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Senator Newton

1 moves to amend the bill on page 2, line 48, through page 4, line 48, by rewriting the lines to read:

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3 **"PART II. ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**

4 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-82.19 reads as rewritten:

5 **"§ 163-82.19. Voter registration at drivers license offices; coordination on data interface.**

6 (a) Voter Registration at Drivers License Offices. – The Division of Motor Vehicles  
7 shall, pursuant to the rules adopted by the State ~~Board of Elections, Board,~~ modify its forms so  
8 that any eligible person who applies for original issuance, renewal or correction of a drivers  
9 license, or special identification card issued under G.S. 20-37.7 may, on a part of the form,  
10 complete an application to register to vote, or to update the voter's registration if the voter has  
11 changed his or her address or moved from one precinct to another or from one county to another.  
12 The person taking the application shall ask if the applicant is a citizen of the United States. If the  
13 applicant states that the applicant is not a citizen of the United States, or declines to answer the  
14 question, the person taking the application shall inform the applicant that it is a felony for a  
15 person who is not a citizen of the United States to apply to register to vote. The application shall  
16 state in clear language the penalty for violation of this section. The necessary forms shall be  
17 prescribed by the State ~~Board of Elections, Board.~~ The form must ask for the previous voter  
18 registration address of the voter, if any. If a previous address is listed, and it is not in the county  
19 of residence of the applicant, the appropriate county board of elections shall treat the application  
20 as an authorization to cancel the previous registration and also process it as such under the  
21 procedures of G.S. 163-82.9. If a previous address is listed and that address is in the county where  
22 the voter applies to register, the application shall be processed as if it had been submitted under  
23 G.S. 163-82.9.

24 (a1) Online Voter Registration. – The State Board and the Division of Motor Vehicles  
25 shall jointly develop and maintain an online voter registration system which allows any applicant  
26 described in this subsection to complete an application to register to vote or update an existing  
27 voter registration, whether or not the applicant is also simultaneously conducting a transaction  
28 with the Division of Motor Vehicles, provided that the online voter registration system complies  
29 with subsection (a) of this section and G.S. 163-82.4 as to the form of voter registration. This  
30 section shall not authorize a registered voter to update the information required by G.S. 163-  
31 82.4(a)(6) or (a)(8) through the online voter registration system. The Division of Motor Vehicles  
32 shall be responsible for validating the applicant's identity, protecting and securing data



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1 maintained in the online voter registration system, and maintaining the security of the online  
2 voter registration system. The State Board shall be responsible for forwarding the online voter  
3 registration applications to the appropriate county board of elections in accordance with  
4 subsection (a3) of this section. For purposes of this subsection, only an individual who meets all  
5 of the following criteria may submit an online voter registration application:

6 (1) The individual is either eligible to register to vote in this State or currently  
7 registered to vote in this State.

8 (2) The individual has previously been issued either of the following by the  
9 Division of Motor Vehicles:

10 a. A drivers license issued under Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General  
11 Statutes, including a learner's permit or a provisional license.

12 b. A special identification card for nonoperators issued under Article 2B  
13 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes.

14 (a2) Effect of Registration. – Registration shall become effective as provided in  
15 G.S. 163-82.7. Applications to register to vote accepted at ~~a drivers license office~~ under this  
16 section until the deadline established in G.S. 163-82.6(d)(2) shall be treated as timely made for  
17 an election, and no person who completes an application at ~~that drivers license office~~ under this  
18 section shall be denied the vote in that election for failure to apply earlier than that deadline.

19 (a3) Processing of Registration. – All applications to register to vote shall be forwarded  
20 ~~by the Department of Transportation~~ to the appropriate board of elections not later than five  
21 business days after the date of acceptance, according to rules ~~which shall be promulgated~~ adopted  
22 by the State ~~Board of Elections~~. Board. Those rules shall provide for a paperless, instant,  
23 electronic transfer of applications to the appropriate board of ~~elections~~ elections, whether the  
24 application is received in the drivers license office or online.

25 (b) Violation. – Any person who willfully and knowingly and with fraudulent intent gives  
26 false information on ~~the a voter registration application {described in subsection (a) of this~~  
27 ~~section}~~ submitted under this section is guilty of a Class I felony.

28 (c) Coordination on Data Interface. – The Department of Transportation jointly with the  
29 State Board ~~of Elections~~ shall develop and operate a computerized interface to match information  
30 in the database of the statewide voter registration system with the drivers license information in  
31 the Division of Motor Vehicles to the extent required to enable the State Board ~~of Elections~~ and  
32 the Department of Transportation to verify the accuracy of the information provided on  
33 applications for voter registration, whether the applications were received at drivers license  
34 ~~offices~~ offices, online, or elsewhere. The Department of Transportation and the State Board shall  
35 implement the provisions of this subsection so as to comply with section 303 of the Help America  
36 Vote Act of 2002. The Department of Transportation shall enter into an agreement with the  
37 Commissioner of Social Security so as to comply with section 303 of the Help America Vote Act  
38 of 2002."".

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