SBOE Numbered Memo 2012-23

TO: Directors of County Boards of Elections

FROM: Gary O. Bartlett, Executive Director

DATE: October 23, 2012

RE: 2012 One-stop Voting Process

Copied below is an excerpt from Memorandum 2012-23, October 22, 2012. Have you shared the memorandum with the county board of elections and has the board considered extending one-stop days and times?

“There is robust one-stop absentee voting activity in all counties for the 2012 General Election. The wait time at some sites is as long as 2 hours. County Boards should take immediate steps to alleviate these delays and facilitate a more efficient voting process for North Carolina voters. These are some suggested recommendations:

- County Boards should consider extending one-stop days and times. These changes must be made by unanimous consent.
- If some one-stop sites are being over utilized while others are being under utilized, county boards should consider reallocating existing resources of voting equipment, voting booths, etc. If there is room to set up additional voting booths, please do so.
- Take proactive measures to maximize the time that voters spend waiting in line. Use this time to provide voters with their sample ballot, or determine if they need to update their name or address, or register in person. Voters can use their waiting time to review their ballot or to complete necessary forms.
- Look for other administrative changes that can speed up the process.”

Report to this office as soon as practicable the decision of the county board of elections regarding this request.

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