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Short Title: Online Voter Registration.

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Sponsors: Representative Alexander.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE SIMPLER THE PROCESS OF FILLING OUT A VOTER
3 REGISTRATION FORM AND TO ALLOW VOTERS THE ABILITY TO REGISTER TO
4 VOTE ONLINE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 163A-862 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 163A-862. Voter registration application forms.**

8 (a) Form Developed by State Board. – The State Board shall develop an application form
9 for voter ~~registration~~ registration that may be (i) printed out in blank form or (ii) filled in online
10 and printed out for mailing as described in subsection (a1) of this section. Any person may use
11 the form to apply to do any of the following:

- 12 (1) Register to vote.
- 13 (2) Change party affiliation or unaffiliated status.
- 14 (3) Report a change of address within a county.
- 15 (4) Report a change of name.

16 (a1) Online Fillable Form. – The online fillable voter registration form shall provide for
17 each of the following:

- 18 (1) Allow a user with the proper software to save the data.
- 19 (2) Prompt the user to easily do any of the following:
 - 20 a. Download the mailing address of the appropriate county board of
21 elections based on the county of residence.
 - 22 b. Download a list of all county boards of election mailing addresses.

23 (a2) Form Accepted by County Board. – The county board of elections for the county
24 where the applicant resides shall accept the form as application for any of ~~those~~ the purposes
25 described in subsection (a) of this section if the form is submitted as set out in ~~G.S. 163A-862~~ this
26 section.

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28 SECTION 2. Part 2 of Article 17 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes is amended
29 by adding a new section to read:

30 "**§ 163A-864.1. Online voter registration.**

31 (a) This section applies to an individual who meets each of the following:

- 32 (1) Is eligible to register to vote in accordance with this Article.
- 33 (2) Possesses one of the following that is current and valid:
 - 34 a. A North Carolina drivers license issued under Article 2 of Chapter 20
35 of the General Statutes, including a learner's permit or a provisional
36 license.



1 b. A special identification card for nonoperators issued under
2 G.S. 20-37.7.

3 (b) An individual who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this section may
4 submit a voter registration application online using the procedures set forth in this section. The
5 State Board shall establish a secure Internet Web site to permit individuals described in
6 subsection (a) of this section to complete and submit online voter registration applications.

7 (c) The secure Web site established under subsection (b) of this section shall allow an
8 individual described in subsection (a) of this section to submit:

9 (1) An application for any of the following:

10 a. Voter registration.

11 b. Reporting of a change of name, address, or party affiliation. If the
12 individual is already registered to vote and the change of address is to
13 another county, it shall be treated as an application to register to vote.

14 (2) An affirmation that the applicant is a U.S. citizen.

15 (3) Information to establish that the individual is eligible to register online under
16 this section.

17 (d) When an individual submits an application under this section, in accordance with
18 procedures established by the State Board pursuant to this Article, the Division of Motor Vehicles
19 shall compare the information submitted by the applicant with the information maintained in its
20 database to verify that the applicant possesses a current and valid form of identification described
21 under subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

22 (e) If the Division of Motor Vehicles confirms the applicant possesses a current and valid
23 form of identification as described under subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the Division of Motor
24 Vehicles shall submit the completed application and information it compiled, including transfer
25 of the digital signature of the applicant in the Division of Motor Vehicles records, to the county
26 board of elections where the applicant currently resides in accordance with procedures
27 established by the State Board.

28 (f) If the Division of Motor Vehicles cannot confirm the applicant possesses a current
29 and valid form of identification as described under subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the Division
30 of Motor Vehicles shall send to the county board of elections in the county where the applicant
31 currently resides the application submitted by the applicant and information it compiled
32 indicating that the Division of Motor Vehicles cannot confirm the information and that the
33 applicant's application cannot be processed. The county board of elections shall then notify the
34 applicant of this fact by U.S. mail or e-mail, if the applicant provided an e-mail address with the
35 online registration. The applicant shall be offered an opportunity to register in accordance with
36 G.S. 163A-865 or G.S. 163A-866, as applicable."

37 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2019.