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HOUSE ELECTIONS & ETHICS LAW

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North Carolina General Assembly

House Elections and Ethics Law

2019-2020 Session

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ATTENDANCE

Elections and Ethics Law

(Name of Committee)

DATES	3/13/19	4/10/19	4/25/19	6/02/19	6/16/19	7/10/19				
MEMBERS	3/1	4/1	4/2)/9	6/1	1//				
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Updated #1: Added HB115 & Presentation by Kim Strach

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND BILL SPONSOR NOTIFICATION 2019-2020 SESSION

You are hereby notified that the	House Committee on	Elections and Ethics	Law will meet	as follows:
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TIME: LOCATION: COMMENTS	E: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 1:00 PM 1228/1327 LB S: Executive Board of Elections Directions Directions Assembly on recommended ch	etor Kim Strach will present her required anges to absentee voting by mail.
The following	bills will be considered:	
BILL NO. HB 18 HB 115	SHORT TITLE Allow Absentee Ballots/Fire District Election. Even-Yr. Elections/Town of Biltmore Forest.	SPONSOR Representative Howard Representative Setzer Representative B. Turner
	Respecti	ùlly,
	-	ntative Holly Grange, Co-Chair ntative Destin Hall, Co-Chair
•	y this notice was filed by the committee a lovember 13, 2019.	essistant at the following offices at 11:48 AM on
	Principal Clerk Reading Clerk – House Chamber	
Joanna K. Alm	nquist (Committee Assistant)	

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House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 1:00 PM Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building

MINUTES

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law met at 1:00 PM on March 13, 2019 in Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building. Representatives Adams, Ball, Batch, Bell, Blackwell, Brockman, Dahle, Davis, Faircloth, Fisher, Floyd, Grange, D. Hall, Hanig, Hardister, Harrison, Holley, Lewis, McNeill, Riddell, Russell, Speciale, and Willingham attended.

Representative Holly Grange, Chair, presided. Representative Grange called the meeting to order and introduced the Pages and Sgt. at Arms who assisted with the Committee. Copies of the attendance and visitor registration are attached to these minutes, (Attachment 1 and 2).

The following bills were considered:

HB 18 Allow Absentee Ballots/Fire District Election. (Representatives Howard, Setzer)

HB 115 Even-Yr. Elections/Town of Biltmore Forest. (Representative B. Turner)

Rep. Grange recognized Rep. Howard to explain HB 18. Rep. Howard explained that HB 18 would authorize qualified voters to vote by absentee ballot in fire district elections. There was no discussion on the bill. Rep. Grange recognized Rep. Floyd to make a motion. Rep. Floyd asked the committee for a favorable report on HB 18. HB 18 passed with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Rep. Grange told members of the Committee that the next item to be heard was HB 115. Rep. Grange recognized Rep. Fisher to explain the amendment that she put forth. (See attachment 3). Members voted on the amendment and it passed. Rep. B. Turner was recognized to present HB 115. HB 115 would change the regular municipal election cycle from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years for the Town of Biltmore Forest, extend the terms of the current mayor and commissioners by one year to implement the new election schedule, and change the date of the next municipal election in the town to 2020. Rep. Holley was recognized for a question. Rep. Fisher was recognized for a motion and asked the committee for a favorable report on HB 115. HB 115 passed with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Rep. Grange recognized Executive Board of Elections Director, Kim Strach to present her required report to the General Assembly on recommended changes to absentee voting by mail. (See attachment 4). Following the presentation, Ms. Strach was recognized to answer a series on questions and comments from Reps. Hall, Warren, Harrison, and Russell.

There being no further business, Rep. Grange adjourned the meeting at 1:48 PM.

Representative Holly Grange, Chair
Presiding

Joanna K. Almquist, Committee Clerk



House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 1:00 PM 1228/1327 Legislative Building

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introduction of Pages

Bills

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
HB 18	Allow Absentee Ballots/Fire District	Representative Howard
	Election.	Representative Setzer
HB 115	Even-Yr. Elections/Town of Biltmore	Representative B. Turner
	Forest.	

Presentations

Executive Board of Elections Director Kim Strach will present her required report to the General Assembly on recommended changes to absentee voting by mail.

Adjournment

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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

FAVORABLE AND RE-REFERRED

HB 18

Allow Absentee Ballots/Fire District Election.

Draft Number:

None

Serial Referral:

RULES, CALENDAR, AND

OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE

Recommended Referral:

None No

Long Title Amended: Floor Manager:

Howard

FAVORABLE COM SUB, UNFAVORABLE ORIGINAL BILL AND RE-REFERRED

HB 115

Even-Yr. Elections/Town of Biltmore Forest.

Draft Number:

H115-PCS40153-BK-1

Serial Referral:

RULES, CALENDAR, AND

OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE

Recommended Referral:

None

Long Title Amended:

No

Floor Manager:

B. Turner

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2019

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HOUSE BILL 18

Short Title:	Allow Absentee Ballots/Fire District Election.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Howard and Setzer (Primary Sponsors). For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly w	eb site.
Referred to:	Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operation House	ons of the

February 5, 2019

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO ALLOW VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS.
3	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
1	SECTION 1. G.S. 163A-1295(c) is repealed.
5	SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to fire district
5	elections held on or after that date.



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HOUSE BILL 18:

Allow Absentee Ballots/Fire District Election.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Analysis of:

Committee: House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, **Date:**

March 13, 2019

re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of

the House

First Edition

Introduced by: Reps. Howard, Setzer

Prepared by: Jessica Sammons

Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: House Bill 18 would allow absentee voting in fire district elections.

CURRENT LAW: Any qualified voter of the State may vote by absentee ballot in a statewide primary, general, or special election and any qualified voter of a county is authorized to vote by absentee ballot in any primary or election conducted by the county board of elections. G.S. 163A-1295.

Absentee voting includes the following:

- > Ballots cast in-person at an early voting "one-stop" voting site run by a county board of elections, either at the county board's office or another site approved by the county board.
- ➤ Ballots cast absentee by mail under the absentee ballot statutes (Part 1 of Article 21 of Chapter 163A).
- ➤ Ballots cast under the military and overseas absentee ballot statutes (Part 2 of Article 21 of Chapter 163A).

Absentee ballots are currently not permitted in fire district elections. G.S. 163A-1295(c).

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 18 would authorize qualified voters to vote by absentee ballot in fire district elections.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law, and applies to fire district elections held on or after that date.

Karen Cochrane-Brown Director



Legislative Analysis Division 919-733-2578

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2019

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HOUSE BILL 115

Short Title:	Even-Yr. Elections/Town of Biltmore Forest. (Local)
Sponsors:	Representative B. Turner. For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.
Referred to:	State and Local Government, if favorable, Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 21, 2019

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF BILTMORE FOREST SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of Biltmore Forest, being Chapter 32 of the Session Laws of 1923, as amended by Town Ordinance adopted on June 21, 2011, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 3. The following named persons shall fill the offices of mayor and commissioners from their qualifications until an election to be held on the first Monday in May, nineteen hundred and twenty three, and until their successors are elected and qualified, to wit: Junius G. Adams, mayor, and Charles E. Waddell, Edward M. Jones, and Lloyd M. Jarrett, commissioners The officers of the Town of Biltmore Forest shall consist of a mayor and three commissioners who shall serve four-year terms. In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, the mayor and three commissioners shall each be elected for four-year terms."

SECTION 1.(b) Section 7 of the Charter of the Town of Biltmore Forest, being Chapter 32 of the Session Laws of 1923, as amended by Town Ordinance adopted on June 21, 2011, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 7. That In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, an election shall be held in said town on the first Monday in May, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and quadrennially thereafter the Town on Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year for the purpose of electing a mayor and three eommissioners, which said commissioners. The election shall be held under the laws of North Carolina regulating elections in cities and towns."

SECTION 2. No regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Biltmore Forest in 2019. The mayor and three commissioners whose terms expire in 2019 are extended until 2020. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Biltmore Forest in 2020.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.



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HOUSE BILL 115: Even-Yr. Elections/Town of Biltmore Forest.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Analysis of:

House State and Local Government. If Date: Committee:

March 6, 2019

favorable, re-refer to Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar,

and Operations of the House

Rep. B. Turner Introduced by: First Edition

Prepared by: Billy R. Godwin

Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: House Bill 115 would change the regular municipal election cycle from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years for the Town of Biltmore Forest, extend the terms of the current mayor and commissioners by one year to implement the new election schedule, and change the date of the next municipal election in the town to 2020.

CURRENT LAW: Generally, municipal elections are held in odd-numbered years (G.S. 163A-1585). In the Town of Biltmore Forest, officers consist of a mayor and three commissioners serving four-year non-staggered terms. Elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis and the results are determined using the plurality method in G.S. 163A-1616. Nonpartisan elections determined by a plurality are held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November (G.S. 163A-1585). Terms of the current town officers expire in 2019.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 115 would amend the Charter of the Town of Biltmore Forest to require regular municipal elections to be held in even-numbered years. To implement this change, municipal elections would not be conducted in 2019 and the terms of the current mayor and commissioners would be extended by one year to 2020 when the next municipal election would be held.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective when the bill becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

Karen Cochrane-Brown Director



Legislative Analysis Division 919-733-2578



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT House Bill 115

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First Edition		
Representative Fisher		
moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 22, by rewriting the line to read:		
"shall be held under the laws of North Carolina regulating elections in cities and towns.conducted on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined using the nonpartisan plurality method as		
provided in G.S. 163A-1616. Notwithstandi	ng G.S. 163A-1620, the	e Buncombe County board of
elections shall set the time period for cano	lidates seeking munic	ipal office to file notices of
candidacy, and shall notify the town of the time period to file such notices of candidacy."".		
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VIA EMAIL

Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee

c/o The Honorable Ralph Hise, Co-Chair The Honorable David Lewis, Co-Chair

March 1, 2019

Re: Submission under Section 1.2.(h) of Session Law 2018-144.

Dear Joint Elections Oversight Committee Members,

The General Assembly has directed that our agency report to your Committee by today regarding "recommendations to secure the absentee voting by mail process." S.L. 2018-144 § 1.2.(h). The below is submitted informally by agency staff, and the State Board of Elections stands ready to provide additional information as the Committee may deem helpful.

