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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
House Bill 1169*

AMENDMENT NO. A3
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Amends Title [NO]
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Senator Marcus

1 moves to amend the bill on page 2, lines 3-5 by rewriting the lines to read:

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3 "SECTION 1.(d) For an election held in 2020, notwithstanding G.S. 163-227.6(c),
4 a county board of elections by unanimous vote of all its members may adopt a Plan for
5 Implementation that establishes alternative options for sites for one-stop voting and weekday
6 hours for the opening and closing of one-stop sites other than 8:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

7 SECTION 1.(e) For an election held in 2020, notwithstanding G.S. 163-82.6,
8 163-82.19, or 163-82.20, for an election held in 2020, applications for voter registration
9 submitted by mail shall be considered timely if the application is postmarked no later than the
10 Saturday before the election or otherwise received to the county board of elections no later than
11 the Saturday before the election.

12 SECTION 1.(f) For an election held in 2020, notwithstanding G.S. 163-230.2(c) and
13 G.S. 163-231(b)(1), a voter submitting a valid request for an absentee ballot shall receive from
14 the applicable county board of elections a prepaid postage envelope for returning the executed
15 absentee ballot by mail.

16 SECTION 1.(g) Section 1(b) of this section is effective when it becomes law and
17 expires December 31, 2020. The remainder of this section becomes effective July 1, 2020, and
18 expires December 31, 2020.";

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21 and on page 4, lines 37-38, by inserting between those lines the following:

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23 "SECTION 5.5. G.S. 163-231(b) reads as rewritten:

24 "(b) Transmitting Executed Absentee Ballots to County Board of Elections. – The sealed
25 container-return envelope in which executed absentee ballots have been placed shall be
26 transmitted to the county board of elections who issued those ballots as follows:

- 27 (1) All ballots issued under the provisions of this Article and Article 21A of this
28 Chapter shall be transmitted by mail or by commercial courier service, at
29 either the voter's expense, expense or paid for by a federal or state government
30 agency, or delivered in person, or by the voter's near relative or verifiable legal
31 guardian-guardian, and received by the county board not later than 5:00 p.m.
32 on the day of the statewide primary or general election or county bond



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- 1 election. Ballots issued under the provisions of Article 21A of this Chapter
2 may also be electronically transmitted.
3 (2) If ballots are received later than the hour stated in subdivision (1) of this
4 subsection, those ballots shall not be accepted unless one of the following
5 applies:
6 a. Federal law so requires.
7 b. The ballots issued under this Article are postmarked or otherwise
8 indicated with a mark by the United States Postal Service and that
9 postmark or mark is dated on or before the day of the statewide
10 primary or general election or county bond election and are received
11 by the county board of elections not later than three days after the
12 election by 5:00 p.m.
13 c. The ballots issued under Article 21A of this Chapter are received by
14 the county board of elections not later than the end of business on the
15 business day before the canvass conducted by the county board of
16 elections held pursuant to G.S. 163-182.5."";
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19 and on page 4, lines 44-45, by inserting between those lines the following:
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21 "SECTION 6.5. Article 7A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by
22 adding a new section to read:

23 "**§ 163-82.23A. Access to online voter registration.**

24 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any State agency currently
25 offering voter registration pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993, 52
26 U.S.C. §§ 20501, et seq., shall allow any individual whose signature is on record with that agency
27 to access that signature for online voter registration."";
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30 and on page 7, lines 15-16, by rewriting the lines to read:
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- 32 "(1) Offsetting increased costs to county boards of elections for the projected
33 voting by absentee ballot participation, including prepaid postage for return
34 envelopes.".

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