



Josh Stein, Governor

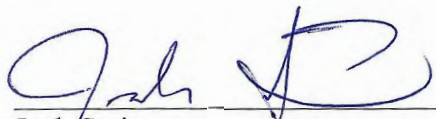
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GOVERNOR JOSH STEIN OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 958: AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE ELECTION LAWS

The General Assembly wants to make it harder for people to vote and easier to throw out votes they don't like after Election Day. This damaging bill eliminates a week of early voting in the primary, invites sore losers to try to overturn general elections by throwing out people's votes after the race is over, and sows distrust in our elections. Instead of trying to undermine our democracy to cling to power, the legislature should focus on improving people's lives and winning elections fair and square. I am vetoing this anti-voter legislation, and I urge North Carolinians to call their legislators to ask them to uphold my veto. In our democracy, political power rests with you – the people. I intend to keep it that way.

Therefore, I veto the bill.



Josh Stein
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House on this the 17th day of August 2026 at 5:14 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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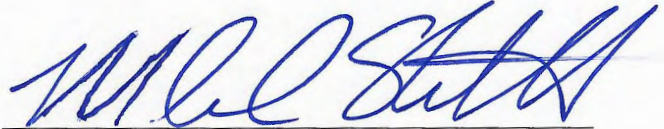
SECTION 5.2. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of August, 2026.



Rachel Hunt
President of the Senate

VETO



Mike Schietzelt
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Josh Stein
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2026

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