Recent events highlight vulnerabilities in present absentee by mail voting processes, which may be exploited to affect election outcomes, erode public confidence, and prey on desperate communities within our State. At the same time, absentee voting opportunities promote participation by the temporarily displaced, voters with disabilities, and those with inflexible work or travel schedules. Increasing numbers of North Carolinians are embracing absentee voting, with 72,447 civilian absentee ballots cast in the 2000 Presidential Election as compared to 174,389 cast in the 2016 Presidential Election—more than double the percentage change of turnout more broadly.

The State Board of Elections has gained increased expertise in identifying vulnerabilities in the absentee voting process. Appropriations from the General Assembly enabled our agency to hire an investigative staff whose work since 2015 has shed new light on practices that undermine the integrity of the absentee voting process and other components of elections administration. While absentee voting remains an important option for voters, agency staff appreciate the Committee's desire to examine reforms in the following areas:

¹ As used in this letter, *absentee* refers generally to civilian absentee by mail voting, not one-stop absentee voting or military and overseas absentee voting.

Extend protections already in place for voter registration. The General Assembly has enacted security requirements for the collection and delivery of Voter Registration Application Forms. Payment may not be made on a per-registration basis; third parties may not stockpile completed forms and must deliver applications timely to the board of elections; and it is unlawful for third parties to copy and retain sensitive voter information (Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers, dates of birth, and signatures). The Committee should consider whether it is appropriate to extend each protection to Absentee Ballot Request Forms as well. Should the Committee have an interest in this area, agency staff is prepared to provide specific information and logistical considerations relevant to that legislation.

Clarify that photocopied ID is not required to request a ballot. It is presently unclear whether a copy of a voter's photo identification must accompany both the Absentee Ballot Request Form and the returned absentee ballot itself, or just one or the other. Photocopied identification at the request phase may represent undue risk to a voter's privacy. The agency has identified instances in which third parties have harvested sensitive voter information submitted during the absentee request process, and the inclusion of still more voter information may further incentivize this behavior. Additionally, a voter's near relative is permitted to request a ballot on her behalf, and it may prove unworkable to require the near relative to secure, photocopy, and enclose the voter's photo identification merely to request that a ballot be sent to the voter. Copied photo identification is already required to accompany the returned ballot if the voter does not provide their N.C. driver's license or DMV identification number.

Consider witnessing dateline requirements and procedures. Absentee ballots must be voted in the physical presence of two witnesses or one notary. Compliance is verified by signatures or a notarial certificate attesting that the voter marked the ballot in their presence. No statute requires that witnesses provide a date with their signature, but in 2018 our agency added a date line to help detect inconsistencies and trends that may warrant further investigation. Variations between witness dates and voter dates may indicate that the ballot was not voted properly, but it may also show merely that individuals were confused about the date or that they did witness the voter mark the ballot but failed to sign immediately. We believe the witness date line has investigative value, but it may be appropriate for the Committee to consider whether it should be a required field and what standard procedures should be followed when elections officials note a disparity in dates.

Deter "harvesting" by funding prepaid postage for ballot returns. Absentee ballots are returned "at the voter's expense." G.S. 163A-1310(b)(1). Return envelope size and weight varies across the State, making it difficult for voters to determine required postage and possibly encouraging certain voters to acquiesce to door-to-door harvesters offering to deliver their ballot to the elections office. Should the Committee wish to consider prepaid return postage or a pilot program, agency staff is able to discuss additional specifics and logistical fixes to retain current laws allowing late returns mailed by Election Day.

Require Absentee Ballot Request Form logging at elections offices. Logs maintained by county board of elections offices have proved tremendously valuable in investigative efforts to identify those delivering stacks of Absentee Ballot Request Forms to county boards. While only the voter or a voter's near relative may complete an Absentee Ballot Request Form, present law allows any person to deliver those forms to elections officials. At a minimum, it is necessary to require that elections offices log the names and identifying details of those dropping off Absentee Ballot Request Forms.

Deter the reuse of photocopied Absentee Ballot Request Forms. The agency is growing increasingly aware that certain individuals or organizations may be working to circumvent the requirement that, under normal circumstances, a voter or a voter's near relative renew a request for an absentee ballot every election cycle. That effort may involve photocopying Absentee Ballot Request Forms en masse bearing the proper signature but leaving the dateline and election blank. A third party would later add the date and the election to the photocopied form for submission each election cycle so that a ballot is mailed. This could lead to manipulation of the voting process and even cause delivery of ballots to an address years after the voter has moved. The General Assembly could consider deterring this practice by requiring the use of the most current version of the Absentee Ballot Request Form. The agency could then vary the design or graphics used year to year.

Fund additional investigative and data resources to detect violations. The General Assembly has wisely recognized the value of bringing data and investigative resources in-house to help the agency detect and then investigate irregularities or unlawful conduct. The agency could do so more effectively and earlier in the process if the Committee is willing to consider advocating for additional resources for investigative staff and for additional data staff. Certain commercial resources are also available and may improve our ability to detect anomalies, such as an unusually high number of ballots being mailed to a particular location.

Facilitate oversight and emergency monitoring of local operations. Statutes vest overall supervisory authority over elections with the State Board of Elections, though local offices are funded by county governments. The State Board has and will act under its supervisory authority to impose necessary monitoring of local offices when necessary to secure elections. Emergency action in Bladen County and elsewhere diverts staff resources performing their ordinary duties. The Committee could empower our reform efforts by providing temporary appropriations this year that would enable a staff presence in offices that require monitoring for a fixed period. Additionally, the Committee may consider statutory changes that would specify the appropriate process to be followed when, as in Bladen County, local government failed to secure its elections office and even collocated non-elections staff in the same space. The General Assembly has undertaken substantial efforts to secure sensitive elections systems and equipment, and has promoted vetting of those with access to them. While the agency is committed to deploying its resources to properly supervise elections in at-risk counties, additional statutory and financial aid from the State could amplify the effect of those efforts.

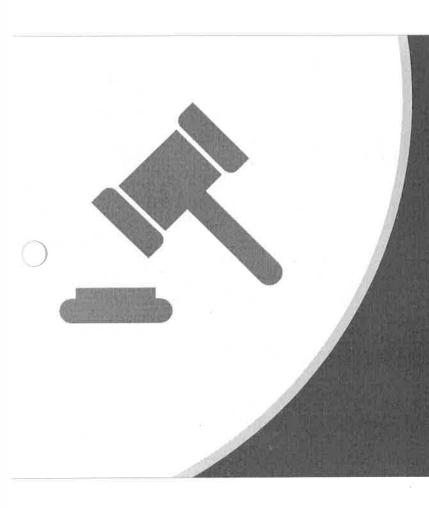
We look forward to providing additional details and information as the Committee may deem helpful.

Sincerely,

Kim Westbrook Strach Executive Director

Cc.: The Honorable Dennis Riddell, Vice Chair The Honorable Dan Bishop, Member The Honorable Dan Blue, Member The Honorable Elmer Floyd, Member The Honorable Darren Jackson, Member The Honorable Paul Newton, Member The Honorable Bill Rabon, Member The Honorable John Sauls, Member The Honorable John Szoka, Member The Honorable Joyce Waddell, Member The Honorable Mike Woodard, Member

The Honorable Holly Grange, Co-Chair, House Elections & Ethics The Honorable Destin Hall, Co-Chair, House Elections & Ethics



House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law

March 13, 2019 NC State Board of Elections Kim Strach, Executive Director Recommendations to Secure the Absentee Voting By Mail Process

Extend
protections
already in
place for
voter
registration

No payment per Absentee Ballot Request Form

Third parties may not copy or maintain a copy of completed Absentee Ballot Request Forms

Absentee Ballot Request Forms must be delivered timely to the BOE

Penalties for third parties that fail to deliver Absentee Ballot Request Forms to BOE

Clarify that photocopied ID is not required to request a ballot

Concerns:

Third Parties
having possession
of photo
identification



Misuse or
Misplacement of
Identification



Identity Theft

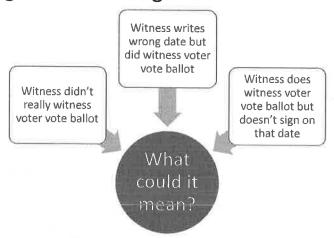
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Require Absentee Ballot Request Form and ballot return logging at board of elections offices

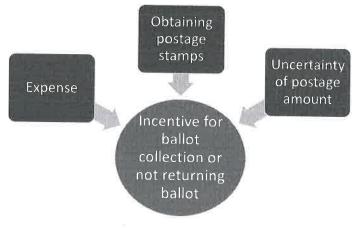
Witnessing "date" line requirements and procedures

- Not currently required by statute.
- We added "date" line in 2018 to help detect inconsistencies and trends warranting further investigation.

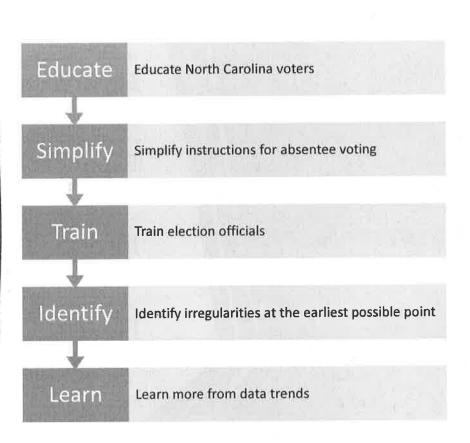


Deter "harvesting" by funding prepaid postage for ballot returns

- G.S. 163A-1310(b)(1) provides that absentee ballots are returned "at the voter's expense."
- Return envelope size and weight varies across the State and makes determining postage amount difficult.



What the State Board is doing:



Funding to ensure compliance

Expanding investigative/compliance staff

Expanding data resources

Increase Election Admin staff to assist counties in need

Funding for emergency monitoring

We need strong consequences for election interference



Criminal Penalties:

- G.S. 163A-1317(a) False Statements Under Oath for Absentee Ballots is a Class 2 misdemeanor. (False witnesses)
- G.S. 163A-865(b) Changing a voter's information on registration form, coercing someone to complete or selling a voter registration form are all Class 2 misdemeanors.
- Highest criminal penalty is a Class I felony:
 - G.S. 163A-1298(a)(5) Possession of a voted absentee ballot
 - G.S. 163A-1298(a)(4) Nursing home personnel assisting patients
- Other absentee related offenses are Class 2 misdemeanors.

