

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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SENATE BILL 227*

Short Title: Public Employee Poll Workers. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird, Allran; Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Bingham, Dalton, Dorsett, East, Goodall, Hagan, Holloman, Jenkins, Lucas, Malone, Nesbitt, Purcell, Rand, Shaw, Snow, Soles, Swindell, and Thomas.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

February 28, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ALLOW LEAVE TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR WORKING AS
3 PRECINCT OFFICIALS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT SELECT
4 COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 5 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 163-41.3. Leave for public employees to work as election officials.**

9 Every employee of the State of North Carolina or of a city, county, school
10 administrative unit, constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, or other
11 political subdivision or public corporation in the State is entitled to up to 24 hours per
12 year of community service leave to serve as a precinct official or as a temporary
13 employee of a county board of elections in a voting site, including a one-stop site as
14 provided in G.S. 163-227.2. As used in this section, 'community service leave' for an
15 employee means absence with full pay in addition to any vacation leave or sick leave to
16 which the employee is already entitled. This section does not entitle an employee to
17 additional community service leave in addition to leave that employee received for the
18 equivalent election service under an equivalent program of the employer."

19 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.