

# Withdrawn



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
House Bill 589

AMENDMENT NO. A3  
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Principal Clerk)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

Senator Rucho

1 moves to amend the bill on page 2, line 20, by deleting "has not expired" and substituting "shall  
2 be unexpired";

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4 and on page on page 11, lines 3-9, by rewriting those lines to read:

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6 "(a3) Upon receiving a completed request form for an absentee ballot, the county board  
7 shall confirm that voter's registration. If that voter is confirmed as a registered voter of the  
8 county, the absentee ballots and certification form shall be mailed to the voter, unless  
9 personally delivered in accordance with G.S. 163-230.1(a1). If the voter's official record of  
10 voter registration conflicts with the completed request form for an absentee ballot or cannot be  
11 confirmed, the voter shall be so notified. If the county board cannot resolve the differences, no  
12 application or absentee ballots shall be issued.";

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15 and on page 11, line 46, through page 12, line 15, by rewriting those lines to read:

16 "(b) Transmitting Executed Absentee Ballots to County Board of Elections. – The sealed  
17 container-return envelope in which executed absentee ballots have been placed shall be  
18 transmitted to the county board of elections who issued ~~them~~ those ballots as follows:

19 (1) All ballots issued under the provisions of ~~Articles 20~~ this Article and Article  
20 21A of this Chapter shall be transmitted by mail or by commercial courier  
21 service, at the voter's expense, or delivered in person, or by the voter's near  
22 relative or verifiable legal guardian and received by the county board not  
23 later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before ~~of~~ the statewide primary or general  
24 election or county bond election. Ballots issued under the provisions of  
25 Article 21A of this Chapter may also be electronically transmitted.

26 (2) If ballots are received later than ~~that hour,~~ the hour stated in subdivision (1)  
27 of this subsection, they ~~those~~ ballots shall not be accepted unless one of the  
28 following applies:

- 29 (i) ~~federal~~ Federal law so ~~requires,~~ requires.  
30 (ii) ~~if~~ The ballots issued under this Article 20 ~~of this Chapter~~ are  
31 postmarked and that postmark is dated on or before ~~by~~ the  
32 day of the statewide primary or general election or county



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1 bond election and are received by the county board of  
2 elections not later than three days after the election by 5:00  
3 p.m., or 5:00 p.m.  
4 (iii) ~~if~~The ballots issued under Article 21A of this Chapter are  
5 received by the county board of elections not later than the  
6 end of business on the business day before the canvass  
7 conducted by the county board of elections held pursuant to  
8 G.S. 163-182.5. ~~Ballots issued under Article 20 of this~~  
9 ~~Chapter not postmarked by the day of the election shall not be~~  
10 ~~accepted by the county board of elections.~~

11 (c) For purposes of this section, "Delivered in person" includes delivering the ballot to  
12 an election official at a one-stop voting site under G.S. 163-227.2 during any time that site is  
13 open for voting. The ballots shall be kept securely and delivered by election officials at that site  
14 to the county board of elections office for processing.";  
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16 and on page 13, lines 15-21 by rewriting those lines to read:

17 **SECTION 5.1.** G.S. 163-82.22 reads as rewritten:

18 "**§ 163-82.22. Voter registration at ~~public libraries.~~ public libraries and public agencies.**

19 (a) Every library covered by G.S. 153A-272 shall make available to the public the  
20 application forms described in G.S. 163-82.3, and shall keep a sufficient supply of the forms so  
21 that they are always available. Every library covered by G.S. 153A-272 shall designate at least  
22 one employee to assist voter registration applicants in completing the form during all times that  
23 the library is open.

24 (b) If approved by the State Board of Elections, the county board of elections, and the  
25 county board of commissioners, a county may offer voter registration in accordance with this  
26 section through the following additional public offices:

- 27 (1) Senior centers or facilities operated by the county.  
28 (2) Parks and recreation services operated by the county.";  
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31 and on page 26, lines 27-28 by rewriting those lines to read:

32 **SECTION 10.32.** This Part becomes effective January 1, 2014, and applies to  
33 special elections held on or after that date. If this Part becomes law on or before August 5,  
34 2013, Section 10.26 of this Part shall apply to any special election called for September 10,  
35 2013.";

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38 and on page 26, line 44 by deleting "observers may" and substituting "observers from each  
39 party may";  
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42 and on page 27, lines 23-37 by rewriting those lines to read:

43 "observer to make such observation and take such notes as the observer may desire.";

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- 1 and on page 28, lines 7-8, by inserting the following between those lines:  
2 "SECTION 11.2. The Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee shall study  
3 a bill of rights for election observers to guarantee their right to help assist proper voting while  
4 ensuring proper protection for voters, and recommend to the General Assembly any legislation  
5 it deems advisable. It may make an interim report prior to the date that the General Assembly  
6 reconvenes the 2013 Regular Session in 2014, and shall make a final report before the  
7 convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.";  
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9 and on page 31, line 33, by rewriting that line to read:  
10 "SECTION 16.1. G.S. 163-82.6A, other than subsection (e), is repealed.  
11 SECTION 16.1A. The catchline of G.S. 163-82.6A reads as rewritten:  
12 § 163-82.6A. ~~In-person registration and voting~~ Address and name changes at one-stop  
13 sites.";  
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15 and on page 38, line 24, by deleting "additional";  
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17 and on page 52, lines 9-22 by deleting those lines;  
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19 and on page 54, line 27, through page 55, line 3, by rewriting those lines to read:  
20 "SECTION 54.1. The Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee shall study  
21 establishing a threshold for the creation of a political committee, and recommend to the  
22 General Assembly any legislation it deems advisable. It may make an interim report prior to the  
23 date that the General Assembly reconvenes the 2013 Regular Session in 2014, and shall make a  
24 final report before the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.";  
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26 and on page 56, lines 17-32, be deleting those lines.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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