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House Pages Assignments Wednesday, March 13, 2019 Session: 2:00 PM

Committee	Room	Time	Staff	Comments	Member
Agriculture	643	1:00 PM	Moira Kelly		Speaker. Tim Moore
Appropriations, Capital	422	1:00 PM	Katie Savell		Speaker. Tim Moore
Ethics LAW Elections	1228/1327	1:00 PM	Jevan Lyle	Moira Kelly	Speaker. Tim Moore
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Updated #1: HB 646 added

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND BILL SPONSOR NOTIFICATION 2019-2020 SESSION

You are hereby notified that the House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law will meet as follows:

DAY & DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

TIME: 1:00 PM LOCATION: 1228/1327 LB

COMMENTS: Representative Destin Hall presiding.

The following bills will be considered:

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
HB 21	Revise McDowell County Bd of Educ.	Representative Dobson
	Districts.	-
HB 517	Stokes Co. Bd. Ed./Requested Election	Representative K. Hall
	Changes.	_
HB 646	ID Approval/Flex Muni One-Stop.	Representative Lewis
		Representative Hawkins
		Representative Hardister
		Representative Russell
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Respectfully,

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

I hereby certify this notice was filed b	y the committee assistant a	at the following offices at	10:56 AM on
Thursday, November 14, 2019.			

David L. Cobb (Committee Assistant)

Principal Clerk

Reading Clerk – House Chamber

House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 1:00 PM Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building

MINUTES

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law met at 1:00 PM on April 10, 2019 in Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building. Representatives Hall, Grange, Warren, Adams, Ball, Batch, Blackwell, Brockman, Dahle, Davis, Faircloth, Fisher, Floyd, Hanig, Harrison, Lewis, McNeill, Russell, Speciale, Szoka, and Willingham attended.

Representative Destin Hall, Chair. Representative Grange called the meeting to order and introduced the Pages, and Sgt. At Arms

The following bills were considered:

HB 21 Revise McDowell County Bd of Educ. Districts. (Representative Dobson)

HB 517 Stokes Co. Bd. Ed./Requested Election Changes. (Representative K. Hall)

HB 646 ID Approval/Flex Muni One-Stop. (Representatives Lewis, Hawkins, Hardister, Russell)

Representative Grange recognized Representative Dobson to introduce House Bill 21. Representative Dobson announced that there was an amendment to the bill from Representative Szoka. Committee Staff member Jessica Sammons announced that the amendment was a technical correction. Representative Hall inquired if there was need for further discussion and Representative Warren motioned for a favorable report on the amendment to House Bill 21. Representative Hall called the vote on the amendment for House Bill 21. The amendment to House Bill 21 was adopted.

Representative Hall recognized Representative Dobson to introduce House Bill 21. Representative Dobson introduced House Bill 21. Representative Warren was recognized for a motion. Representative Warren moved for a favorable report for House Bill 21 as amended, rolled into a new PCS and referred to rules. Representative Hall called for a vote on House Bill 21 received a favorable report with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House..

Representative Hall recognized Representative Lewis to introduce House Bill 646. Representative Lewis explained the nature of the bill and inquired if the other bill sponsors would like the make any comment on House Bill 646 to the committee, the other bill sponsors declined to make any comment. Representative Hall called for any further discussion or debate on the bill. Representative Floyd asked a question regarding pg.5 – line 48. Representative Lewis responded. Representative was recognized to make a motion at the appropriate time. Representative Russel

was recognized for a comment, in which he thanked the other bill sponsors of House Bill 646 for their work and effort. Representative Harrison was recognized for comment, in which she also expressed her gratitude for the bill sponsors work and voiced her approval for the legislation. Representative Harrison then made a motion for a favorable report on House Bill 646, the motion carried and House Bill 646 passed with a favorable report with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Representative Destin Hall recognized Representative Kyle Hall to introduce House Bill 517. Representative Kyle Hall introduced House Bill 517. Representative Destin Hall called for further discussion, and the called for a motion. Representative Hardister moved that House Bill 517 receive a favorable report with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. Representative Hardister motion carried and House Bill 517 received a favorable report with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

With no further business remaining, Representative Hall adjourned the committee meeting at 1:17PM.

Representative Destin Hall, Chair

Presiding

David L. Cobb, Committee Cler

House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 1:00 PM 1228/1327 Legislative Building

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introduction of Pages

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BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
HB 21	Revise McDowell County Bd of Educ.	Representative Dobson
	Districts.	
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	Changes.	
HB 646	ID Approval/Flex Muni One-Stop.	Representative Lewis
		Representative Hawkins
		Representative Hardister
		Representative Russell

Presentations

Other Business

Adjournment

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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

FAVORABLE AND RE-REFERRED

HB **517**

Stokes Co. Bd. Ed./Requested Election Changes.

Draft Number:

None

Serial Referral:

RULES, CALENDAR, AND

OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE

Recommended Referral: None

No

Long Title Amended:

Floor Manager:

K. Hall

HB **646**

ID approval/Flex Muni One-Stop.

Draft Number:

None

Serial Referral:

RULES, CALENDAR, AND

OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE

Recommended Referral:

None No

Long Title Amended: Floor Manager:

Lewis

TOTAL REPORTED: 2



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

FAVORABLE COM SUB, UNFAVORABLE ORIGINAL BILL AND RE-REFERRED

HB 21

Revise McDowell County Bd of Educ. Districts.

Draft Number:

H21-PCS10412-BK-5

Serial Referral:

RULES, CALENDAR, AND

OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE

Recommended Referral: None

No

Long Title Amended: Floor Manager:

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TOTAL REPORTED: 1



GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2019

Η **HOUSE BILL 21**

Short Title:	Revise McDowell County Bd of Educ. Districts.	(Local)
Sponsors:	Representative Dobson.	
	For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly we	b site.
Referred to:	State and Local Government, if favorable, Elections and Ethics Law, if f Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	avorable,

February 6, 2019 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 2 AN ACT TO REVISE THE RESIDENCY DISTRICTS OF THE MCDOWELL COUNTY 3 BOARD OF EDUCATION. 4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 5 **SECTION 1.** Section 3 of S.L. 1987-322 reads as rewritten: 6 "Sec. 3. Beginning with members elected in 1988, members of the McDowell County Board 7 of Elections-Education shall serve four-year terms, except that in the 1992 election, for the four 8 Marion district seats up for election that year, the three highest vote-getters shall be elected for 9 four-year terms, and the next highest vote-getter shall be elected for a two-year term. In the case persons receive an equal number of votes for third and fourth place, and both are elected, the 10 McDowell County Board of Elections Education shall decide the length of term by lot. 11 12 Notwithstanding the PLAN FOR MERGER OF MARION CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION 13 AND MCDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, members shall be elected from the elementary attendance zones to the McDowell County Board of Education as follows: 14 15 One member from each of the six following elementary attendance zones: 16 1. Old Fort Elementary School, beginning in 2020. 17 Pleasant Gardens Elementary School, beginning in 2022. North Cove Elementary School, beginning in 2020. 18 19 Nebo Elementary School, beginning in 2022. 20 West Marion Elementary School, beginning in 2020. 21 Glenwood Elementary School, beginning in 2022. 22 b. Two members elected in 2020 and one member elected in 2022 from either of 23 the following elementary attendance zones: 24 <u>1.</u> Eastfield Global Magnet School. 25 Marion Elementary School. 26

To be eligible for election to the Board from an attendance zone, a candidate must reside in the attendance zone. Each seat shall appear separately on the ballot, but all the qualified voters of the entire county are eligible to vote on all the seats. To be eligible to serve as a member of the Board representing an attendance zone, a person must reside in the attendance zone; however, a change in the boundaries of attendance zones shall not affect the ability of any person to complete his or her term of office. If a vacancy occurs on the board, the person appointed as the replacement must reside in the attendance zone which was served by the departing member. In the event the McDowell County Board of Education changes the legal name of an elementary school, the

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- Board shall reflect, in policy, the corresponding attendance zone of the renamed school to the
- 2 elementary school named in this act."

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SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT House Bill 21

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2019

HOUSE BILL 517

Short Title: Stokes Co. Bd. Ed./Requested Election Changes. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative K. Hall.

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 1, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN AND TO MAKE THE TERMS OF ALL MEMBERS FOUR YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 66 of the 1995 Session Laws reads as rewritten: ion 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 115C-37, beginning in 1996 the

"Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 115C-37, beginning in 1996 the Beginning in 2020, the members of the Stokes County Board of Education shall be elected on a nonpartisan partisan basis at the time set by G.S. 163-1 for the general election in each even-numbered year as terms expire. The election shall be conducted on a nonpartisan plurality basis, with the results determined in accordance with G.S. 163-292. Candidates shall file notices of candidacy not earlier than noon on the first Monday in June and not later than noon on the last Friday in July. The names of the candidates shall be printed on the ballot without reference to any party affiliations. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers, except as otherwise provided herein. Members elected to the Stokes County Board of Education shall take office the first Monday of December immediately following their election, and the terms of their predecessors shall expire at the same time. Members shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified."

SECTION 2. Section 2 of Chapter 66 of the 1995 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 115C-37, in 1998-In 2020, and biennially quadrennially thereafter, three members shall be elected to the Stokes County Board of Education. The two persons receiving the highest numbers of votes are elected to four year terms, and the person receiving the next highest number of votes is elected to a two-year term. Education for four-year terms. In 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, two members shall be elected to the Stokes County Board of Education for four-year terms.

Beginning in 2020, vacancies on the Stokes County Board of Education for seats elected on a partisan basis shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1. Appointments to fill vacancies on the Stokes County Board of Education for seats elected on a nonpartisan basis in 2016 or 2018 shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37(f)."

