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SENATE BILL DRS45228-LUy-70B*

Short Title: Const. Amendment/Repeal Literacy Test. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lowe, Blue, and deViere (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REPEAL THE
3 LITERACY TEST REQUIREMENT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. Section 4 of Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina is
6 repealed.

7 SECTION 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to
8 the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on November 3, 2020,
9 which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots,
10 voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163A of the General Statutes.
11 The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

12 "[] FOR [] AGAINST

13 Constitutional amendment to repeal the requirement that every person presenting
14 himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the
15 English language."

16 SECTION 3. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment
17 set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the
18 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the
19 permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast on the question are against the
20 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment shall have no effect.

21 SECTION 4. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act is effective upon
22 certification.

23 SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
24 law.



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