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SENATE BILL 502

Short Title: Voting Materials in English. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Brock.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO RESTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS AND BALLOTS TO THE
3 ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 14A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 163-82.4A. Voter registration application form in English only, except where required**
8 **by federal law.**

9 The State Board of Elections and any county board of elections shall not print or make
10 available the voter registration forms described in this Article in any language other than
11 English, except to the extent required by federal law."

12 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-82.5 reads as rewritten:

13 "**§ 163-82.5. Distribution of application forms.**

14 ~~The~~ Except as prohibited by G.S. 163-82.4A, the State Board of Elections shall make the
15 forms described in G.S. 163-82.3 available for distribution through governmental and private
16 entities, with particular emphasis on making them available for organized voter registration
17 drives."

18 **SECTION 3** Nothing in this act shall affect the acceptance by a board of elections
19 of an otherwise valid voter registration application submitted on a form that is not in English.

20 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2012.