SECTION 3. This act does not affect the terms of office of any person elected in 2016 or 2018 to the Stokes County Board of Education. Each member of the Stokes County Board of Education elected in 2016 and 2018, or any member appointed to fill a vacancy for a member elected in 2016 or 2018, shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.



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SECTION 4. Effective on the first Monday in December of 20	20, G.S. 115C-37.1(d)
reads as rewritten:	
"(d) This section shall apply only in the following counties:	Alleghany, Beaufort,
Brunswick, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Dare, Davie, Graham, G	uilford, Harnett, Hyde,
Iredell, Lee, Madison, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Rutherford, S	stanly, Stokes, Vance,
Washington, and Yancey."	
SECTION 5. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with th	e provisions of this act
are hereby renealed	-

SECTION 6. This act is effective when it becomes law.

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HOUSE BILL 646

Short Title:	ID approval/Flex Muni One-Stop.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Lewis, Hawkins, Hardister, and Russell (Primary Spons For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly we	
Referred to:	Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operation House	ons of the

April 9, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR VOTING PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL WINDOW FOR APPROVAL OF STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR THE 2020 ELECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF EARLY ONE-STOP VOTING IN ODD-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163A-1145.1(a)(1)e. is recodified as G.S. 163A-1145.1(a)(2)c. **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163A-1145.2, as amended by S.L. 2019-4, reads as rewritten:

"§ 163A-1145.2. Approval of student identification cards for voting identification.

- (a) The State Board shall approve the use of student identification cards issued by a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, a community college, as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2), or eligible private postsecondary institution as defined in G.S. 116-280(3) for voting identification under G.S. 163A-1145.1 if the following criteria are met:
 - (1) The chancellor, president, or registrar of the university or college submits a signed letter to the Executive Director of documentation satisfactory to the State Board under penalty of perjury that the following are true: have been met and will not knowingly be violated with regard to student identification cards issued during the approval period:
 - a. The identification cards that are issued by the university or college contain photographs of students taken-obtained by the university or college or its agents or contractors.contractors, provided the photograph obtained (i) is a frontal image that includes the student's face and (ii) represents a clear, accurate likeness of the student to whom the identification card is issued. If the photograph is one not produced by the university or college or its agents, the university or college shall explain in detail the process used by the university or college to ensure the photograph is that of the student to whom the identification card is issued.
 - b. The identification cards are issued after an enrollment <u>or other process</u> that includes <u>one or more methods</u> of confirming the identity of the student <u>using data that may include</u>, but are not limited to, the social security number, citizenship status, and birthdate of the student.



- c. The Access to the equipment for producing the identification cards is kept in a secure location restricted through security measures.
- d. Misuse of the equipment for producing the identification cards would be grounds for student discipline or termination of an employee.
- e. University or college officials would report any misuse of student identification card equipment they have knowledge of to law enforcement if G.S. 163A-1389(19) was potentially violated.
- f. The cards issued by the university or college on or after January 1, 2021, contain a date of expiration, effective January 1, 2021.expiration.
- g. The university or college provides—will provide copies of standard student identification cards to the State Board to assist with training purposes.
- h. The college or university will provide a copy to students, when issuing students who are issued the student identification card, of the documentation card a copy of, or an electronic link to, a document developed by the State Board on that details the requirements related to identification for voting; the requirements to vote absentee, early, or on election day; a description of voting by provisional ballot; and the availability of a free North Carolina voter photo identification card pursuant to G.S. 163A-869.1 to rural, military, veteran, elderly, underserved, minority, or other communities as determined by local needs; and the requirements of North Carolina residency to vote, including applicable intent requirements of North Carolina law, and the penalty for voting in multiple states.
- (2) The university or college complies with any other reasonable security measures determined by the State Board to be necessary for the protection and security of the student identification process.
- (b) The The State Board shall establish a schedule for such submissions and approvals. The State Board shall permit a university or college with no changes to the prior election cycle's approval to submit a statement indicating no changes have been made by the university or college. When the State Board shall approve the approves for use of the student identification cards issued by a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, a community college, as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2), or eligible private postsecondary institution as defined in G.S. 116-280(3) every four years. G.S. 116-280(3), for voting identification purposes under G.S. 163A-1145.1, such approval shall be valid for the period from January 1 of an odd-numbered year through December 31 of the next even-numbered year.
- (c) The State Board shall produce a list of participating universities and colleges every four-two years. The list shall be published on the State Board's Web site and distributed to every county board of elections.
- (d) If a participating college or university with a student identification card approved for use by the State Board as provided in subsection (b) of this section changes the design of the student identification card, that college or university shall provide copies of the new design of the student identification cards to the State Board to assist with training purposes."

SECTION 3. G.S. 163A-1145.3, as amended by S.L. 2019-4, reads as rewritten: "§ 163A-1145.3. Approval of employee identification cards for voting identification.

- (a) The State Board shall approve the use of employee identification eard cards issued by a state or local government entity, including a charter school, for voting identification under G.S. 163A-1145.1 if the following criteria are met:
 - (1) The head elected official or lead human resources employee of the state or local government entity or charter school submits a signed letter to the

Executive Director of documentation satisfactory to the State Board under penalty of perjury that the following are have been met and will not knowingly be violated with regard to employee identification cards issued during the approval period:

- The identification cards that are issued by the university or college state or local government entity or charter school contain photographs of students taken employees obtained by the university or college state or local government entity or charter school or its agents or eontractors, contractors, provided the photograph obtained (i) is a frontal image that includes the employee's face and (ii) represents a clear, accurate likeness of the employee to whom the identification card is issued. If the photograph is one not produced by the state or local government entity or charter school, the state or local government entity or charter school shall explain in detail the process used by the state or local government entity or charter school to ensure the photograph is that of the employee to whom the identification card is issued.
- b. The identification cards are issued after an employment application or other process that includes one or more methods of confirming the identity of the employee using data that include, but are not limited to, the social security number, citizenship status, and birthdate of the employee.
- c. The Access to the equipment for producing the identification cards is kept in a secure location restricted through security measures.
- d. Misuse of the equipment for producing the identification cards would be grounds for termination of an employee.
- e. State or local <u>or charter school</u> officials would report any misuse of identification card equipment <u>they have knowledge of</u> to law enforcement if G.S. 163A-1389(19) was potentially violated.
- f. The cards issued by the state or local government entity or charter school on or after January 1, 2021, contain a date of expiration, effective January 1, 2021.expiration.
- g. The state or local government entity provides or charter school will provide copies of standard employee identification cards to the State Board to assist with training purposes.
- (2) The state or local government entity complies with any other reasonable security measures determined by the State Board to be necessary for the protection and security of the employee identification process.
- (b) The The State Board shall establish a schedule for such submissions and approvals. The State Board shall permit a State or local government entity or charter school with no changes to the prior election cycle's approval to submit a statement indicating no changes have been made by the State or local government entity or charter school. When the State Board shall approve the approves for use of the employee identification cards issued by a state or local government entity, including a charter school, for voting identification under G.S. 163A-1145.1 every four years: G.S. 163A-1145.1, such approval shall be valid for the period from January 1 of an odd-numbered year through December 31 of the next even-numbered year.
- (c) The State Board shall produce a list of participating employing entities every <u>four-two</u> years. The list shall be published on the State Board's Web site and distributed to every county board of elections."

SECTION 4. Section 1.2(f) of S.L. 2018-144, as amended by S.L. 2019-4, reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 1.2.(f) Notwithstanding G.S. 163A-1145.1, 163A-1145.2, and 163A-1145.3, the State Board shall approve (i) tribal enrollment cards issued by a tribe recognized by this State under Chapter 71A of the General Statutes; (ii) student identification cards issued by a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, a community college, as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2), or eligible private postsecondary institution as defined in G.S. 116-280(3); and (iii) employee identification cards issued by a state or local government entity, including a charter school, for use as voting identification under G.S. 163A-1145.1 no later than March 15, 2019, November 1, 2019, for use in primaries and elections held in 2019 and 2020, and again no later than May 15, 2021, for elections held on or after that date. 2020. The State Board shall adopt temporary rules on reasonable security measures for use of student or employee identification cards for voting identification in G.S. 163A-1145.2 and G.S. 163A-1145.3 no later than February 1, 2019. September 15, 2019. The State Board shall adopt permanent rules on reasonable security measures for use of student or employee identification cards for voting identification in G.S. 163A-1145.2 and G.S. 163A-1145.3 no later than May 15, 2021. The State Board shall produce the initial list of participating institutions and employing entities no later than April 1, 2019 for use in primaries and elections held in 2020."

SECTION 5. Section 1.2(g) of S.L. 2018-144, as amended by S.L. 2019-4, reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 1.2.(g) Notwithstanding G.S. 163A-1145.1, 163A-1145.2, and 163A-1145.3, For elections held in 2020 only, a student identification card issued by a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, a community eollege, college as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2), or eligible private postsecondary institution as defined in G.S. 116-280(3) or an employee identification card issued by state or local government entity that does not contain an entity, including a charter school, may not be denied approval under G.S. 163A-1145.2 or G.S.163A-1145.3 solely due to a lack of a printed expiration date—date. Notwithstanding G.S. 163A-1145.1, an approved student identification card or employee identification card without a printed expiration date shall be eligible for use in any election held before January 1, 2021."

SECTION 6.(a) Any student identification card issued by a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, a community college as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2), or eligible private postsecondary institution as defined in G.S. 116-280(3), or an employee identification card issued by a State or local government entity or charter school approved by the State Board of Elections on or before March 15, 2019, for use in elections held on or after January 1, 2019, until December 31, 2022, shall continue to be eligible for use in an election prior to December 31, 2022, without further submission by the constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, community college as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2), or eligible private postsecondary institution as defined in G.S. 116-280(3), or State or local government entity or charter school.

SECTION 6.(b) Any constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, a community college as defined in G.S. 115D-2(2), or eligible private postsecondary institution as defined in G.S. 116-280(3), or State or local government entity or charter school denied approval by the State Board of Elections on or before March 15, 2019, shall be granted until November 15, 2019, to submit a revised application for approval. The State Board shall approve the identification cards for use as voting identification under G.S. 163A-1145.1 no later than December 1, 2019, for use in primaries and elections held in 2020.

