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SENATE DRS45278-LU-54B (02/11)

Short Title: Postage Paid on Return/Voted Absentee Ballots. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators D. Davis and Smith-Ingram (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY
3 PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPES, POSTAGE PAID UPON RETURN.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-231(b)(1) reads as rewritten:

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

9 (1) All ballots issued under the provisions of this Article and Article 21A of this
10 Chapter shall be transmitted by mail in the pre-addressed envelope, postage
11 paid upon return or by commercial courier ~~service, at the voter's expense,~~
12 service or delivered in person, or by the voter's near relative or verifiable
13 legal guardian and received by the county board not later than 5:00 p.m. on
14 the day of the statewide primary or general election or county bond election.
15 Ballots issued under the provisions of Article 21A of this Chapter may also
16 be electronically transmitted.

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18 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections
19 held on or after that date.



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