



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 5 - PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIALS

N.C.G.S. § 163-47.

Powers and duties of chief judges and judges of election.

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- § 163-47(a)

The chief judges and judges of election shall conduct the primaries and elections within their respective precincts fairly and impartially, and they shall enforce peace and good order in and about the place of registration and voting. The county boards of elections shall ensure that the position of chief judge and judges of election are filled at each voting place for the duration of the duties of the positions on each day of voting in person at the voting place.
- § 163-47(b)

On the day of an election or primary, the chief judge shall have charge of the registration list for the purpose of passing on the registration of persons who present themselves at the polls to vote.
- § 163-47(c)

The chief judge and judges shall hear challenges of the right of registered voters to vote as provided by law.
- § 163-47(d)

The chief judge and judges shall count the votes cast in their precincts and make such returns of the same as is provided by law.
- § 163-47(e)

The chief judge and judges shall make such an accounting to the chairman of the county board of elections for ballots and for election supplies as is required by law.
- § 163-47(f)

The chief judge and judges of election shall act by a majority vote on all matters not assigned specifically by law to the chief judge or to a judge.

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APPARATUS I
12 ACTS

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1901	c. 89, s. 41	ENACTED
02	Rev.	s. 4312	RECODIFIED
03	C.S.	s. 5933	RECODIFIED
04	1933	c. 165, s. 3	AMENDED
05	1939	c. 263, s. 31/2	AMENDED
06	1947	c. 505, s. 3	AMENDED
07	1967	c. 775, s. 1	AMENDED
08	1973	c. 793, s. 17	AMENDED
09	1973	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 4	AMENDED
10	2017	S.L. 2017-6, s. 3	AMENDED
11	2018	S.L. 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b)	AMENDED
12	2023	S.L. 2023-140, s. 8	AMENDED

APPARATUS III

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