SECTION 7. G.S. 163A-1303 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) Notwithstanding G.S. 163A-1300 and subdivision (c)(3) of this section, a county board of elections by unanimous vote of all its members may propose a Plan for Implementation providing for sites in that county for absentee ballots to be applied for and cast in elections conducted in odd-numbered years. The proposed Plan for Implementation shall specify the hours of operation for the county board of elections for all elections conducted in that county for that

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odd-numbered year. If the county board of elections is unable to reach unanimity in	favor of a
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the State Board may adopt a Plan for Implementation for that county. However, a	ny Plan of
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hours for all sites throughout the period required by subsection (a) of this section."	

SECTION 8. This act is effective when it becomes law.

VISITOR REGISTRATION SHEET

House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law

4/10/2019

Name of Committee

Date

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Updated #3: Added HB 242, HB 328, HB 369

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND BILL SPONSOR NOTIFICATION 2019-2020 SESSION

You are hereby notified that	the House Committee on	Elections and Ethics	Law will meet	as follows:
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DAY & DAT TIME: LOCATION COMMENT	9:00 AM : 544 LOB	
The following	g bills will be considered:	
BILL NO. HB 502	SHORT TITLE Voting Machines/Certain Cos.	SPONSOR Representative Riddell Representative Hardister Representative Iler
<u>HB 328</u>	Same Reqs/Officials/Early Vote & Election Day.	Representative Speciale
HB 242 HB 369	Displaced Precinct Officials/Natural Disaster. Election Observer Bill of Rights.	Representative Speciale Representative Speciale
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	*	entative Holly Grange, Co-Chair entative Destin Hall, Co-Chair
	fy this notice was filed by the committee November 13, 2019.	assistant at the following offices at 11:48 AM on
	Principal Clerk Reading Clerk – House Chamber	
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House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 9:00 AM Room 544 of the Legislative Office Building

MINUTES

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law met at 9:00 AM on April 25, 2019 in Room 544 of the Legislative Office Building. Representatives Hall, Grange, Warren, Ball, Batch, Blackwell, Dahle, Fisher, Floyd, Hanig, Hardister, Holley, NcNeill, Riddell, Russell, Speciale, Szoka, Willingham, Bell, and Lewis attended.

Representative Holly Grange, Chair, presided. Representative Grange called the meeting to order and introduced the Sgt. at Arms who assisted with the Committee. Copies of the attendance and visitor registration are attached to these minutes, (Attachment 1 and 2).

The following bills were considered:

HB 502 Voting Machines/Certain Cos. (Representatives Riddell, Hardister, Iler, Quick)

HB 328 Same Regs/Officials/Early Vote & Election Day. (Representative Speciale)

HB 242 Displaced Precinct Officials/Natural Disaster. (Representative Speciale)

HB 369 Election Observer Bill of Rights. (Representative Speciale)

Representative Grange recognized Representative Speciale to put forth his amendment to HB 502. Rep. Speciale put forth an amendment to change page 1, line 11 of the PCS for HB 502. (See attachment 3) The amendment was adopted without opposition.

Representative Grange stated that a proposed committee substitute for HB 502 "HB 502 Voting Machines/Certain Cos.", was before the Committee and recognized Representatives Riddell, Hardister, and Iler to explain the bill. The PCS for House Bill 502 would authorize the use of direct record electronic voting systems that do not use paper ballots in elections conducted through December 1, 2021, in Alamance and Guilford counties.

Representative Grange recognized members for questions and comments. Representative Blackwell was recognized for a comment. Representative Ball was recognized for a question to which Representative Riddell responded. Representative Russell was recognized for a series of questions. Kim Strach was recognized to respond. Rep. Speciale was recognized for a motion. Rep. Speciale moved that the PCS for HB 502 receive a favorable report with a serial referral to the Committee on State and Local Government. The motion carried.

Rep. Grange stated that HB 328 had been removed from today's agenda per request of the bill sponsor.

Rep. Grange recognized Rep. Speciale to put forth an amendment for HB 242 (See attachment 5). Rep. Speciale explained that amendment H 242-AST-7 [v.1] would amend page 1, line 16 of HB 242. The amendment was adopted. Rep. Speciale was recognized to explain HB 242. HB 242 would allow precinct officials who failed to attend required instructional meetings prior to a primary or general election due to a declared emergency to be able to work on Election Day as a precinct official. Rep. Speciale responded to a series of questions and comments from Committee members, Reps. Willingham, Batch, Holley, and Warren. Rep. Warren put forth a motion for Members for a favorable report of HB 242 as amended. The bill passed with a serial referral to the Committee on House

Rep. Grange recognized Rep. Speciale to explain HB 369. Rep. Speciale explained that HB 369 would establish certain statutory rights for observers of elections. Reps. Willingham, Floyd, Batch, and Fisher were recognized for questions and comments to which Rep. Speciale responded. A roll call vote was requested for HB 369 (See attachment 4). HB 369 bill passed with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Representative Holly Grange, Charle

Presiding

Joanna K. Almquist, Committee Clerk

House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Thursday, April 25, 2019, 9:00 AM 544 Legislative Office Building

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introduction of Pages

Bills

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
HB 502	Delay Decertif./Voting	Representative Riddell
	Machines/Certain Cos.	Representative Hardister
		Representative Iler
		Representative Quick
HB 328	Same Reqs/Officials/Early Vote &	Representative Speciale
	Election Day.	
HB 242	Displaced Precinct Officials/Natural	Representative Speciale
	Disaster.	
HB 369	Election Observer Bill of Rights.	Representative Speciale

Presentations

Other Business

Adjournment



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

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HB **242**

Displaced Precinct Officials/Natural Disaster.

Draft Number:

H242-PCS10575-ST-19

Serial Referral:

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OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE

Recommended Referral:

None No

Long Title Amended: Floor Manager:

Speciale

HB **502**

Delay Decertif./Voting Machines/Certain Cos.

Draft Number:

H502-PCS10573-ST-3

Serial Referral:

STATE AND LOCAL

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Recommended Referral:

Long Title Amended:

None Yes

Floor Manager:

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TOTAL REPORTED: 2



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Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

FAVORABLE AND RE-REFERRED

HB 369 Election Observer Bill of Rights.

Draft Number:

None

Serial Referral:

RULES, CALENDAR, AND

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Recommended Referral: None Long Title Amended:

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HOUSE BILL 502

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H502-CSST-3 [v.5]

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Short Title: Voting Machines/Certain Cos. (Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 1, 2019

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN VOTING MACHINES TO CONTINUE IN USE AFTER DECEMBER 1, 2019, IN CERTAIN COUNTIES ONLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Sections 30.8 and 30.9 of S.L. 2013-381, as amended by Section 6 of S.L. 2015-103 and Section 3.11 of S.L. 2018-13, and notwithstanding G.S. 163A-1111 and G.S. 163A-1115, direct record electronic (DRE) voting systems that do not use paper ballots may be used in any election conducted prior to December 1, 2021, whether or not the direct record electronic (DRE) voting system has been certified or decertified by the State Board of Elections in accordance with law.

SECTION 2. This act applies to Alamance, Brunswick, Burke, Davie, and Guilford counties only.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.





HOUSE BILL 502: Voting Machines/Certain Cos.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:

House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, Date:

April 25, 2019

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Operations of the House

Introduced by:

Reps. Riddell, Hardister, Iler, Quick

Prepared by: Kara McCraw

Analysis of:

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Committee Counsel

H502-CSST-3

OVERVIEW: HB 502 would authorize the use of direct record electronic (DRE) voting systems that do not use paper ballots in elections conducted through December 1, 2021, in Alamance and Guilford counties.

The PCS for HB 502 would also apply the authorization to Brunswick, Burke, and Davie counties, and would correct citations to refer to current statutes related to use of certain voting systems.

CURRENT LAW: Effective December 1, 2019, G.S. 163A-1115(a) requires that only voting systems that have been certified by the State Board that meet certain standards and have not been subsequently decertified may be used in elections. One of the required standards is that the voting system, including direct record electronic (DRE) voting systems, must generate a paper ballot which provides a backup means of counting the vote that the voter casts. G.S. 163A-1095(1) defines a ballot as "an instrument on which a voter indicates that voter's choice for a ballot item so that it may be recorded as a vote for or against a certain candidate or referendum proposal, and is evidenced by an individual paper document that bears marks made by the voter by hand or through electronic means, whether preprinted or printed in the voting enclosure." DRE voting systems must generate a paper ballot viewable by the voter before the vote is cast electronically, and permit the voter to correct any discrepancy between the electronic vote and the paper ballot before the vote is cast to be certified.

G.S. 163A-1111 prohibits the use of a voting system that does not use or produce a ballot in any referendum, primary, or other election as a means of voting or counting an official ballot.

S.L. 2013-381, Sec. 30.8 and 30.9, as amended by Section 6 of S.L. 2015-103 and Section 3.11 of S.L. 2018-13, provides that any direct record electronic (DRE) voting systems certified by the State Board of Elections which do not use paper ballots be decertified and not used in any election held on or after December 1, 2019.

BILL ANALYSIS: Notwithstanding laws to the contrary, the PCS for HB 502 would allow direct record electronic (DRE) voting systems that do not use paper ballots to be used in any election conducted prior to December 1, 2021, whether or not the direct record electronic (DRE) voting system has been certified or decertified by the State Board of Elections. The PCS would apply only to Alamance, Brunswick, Burke, Davie, and Guilford counties.

