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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
House Bill 1169*

AMENDMENT NO. A1
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Amends Title [NO]
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Senator Clark

1 moves to amend the bill on page 5, lines 36 and 37, by inserting between those lines the following
2 new section to read:

3 "SECTION 8.5.(a) The General Assembly makes the following findings:

- 4 (1) In-person voting during the 2020 general election poses increased personal
5 health risks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 6 (2) The North Carolina State Board of Elections projects that approximately 30%
7 to 40% of voters will vote by mail-in absentee ballot for the upcoming 2020
8 general election.
- 9 (3) Article 21A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, cited as the Uniform
10 Military and Overseas Voters Act, provides for absentee registration and
11 voting in primary and general elections for certain military personnel and
12 families and civilians living overseas in compliance with the federal
13 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), 42
14 U.S.C. § 1973ff, et seq.
- 15 (4) In implementing UOCAVA in this State, the individual voters described in
16 subdivision (3) of this subsection may vote without a copy of photo
17 identification and without the requirement for a witness. Those individuals
18 have the option to vote by mail-in absentee ballot without having to obtain a
19 signature from two witnesses or one notary attesting that the voter completed
20 the ballot.
- 21 (5) The individual voters covered by Article 21A of Chapter 163 of the General
22 Statutes may submit their ballots with a declaration signed by the voter,
23 affirming the voter's identity eligibility.
- 24 (6) All eligible voters should be given the same option as military personnel for
25 absentee voting.

26 **SECTION 8.5.(b)** Notwithstanding G.S. 163-231(a) or any other provision of law
27 to the contrary, for the 2020 general election, the State Board of Elections shall provide all
28 eligible voters in this State the option of submitting their mail-in absentee ballots with a
29 declaration signed by the voter similar to the option afforded to covered citizens through special
30 programs under Article 21A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. Voters are not required to
31 comply with requirements more stringent than those required for submitting mail-in absentee
32 ballots under Article 21A of the Chapter 163 of the General Statutes for the 2020 general election.



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- 1 **SECTION 8.5.(c)** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
2 requirement of photo identification for in-person voting shall not apply for the 2020 general
3 election.
4 **SECTION 8.5.(d)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies to
5 elections held on or after that date and expires upon certification of the 2020 general election.".

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED _____
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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