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H 989. PHOTO I.D. FOR VOTING. Filed 3/22/07. *TO REQUIRE GOVERNMENT-ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLING LOCATION AND ELIMINATING THE FEE FOR SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS.*

Amends GS 163-166.12 to require voters, including those voting at a one-stop site, to present photo identification as proof of identity. Allows voters that do not present proof of identification to vote a provisional ballot, to be counted when the voter's identity is verified. Also allows indigent voters who cannot obtain proof of identification without paying a fee to submit a certification of their identity and vote a provisional ballot. Limits identification exemptions to voters mailing in absentee ballots. Amends GS 163-166.7A to require the posting at each voting location of a statement that proof of identification is required and a list of acceptable identification.

Amends GS 163-82.3 to require voter application forms to include a statement about the photo identification requirement. Amends GS 20-37.7 to expand the fee waiver for a special identification card from the homeless to those who cannot afford the fee. Makes conforming and technical changes. Effective January 1, 2008.

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