EFFECTIVE DATE: HB 502 would become effective when it becomes law

Karen Cochrane-Brown Director



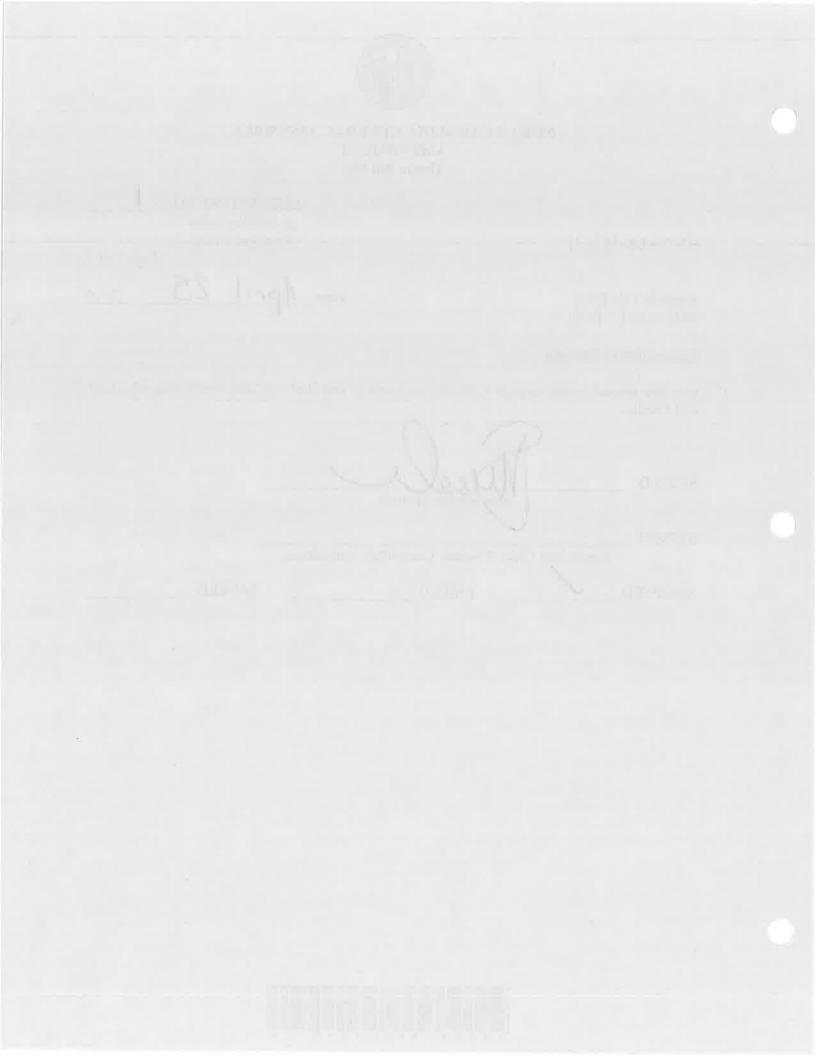
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HOUSE BILL 328

Short Title:	le: Same Reqs/Officials/Early Vote & Election Day. (Publ	
Sponsors: Representative Speciale. For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.		b site.
Referred to:	eferred to: Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of t House	

March 12, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT ENSURING THAT REQUIREMENTS FOR PRECINCT OFFICIALS ON ELECTION DAY ARE THE SAME FOR EARLY ONE-STOP VOTING LOCATIONS. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163A-1303(a) reads as rewritten:

Notwithstanding any other provision of G.S. 163A-1300, 163A-1301, 163A-1302, this section, and G.S. 163A-1304, a county board of elections by unanimous vote of all its members may provide for one or more sites in that county for absentee ballots to be applied for and cast under these sections. Every individual staffing any of those sites shall shall (i) be a member or full-time employee of the county board of elections or an employee of the county board of elections whom the board has given training equivalent to that given a full-time employee, employee, and (ii) meet the same qualifications and requirements as individuals appointed as precinct officials under G.S. 163A-815, provided that individuals staffing those sites are not required to be residents of a specific precinct. Those sites must be approved by the State Board as part of a Plan for Implementation approved by both the county board of elections and by the State Board which shall also provide adequate security of the ballots and provisions to avoid allowing persons to vote who have already voted. The Plan for Implementation shall include a provision for the presence of political party observers at each one-stop site equivalent to the provisions in G.S. 163A-821 for party observers at voting places on election day. A county board of elections may propose in its Plan not to offer one-stop voting at the county board of elections office; the State Board may approve that proposal in a Plan only if the Plan includes at least one site reasonably proximate to the county board of elections office and the State Board finds that the sites in the Plan as a whole provide adequate coverage of the county's electorate. If a county board of elections has considered a proposed Plan or Plans for Implementation and has been unable to reach unanimity in favor of a Plan, a member or members of that county board of elections may petition the State Board to adopt a plan for it. If petitioned, the State Board may also receive and consider alternative petitions from another member or members of that county board. The State Board may adopt a Plan for that county. The State Board, in that plan, shall take into consideration factors including geographic, demographic, and partisan interests of that county."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections conducted on or after that date.





HOUSE BILL 328: Same Reqs/Officials/Early Vote & Election Day.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, Date:

April 25, 2019

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the House

Introduced by: Rep. Speciale Analysis of: First Edition

Prepared by: Jessica Sammons

Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: House Bill 328 would require all individuals staffing early "one-stop" voting sites to meet the same qualifications and requirements as individuals appointed to serve as a precinct official at a primary or general election.

CURRENT LAW: Generally, early voting is a term used to describe in-person absentee voting at "one-stop" voting sites. Currently, any qualified voter of the State may vote by absentee ballot in a statewide primary, general, or special election and any qualified voter of a county is authorized to vote by absentee ballot in any primary or election conducted by the county board of elections (CBOE).

Absentee voting may take place at a "one-stop" voting site run by a county board of elections, either at the county board's office or another site designated by the CBOE. Sites must be approved by the CBOE and the State Board as part of the Plan for Implementation, which must include plans for providing adequate security of the ballots and provisions to avoid allowing individuals to vote duplicate ballots. Each individual staffing one of these sites must be one of the following:

- > A member of the CBOE.
- > A full-time employee of the CBOE.
- > An employee of the CBOE who has been given training equivalent to that given to a full-time employee.

"Precinct official" includes chief judges, judges, and assistants appointed by the CBOE to staff each precinct. G.S. 163A-815. Precinct officials must comply with the following requirements:

- > Be a registered voter in the county in which their assigned precinct is located.
- > Not be a candidate or relative of a candidate in the election for which they are serving.
- > Not be an elected government official, hold office with a political party, or be manager or treasurer for a candidate or political party.
- > Not serve at the same precinct as a spouse, child, spouse of a child, or sibling.
- ➤ Attend an instructional meeting conducted by the chairman of the CBOE and the director of elections prior to each primary and general election.

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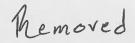
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BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 328 would require each individual staffing one of the "one-stop" voting sites to meet the same qualifications and requirements as individuals serving as a precinct official at a primary or general election. Individuals staffing these sites would not be required to be a resident of a specific precinct.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law, and applies to elections conducted on or after that date.





NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT House Bill 328

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HOUSE BILL 242

Short Title:	Displaced Precinct Officials/Natural Disaster.	(Public)
Sponsors: Representative Speciale. For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.		eb site.
Referred to:	Referred to: Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of t House	

March 4, 2019

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN ELECTION OFFICIALS TO WORK ON ELECTION DAY WHEN THOSE OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE REQUIRED TRAINING DUE TO DISPLACEMENT RESULTING FROM A DECLARATION OF DISASTER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163A-822 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163A-822. Compensation of precinct officials and assistants.

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The chairman of the county board of elections, along with the director of elections, shall conduct an instructional meeting prior to each primary and general election which shall be attended by each chief judge and judge of election, unless excused by the chairman, and such precinct election officials shall be paid the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for attending the instructional meetings required by this section. When a precinct official required to attend the instructional meetings fails to attend because the precinct official (i) resides in a county that has received a disaster declaration pursuant to G.S. 166A-1921 and (ii) was displaced as a result of the disaster, the precinct official shall be allowed to work on election day, if the precinct official has been previously trained and has experience working prior elections as determined and verified by the county board of elections.

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SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.





HOUSE BILL 242: Displaced Precinct Officials/Natural Disaster.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, Date:

April 24, 2019

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the House

Introduced by: Rep. Speciale Analysis of: First Edition

Prepared by: Erika Churchill

Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: House Bill 242 would allow precinct officials who failed to attend required instructional meetings prior to a primary or general election due to a declared emergency to be able to work on election day as a precinct official.

CURRENT LAW:

Instructional Meetings for Elections Officials. – The chairman of the county board of elections, along with the director of elections, are to conduct an instructional meeting prior to each primary and general election. Each member of the county board of elections, each chief judge, and each judge of election, unless excused by the chair of the county board, are to attend the instructional meetings. The precinct election officials are to be paid the sum of \$15.00 for attending the instructional meetings (G.S. 163A-822); a member of the county board of elections is to be paid \$25.00 for attending the instructional meetings (G.S. 163A-766).

Declarations of Emergency. — A state of emergency may be declared by the Governor or by a resolution of the General Assembly, if either of these finds that an emergency exists. G.S. 163A-19.20. Governing bodies of counties and cities are also authorized to declare a state of emergency, if either finds that an emergency exists. G.S. 163A-19.22. For this purpose, an "emergency" means "an occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made accidental, military, paramilitary, terrorism, weather-related, public health, explosion-related, riot-related cause, or technological failure or accident, including, but not limited to, a cyber incident, an explosion, a transportation accident, a radiological accident, or a chemical or other hazardous material incident." G.S. 166A-19.3(6).

The declaration of emergency is to include a definition of the area constituting the emergency area, and remains in effect until it is rescinded or terminated by the authority that issued it. For a declaration of emergency issued by the General Assembly or Governor, the Governor is to issue a disaster declaration declaring the type of disaster that emergency is. The general types are a Type I disaster, Type II disaster, and Type III disaster. G.S. 166A-19.21.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would require a that precinct official who resides in a county that has received a disaster declaration pursuant to G.S. 166A-1921 and was displaced as a result of the disaster be allowed to work on election day, regardless of whether that precinct official attended the required instructional meeting. To be allowed to work on election day, that precinct official would need to have been previously trained and have experience working prior elections, as determined and verified by the county board of elections.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law.

Karen Cochrane-Brown Director



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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT House Bill 242

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for elections held on or after that date.

