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S 313. ROTATING ORDER OF NAMES ON BALLOT. Filed 2/22/07. *TO ROTATE THE ORDER OF CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL PARTIES AS THEY APPEAR ON BALLOTS.* Amends GS 163-165.6 to require candidates and political parties to appear on a county's official ballots as determined using a process for the rotation of names so that there is even rotation of different ordered ballots among the ballot styles in each county in the same election. The same rotation process must be used for candidates in party primary ballot items, nonpartisan ballot items, and partisan general election ballot items. Sets rotation requirements for partisan general elections. Current law requires candidate names on primary official ballots to appear using a process for random selection and for candidates on a general election ballot to appear in the following order: (1) nominees of parties that reflect at least 5% of statewide voter registration, in alphabetical order by party and in alphabetical order within the party; (2) nominees of other political parties, in alphabetical order by party and in alphabetical order within the party; and (3) unaffiliated candidates, in alphabetical order. Effective January 1, 2008, and applies to all primaries and elections conducted after that date until January 1, 2011, when the act expires.

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