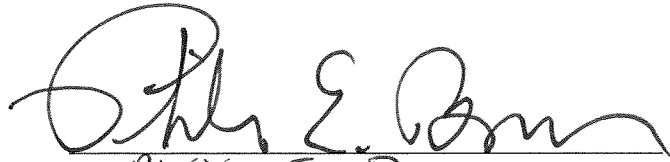



SECTION 6.3. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
Philip E. BERGER  
~~Presiding Officer~~ of the Senate  
President PRO Tempore

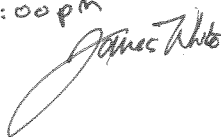
  
Tim MOORE  
~~Presiding Officer~~ of the House of Representatives  
Speaker

**VETO**  


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Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***House Bill 1029, AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PRIMARY IF A NEW ELECTION IS ORDERED IN ANY ELECTION CONTEST; TO RETURN THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE OF ELECTIONS, ETHICS, AND LOBBYING TO THE 2016 STRUCTURE; AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES TO THE ELECTIONS, ETHICS, AND LOBBYING LAWS.***

North Carolinians demand that elections should be conducted in an honest, fair, and accurate manner. The responsibility of investigators and prosecutors to find and eliminate wrongdoing in our elections is essential to maintaining integrity in our most sacred democratic process. This bill makes it harder to root out corruption in elections and campaign finance. While it does finally return the Board of Elections to a constitutional structure, Part IV shields politicians and others who violate campaign finance laws. These new provisions operate to obscure the truth rather than shine a light on it. The rushed introduction and passage of this bill allowed lawmakers little time to weigh the downsides of Part IV and, upon reflection, study, and hearing from election law experts, the downside can be devastating to the cause of fighting election fraud.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

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Roy Cooper  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2018, at 12:00 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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