HOUSE BILL 369

Short Title:	Election Observer Bill of Rights.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Speciale.	
1	For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General As	sembly web site.
Referred to:	Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and House	Operations of the
	March 18, 2019	
	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
AN ACT TO	ESTABLISH A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR ELECTION OBSERV	ERS.
	Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
	ECTION 1. G.S. 163A-821(c) reads as rewritten:	
"(c) A	n observer shall do no electioneering at the voting place, and sh	nall in no manner
impede the v	oting process or interfere or communicate with or observe any	voter in casting a
ballot, but, su	object to these restrictions, specified rights, the chief judge and judge an	idges of elections
shall permit	the observer to make such observation and take such notes as	the observer may
desire. Electi	on observers shall have the explicit right to:	
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	until all ballot containers are officially sealed and the vo	ting enclosure is
	secured for the day.	20.7
<u>(2</u>	Hear the name and address of each voter when the voter fi	rst announces the
	voter's name at the initial check-in table and ask any election	official to repeat
	the name or address of the voter if the observer was unable	to hear the voter's
	name or address when it was initially announced.	
<u>(3</u>	Observe curbside voting and hear the name or address of	the voter as it is
	announced and to ask any election official to repeat the name	or address of the
	voter if the observer is unable to hear the voter's name	or address when
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	the curbside voter. However, the election observer shall not	stand within five
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HOUSE BILL 369: Election Observer Bill of Rights.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Analysis of:

Committee: House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, Date:

April 24, 2019

re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of

the House

First Edition

Introduced by: Rep. Speciale

Prepared by: Erika Churchill

Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: House Bill 369 would establish certain statutory rights for observers of elections, effective when it becomes law.

CURRENT LAW: The chair of each political party in each county has the right to designate 2 observers to attend each voting place at each primary and election. The chair of each political party in the county also has the right to designate 10 additional at-large observers who are residents of that county who may attend any voting place in that county, by providing a list to the county director of elections. This right does not extend to a political party during a primary unless that party is participating in that primary. In any election in which an unaffiliated candidate is on the ballot, the candidate or the candidate's campaign manager has the right to appoint 2 observers for each voting place.

Individuals appointed as observers must be a registered voter of the county and have good moral character. No candidate on the ballot in a primary or election may serve as an observer.

The chair of the county board of elections, or the chief judge and judges for each affected precinct, may for good cause reject any observer and require that another be appointed. Observers may be appointed at early voting one-stop sites, and at-large observers may serve at any early voting one-stop site. Not more than 2 observers from the same political party are permitted in the voting enclosure at any time, except that 1 of the at-large observers from each party may also be in the voting enclosure.

Observers may not do any of the following:

- Electioneering at the voting place
- Impede the voting process
- Interfere or communicate with or observe any voter in casting a ballot.

The chief judge and judges of elections are required to permit the observer to make such observation and take such notes as the observer may desire.

Whether or not the observer attends to the polls for at least four hours, observers are entitled to obtain a list of the persons who have voted in the precinct that election day. This is to occur at times specified by the State Board, but not less than 3 times each election day with the spacing not less than 1 hour apart. Runners may also be sent by the county party chair for this purpose, even if an observer has not been appointed for that precinct. G.S. 163A-821.

Karen Cochrane-Brown Director



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BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would establish specified rights of each observer, allowing each observer to

- ➤ Begin observation duties from the time the judge enters the polling location until all ballot containers are officially sealed and the voting enclosure is secured for the day.
- Hear the name and address of each voter when the voter first announces the voter's name at the initial check-in table. The observer may ask any election official to repeat the name or address of the voter if the observer was unable to hear the voter's name or address when it was initially announced. This also applies to curbside voting.
- > Traverse freely between the curbside voting area and the voting enclosure throughout the curbside voting process.
- Deserve curbside voting at such a distance as to enable the observer to hear any instruction or verbal communication between the election assistant and the curbside voter. However, the observer is not permitted to stand within 5 feet of the curbside voter's vehicle.
- > Keep in view the ballot boxes until after the ballot boxes are sealed at the end of the day.

The bill would also specify that an observer county only be expelled for cause, in writing. The written notice of expulsion would need to be signed by the chief judge and at least one other judge assigned to that precinct.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to observations for elections held on or after that date.

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Updated #1: Added SB138 & SB139

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND BILL SPONSOR NOTIFICATION 2019-2020 SESSION

DAY & DATE: Wednesday, June 5, 2019

TIME: 1:00 PM LOCATION: 1228/1327 LB

COMMENTS: Newly appointed Board of Elections Director Brinson Bell will be in attendance

to answer questions from the House Elections and Ethics Committee.

Representative Destin Hall will preside.

The following bills will be considered:

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE Even-Yr Municipal Elections/Town of	SPONSOR Senator Edwards
	Black Mtn.	
SB 139	Even-Yr. Municipal Elections/Town of	Senator Edwards
	Montreat.	

Respectfully,

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

I hereby certify this notice was filed by the committee assistant at the following offices at 10:57.	AM on
Thursday, November 14, 2019.	
Principal Clerk	
Reading Clerk – House Chamber	

David L. Cobb (Committee Assistant)

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House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 1:00 PM Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building

MINUTES

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law met at 1:00 PM on June 5, 2019 in Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building. Representatives Hall, Grange, Warren, Adams, Ball, Batch, Blackwell, Brockman, Dahle, Davis, Faircloth, Fisher, Floyd, Hanig, Hardister, Harrison, Holley, Jackson, Riddell, Russell, Speciale, Szoka, and Willingham Attended.

Representative Destin Hall, Chair, presided. Representative Destin Hall, Chair, presided in the stead of Representative Hall. Representative Grange called the meeting to order and introduced the Pages, and Sgt. At Arms

The following bills were considered:

SB 138 Even-Yr Municipal Elections/Town of Black Mtn. (Senator Edwards)

SB 139 Even-Yr. Municipal Elections/Town of Montreat. (Senator Edwards)

Representative Hall announced that there were two bills on the committee agenda and the announced that the committee would be hearing a presentation from the new director of the North Carolina Board of Elections Karen Brinson Bell. Representative Hall announced that SB138 and SB139 would be combined for the purposes of debate and the final vote. Representative Hall recognized Representative Ager to introduce the bills. Representative Warren was recognized for a motion. Representative Warren motioned that SB138 and SB139 receive a favorable report with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. The motion carried and SB138 and SB139 received a favorable report with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Representative Hall announced that NCSBE Director Karen Brinson Bell would be coming to present to the committee. NCSBE Director Bell made a presentation to the committee and answered the questions that the committee members directed to her.

Upon the conclusion of NCSBE Director Bell's presentation, Representative Hall thanked her for her attendance.

With no further business remaining, Representative Hall adjourned the committee meeting at 1:43PM.

David L. Cobb, Committee

Representative Destin Hall, Chair Presiding

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House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, June 5, 2019, 1:00 PM 1228/1327 Legislative Building

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introduction of Pages

Bills

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
SB 138	Even-Yr Municipal Elections/Town of	Senator Edwards
	Black Mtn.	
SB 139	Even-Yr. Municipal Elections/Town of	Senator Edwards
	Montreat.	

Presentations

Newly appointed Board of Elections Director Brinson Bell will be in attendance to answer questions from the House Elections and Ethics Committee.

Other Business

Adjournment

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

FAVORABLE AND RE-REFERRED

SB 138 (CS#1)

SB

Even-Yr Municipal Elections/Town of Black Mtn.

Draft Number:

None

Serial Referral:

RULES, CALENDAR, AND

OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE

Recommended Referral:

None

Long Title Amended: Floor Manager:

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Even-Yr. Municipal Elections/Town of Montreat.

Draft Number:

None

Serial Referral:

RULES, CALENDAR, AND

OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE

Recommended Referral:

None

Long Title Amended:

No

Floor Manager:

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TOTAL REPORTED: 2



GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2019

SENATE BILL 138 Redistricting and Elections Committee Substitute Adopted 5/21/19

Short Title: Even-Yr Municipal Elections/Town of Black Mtn.		(Local)	
Sponsors:			
Referred to:			

February 27, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWNS OF BLACK MOUNTAIN, BILTMORE FOREST, AND RONDA SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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SECTION 1.(a) Section 4 of the Charter of the Town of Black Mountain, being Chapter 747 of the 1951 Session Laws, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 1034 of the 1969 Session Laws, and Town Ordinance 0-99-14 passed on August 9, 1999, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 4. Creation, Salary and Composition of Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Except as otherwise provided in this charter all powers of the town shall be vested in a board of Aldermen of 5 members and a mayor nominated and elected from the town at large in the manner hereinafter provided. The mayor and the board of aldermen shall be elected to serve four-year staggered terms and until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall begin on the first Tuesday of June next following their election. qualified. In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, three aldermen shall be elected to serve four-year terms. In 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, the mayor and two aldermen shall be elected to serve four-year terms. If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor or alderman, it shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the remaining members of the board of aldermen. Each member of the board of aldermen shall receive a salary the amount of which shall be prescribed by ordinance. Provided, however, that the present mayor and members of the board of aldermen shall continue to receive the same salary until the same is changed as herein outlined. No ordinance fixing or changing the salary of members of the board of aldermen shall become effective during the current term of office of the members of the board of aldermen enacting such ordinance. Members of the board of aldermen shall be qualified electors of the town. A member of the board of Aldermen ceasing to possess any of the qualifications specified in this section, or convicted of crime while in office, section shall immediately forfeit his office."

SECTION 1.(b) Section 12 of the Charter of the Town of Black Mountain, being Chapter 747 of the 1951 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 12. Municipal Elections. The In 2020, the regular election for the choice of mayor and members of the board of Aldermen shall be held on Tuesday following the first Monday in May in odd numbered years. November in each even-numbered year. The election shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined using the nonpartisan plurality method as provided in G.S. 163A-1616. Notwithstanding G.S. 163A-1620, the Buncombe County Board of Elections shall set the time period for candidates seeking municipal office to file notices of candidacy and shall notify the Town of the time period to file such notices of candidacy. The



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board of Alderman may by resolution order a special election, fix the time for holding the same, and provide all means for holding such special election."

SECTION 1.(c) No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Black

SECTION 1.(c) No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Black Mountain in 2019. The terms of the three members of the Board of Aldermen elected in 2015 are extended until 2020, and the mayor and the two members of the Board of Aldermen elected in 2017 are extended until 2022. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Black Mountain in 2020.

