of elections and precinct chief judges shall have full authority to enforce the provisions of this section.

1 (b) This section does not prohibit establishment of or approval by the county board
2 of elections of a simulated election within the voting place or voting enclosure for
3 persons ineligible to vote because of their age, but the prohibitions of this section as to
4 activities within the voting place or within ~~50~~200 feet apply to that simulated election.
5 The State Board of Elections shall adopt rules to ensure that the simulated election is not
6 disruptive of the regular process of voting."

7 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective with respect to elections held on or after
8 January 1, 1996.