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HOUSE BILL DRH10024-LUy-16

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

Sponsors: Representative Alexander.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REPEAL THE
3 LITERACY TEST REQUIREMENT.
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5 SECTION 1. Section 4 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution is repealed.
6 SECTION 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to
7 the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on November 5, 2024,
8 which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots,
9 voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The
10 question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:
11 "[] FOR [] AGAINST
12 Constitutional amendment to repeal the requirement that every person presenting
13 himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the
14 English language."
15 SECTION 3. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment
16 set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the
17 Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the
18 permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast on the question are against the
19 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment shall have no effect.
20 SECTION 4. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act is effective upon
21 certification.
22 SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
23 law.

