

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT Senate Bill 749

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Senator P. Newton

1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 13, by rewriting that line to read: 2

"SECTION 1.1.(b) G.S. 163-28 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163-28.	State Board	of Elections	independent	agency.
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4 The State Board of Elections shall not be placed within any principal administrative 5 department. administratively located within the Department of the Secretary of State. The State Board shall exercise its statutory powers, duties, functions, and authority and shall have all 6 7 powers and duties conferred upon the heads of principal departments under G.S. 143B-10."";

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11 and on page 2, lines 14-21, by rewriting those lines to read:

12 Any vacancy occurring in the State Board shall be filled by the Governor, General "(c) 13 Assembly, and the person so appointed shall fill the unexpired term. The Governor shall fill the 14 vacancy from a list of three nominees submitted to the Governor by the State party chair of the 15 political party that nominated the vacating member as provided in subsection (b) of this section section may submit a list of The three nominees to fill the vacancy who are must be 16 affiliated with that political party. The General Assembly may fill the vacancy in accordance 17 18 with G.S. 120-121 during a regular or extra session. Notwithstanding G.S. 120-122, if the General Assembly has adjourned for more than ten days, the vacancy shall be filled by the 19 20 individual recommending the initial appointment in accordance with subsection (a) of this section 21 via a letter appointing an individual to serve until the expiration of the term under subsection (a) 22 of this section or until the General Assembly fills the vacancy, whichever occurs first.";

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26 and on page 7, lines 29-33, by rewriting those lines to read:

27 "(d) Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of a county board of elections for any 28 cause the State chair of the political party of the vacating member shall have the right to recommend two registered voters of the affected county for such office, to fill the vacancy. and it 29 30 shall be the duty of the State Board to fill the vacancy from the names thus recommended. The General Assembly may fill the vacancy in accordance with G.S. 120-121 during a regular or extra 31 session. Notwithstanding G.S. 120-122, if the General Assembly has adjourned for more than ten 32





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- accordance with subsection (a) of this section via a letter appointing an individual to serve until 2
- 3 the expiration of the term under subsection (a) of this section or until the General Assembly fills
- 4 the vacancy, whichever occurs first.".

SIGNED _____ Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED _____

Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

ADOPTED _____ FAILED ____ TABLED ____

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