



Roy Cooper, Governor
State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 250, "AN ACT TO CODIFY THE COMMON LAW REQUIREMENT FOR UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP TO QUALIFY AS A JUROR, TO ALLOW A CLERK OF COURT TO HEAR JURY EXCUSES IF SO DESIGNATED BY THE CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED FROM JURY DUTY BASED ON DISQUALIFICATION SHALL BE SHARED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IF THE DISQUALIFICATION IS DUE TO UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP."

Only citizens should be allowed to vote. But blocking legitimate voters from casting a ballot is a risk we cannot take when the law already prevents non-citizens from voting and has legitimate mechanisms to remove them from the rolls. This legislation creates a high risk of voter harassment and intimidation and could discourage citizens from voting.

Therefore, I veto the bill.



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Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 6th day of November 2019, at 2:59pm for reconsideration by that body.

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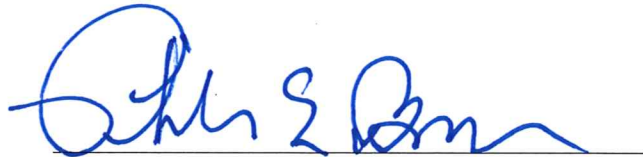
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Signed Sarah Holland

SECTION 6. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall amend the Rules of Recordkeeping to include procedures to implement the provisions of G.S. 9-6.2, as enacted by Section 4 of this act. Nothing in this act shall be construed to exempt records held by the Administrative Office of the Courts from Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, except as provided in G.S. 9-6.2, as enacted by this act.

SECTION 7. This act becomes effective January 1, 2020.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 31st day of October, 2019.



Philip E. Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate



Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

VETO
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Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2019

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