

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CONFERENCE REPORT
Senate Bill 656**

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[YES] Title Change

[YES] For Committee Substitute

To: The President of the Senate
 The Speaker of the House of Representatives

The conferees appointed to resolve the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on Senate Bill 656, A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF A "POLITICAL PARTY" BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW POLITICAL PARTY AND FOR UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES TO OBTAIN BALLOT ACCESS ELIGIBILITY; TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION BY POLITICAL PARTIES IN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS FOR PARTIES RECOGNIZED IN A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF STATES IN THE PRIOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION; TO CHANGE TIMING OF FILING OF PETITIONS; AND TO REDUCE THE THRESHOLD FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PLURALITY TO THIRTY PERCENT, House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/21/17, House Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 6/28/17, submit the following report:

The Senate and the House agree to the following amendment to the House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/21/17, House Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 6/28/17, and the Senate concurs in the House Committee Substitute, as amended:

Delete the entire House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/21/17, House Committee Substitute #2 Favorable 6/28/17, and substitute the attached Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S656-PCCS45502-TC-4.

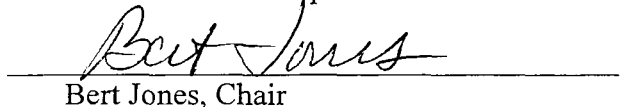
The conferees recommend that the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt this report.

Date Conferees approved report: October 5, 2017.

Conferees for the Senate


Ralph Hise, Chair

Conferees for the House of Representatives


Bert Jones, Chair



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