GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 44
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H44-PCS40132-SAy-1

Short Title: Const. Amendment/Repeal Literacy Test. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 6, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REPEAL THE LITERACY TEST REQUIREMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution is repealed.

SECTION 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on November 5, 2024, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

"[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

Constitutional amendment to remove the literacy test requirement for voting from the North Carolina Constitution. The federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 prohibits implementation of this requirement."

SECTION 3. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast on the question are against the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment shall have no effect.

SECTION 4. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act is effective upon certification.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.