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HOUSE BILL DRH30075-MM-29 (02/09)

Short Title: Citizen's Allegiance to U.S. Constitution. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Speciale.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO CLARIFY A  
3 CITIZEN'S ALLEGIANCE IS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 5 of Article I of the North Carolina Constitution reads as  
6 rewritten:

7 "**Sec. 5. Allegiance to the United States.**

8 Every citizen of this State owes paramount allegiance to the Constitution ~~and government~~ of  
9 the United States, and no law or ordinance of the State in contravention or subversion thereof can  
10 have any binding force."

11 **SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the  
12 qualified voters of the State at a statewide election to be conducted in November of 2018, which  
13 election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. The question to  
14 be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

15 "[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

16 Modify the North Carolina Constitution to clarify a citizen's allegiance is to the United  
17 States Constitution."

18 **SECTION 3.** If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment  
19 set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the  
20 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the  
21 permanent records of that office. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act becomes effective  
22 upon certification.

23 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