SECTION 2.(a) Section 3 of the Charter of the Town of Biltmore Forest, being Chapter 32 of the Session Laws of 1923, as amended by Town Ordinance adopted on June 21, 2011, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 3. The following named persons shall fill the offices of mayor and commissioners from their qualifications until an election to be held on the first Monday in May, nineteen hundred and twenty three, and until their successors are elected and qualified, to wit: Junius G. Adams, mayor, and Charles E. Waddell, Edward M. Jones, and Lloyd M. Jarrett, commissioners. The officers of the Town of Biltmore Forest shall consist of a mayor and three commissioners who shall serve four-year terms. In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, the mayor and three commissioners shall each be elected for four-year terms."

SECTION 2.(b) Section 7 of the Charter of the Town of Biltmore Forest, being Chapter 32 of the Session Laws of 1923, as amended by Town Ordinance adopted on June 21, 2011, reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 7. That-In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, an election shall be held in said town on the first Monday in May, nineteen hundred and twenty three, and quadrennially thereafter the Town on Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year for the purpose of electing a mayor and three commissioners, which said-commissioners. The election shall be held under the laws of North Carolina regulating elections in cities and towns-conducted on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined using the nonpartisan plurality method as provided in G.S. 163A-1616. Notwithstanding G.S. 163A-1620, the Buncombe County Board of Elections shall set the time period for candidates seeking municipal office to file notices of candidacy and shall notify the Town of the time period to file such notices of candidacy."

SECTION 2.(c) No regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Biltmore Forest in 2019. The mayor and three commissioners whose terms expire in 2019 and are extended until 2020. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Biltmore Forest in 2020.

SECTION 3.(a) Section 1 of Chapter 810 of the Session Laws of 1961 reads as rewritten:

"Section 1. All-Beginning in 2020, regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town of Ronda in Wilkes County shall be held, controlled and regulated as provided by the rules and regulations set forth in Article 3, Chapter 160 of the General Statutes of North Carolina on Tuesday following the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of the State. Elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis and the results determined using the nonpartisan plurality method as provided in G.S. 163A-1616. Notwithstanding G.S. 163A-1620, the Wilkes County Board of Elections shall set the time period for candidates seeking municipal office to file notices of candidacy and shall notify the Town of the time period to file such notices of candidacy. Officers for the Town shall consist of a mayor and five commissioners. The mayor shall serve for a term of four years, except that the mayor whose term expires in 2019 shall continue to serve until 2020. In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, the mayor shall be elected for a term of four years and shall serve until the mayor's successor is elected and qualified. The two commissioners whose terms expire in 2019 shall continue to serve until 2020. In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, as their terms of office expire, two commissioners shall be elected to fill the expired seats and shall serve four-year terms. The three commissioners whose terms expire in 2021 shall continue to serve until 2022.

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1	In 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, as their terms of office expire, three commissioners shall
2	be elected to fill the expired seats and shall serve four-year terms. Commissioners shall serve
3	until their successors are elected and qualified."
4	SECTION 3.(b) No regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of

Ronda in 2019. Regular municipal elections shall next occur in the Town in 2020. 5 6

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.



SENATE BILL 138: Even-Yr Municipal Elections/Town of Black Mtn.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, Date:

June 5, 2019

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the House

Introduced by: Sen. Edwards
Analysis of: Second Edition

Prepared by: Jessica Sammons

Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 138 would change the regular municipal election cycle from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years for the Towns of Black Mountain, Biltmore Forest, and Ronda, extending the terms of the current town officers one year to implement the new election schedule, and would require the county board of elections to set the filing period for notices of candidacy.

CURRENT LAW: Generally, municipal elections are held in odd-numbered years. G.S. 163A-1585. The Towns of Black Mountain, Biltmore Forest, and Ronda all conduct municipal elections in odd-numbered years, held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Elections for all three towns are conducted on a nonpartisan basis and the results are determined using the plurality method in G.S. 163A-1616. Newly elected officers take office on the first Monday in December following the election.

The following chart summarizes the current town officers and their terms of office in the Towns of Black Mountain, Biltmore Forest, and Ronda:

	Town Officers	Terms of Officers	Current Terms of Officers	
Black Mountain	Mayor	Mayor: Four years	Mayor: Term expires in 2021	
(Buncombe Co.)	Board of Aldermen	Aldermen: Four	Aldermen: Term for 3	
	(5 members)	years, staggered	members expire in 2019; term	
			for 2 members expire in 2021	
Biltmore Forest	Mayor	Mayor: Four years	Mayor: Term expires in 2019	
(Buncombe Co.)	Board of Town	Commissioners:	Commissioners: Terms expire	
	Commissioners	Four years, non-	in 2019	
	(3 members)	staggered		
Ronda	Mayor	Mayor: Four years	Mayor: Term expires in 2019	
(Wilkes Co.)	Board of Town	Commissioners:	Commissioners: Term for 2	
	Commissioners	Four years,	members expire in 2019; term	
	(5 members)	staggered	for 3 members expire in 2021	

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 138 would amend the charters for the Towns of Black Mountain, Biltmore Forest, and Ronda to require that regular municipal elections be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in even-numbered years, beginning in 2020.

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To implement this change, municipal elections would not be conducted in the towns in 2019, and the terms of current town officers would be extended one year. The next municipal elections in these towns would be held in 2020, and every four years thereafter.

In the Towns of Black Mountain and Biltmore Forest, the Buncombe County Board of Elections would be required to set the time period for candidates seeking office to file notices of candidacy. In the Town of Ronda, the Wilkes County Board of Elections would be required to set the time period for candidates seeking office to file notices of candidacy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

BACKGROUND: Regular municipal elections in most municipalities are held in odd-numbered years. The following municipalities hold regular municipal elections in even-numbered years:

- Albemarle, Badin, Locust, Misenheimer, New London, Norwood, Oakboro, Red Cross, Richfield, Stanfield (all municipalities in Stanly County) (S.L. 2015-253)
- Archdale (Randolph, Guilford Counties) (S.L. 2007-41)
- Asheville (Buncombe County) (S.L. 2018-123)
- Dobson (Surry County) (S.L. 2012-47)
- Elkin (Surry, Wilkes Counties) (S.L. 2014-35)
- Jonesville, Boonville, East Bend (Yadkin County) (S.L. 2017-56)
- Lincolnton (Lincoln County) (S.L. 2017-62)
- Pilot Mountain (Surry County) (S.L. 2012-47)
- Troy, Star (Montgomery County) (S.L. 2017-12)
- Winston-Salem (Forsyth County) (S.L. 2011-141)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2019**

SENATE BILL 139

Redistricting and Elections Committee Substitute Adopted 5/21/19

Short Title:	Citle: Even-Yr. Municipal Elections/Town of Montreat. (L			
Sponsors:	Sponsors:			
Referred to:				
	February 27, 2019			

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF MONTREAT SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Article II of the Charter of the Town of Montreat, being Chapter 295 of the 1985 Session Laws, as amended by Chapter 38 of the 1998 Session Laws, Town Ordinance adopted on July 15, 1985, and Town Ordinance 13-04-0001 adopted on April 11, 2013, reads as rewritten:

"ARTICLE II. MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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"Sec. 2.2. Board of Commissioners; Composition; Terms of Office. The Board shall be composed of five members elected for four-year staggered terms and until their successors are elected and qualified. In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, two commissioners shall be elected to serve four-year terms. In 2022, and quadrennially thereafter, three commissioners shall be elected to serve four-year terms.

"Sec. 2.3. Mayor; Term of Office; Duties. The Mayor shall be elected by all the qualified voters of the Town; shall be the official head of the Town government and preside at meetings of the Board; shall have the right to vote on all matters before the Board, but shall have no right to break a tie vote in which he participated; and shall exercise the powers and duties conferred by law. In 2020, and quadrennially thereafter, the Mayor shall be elected to serve a four-year term.

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SECTION 1.(b) Article III of the Charter of the Town of Montreat, being Chapter 295 of the 1985 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

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"ARTICLE III. ELECTIONS.

"Sec. 3.1. Regular Municipal Elections. Regular In 2020, regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town on Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina. The Commissioners shall be elected by the voters of the Town on an at large basis, by the nonpartisan plurality method of election as provided in G.S. 163A-1616. Notwithstanding G.S. 163A-1620, the Buncombe County Board of Elections shall set the time period for candidates seeking municipal office to file notices of candidacy and shall notify the Town of the time period to file such notices of candidacy.

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"Sec. 3.2. Election of the Commissioners. The Commissioners serving on the date of ratification of this Charter may continue to serve until expiration of their terms, or until their successors are elected and qualified. In the regular municipal election in 1985, and every four



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years thereafter, there shall be elected three Commissioners to serve as provided in Article II of this Charter.

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SECTION 2. No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Montreat in 2019. The Mayor and two commissioners whose terms expire in 2019 are extended until 2020, and the three commissioners whose terms expire in 2021 are extended until 2022. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Montreat in 2020.

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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.



SENATE BILL 139: Even-Yr. Municipal Elections/Town of Montreat.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Analysis of:

Committee: House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, Date:

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the House

Second Edition

Introduced by: Sen. Edwards

Prepared by: Jessica Sammons

Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 139 would change the regular municipal election cycle from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years for the Town of Montreat, extending the terms of the current town officers one year to implement the new election schedule, and would require the Buncombe County Board of Elections to set the filing period for notices of candidacy.

CURRENT LAW: Generally, municipal elections are held in odd-numbered years. G.S. 163A-1585. In the Town of Montreat, officers consist of a mayor and five commissioners serving four-year staggered terms. Elections are held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years. Elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis and the results are determined using the plurality method in G.S. 163A-1616. Newly elected officers take office on the first Monday in December following the election.

Currently, the mayor and two commissioners' terms expire in 2019, and three commissioners' terms expire in 2021.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 139 would amend the Charter of the Town of Montreat to require regular municipal elections to be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in even-numbered years. The Buncombe County Board of Elections would be required to set the time period for candidates seeking office to file notices of candidacy.

To implement this change, municipal elections would not be conducted in 2019 and the next municipal election would be held in 2020. The current mayor and commissioners whose terms would expire in 2019 would serve until 2020, and stand for election for a four-year term. The current commissioners whose terms would expire in 2021 would serve until 2022, and stand for election for a four-year term. The mayor and commissioners would be elected every four years thereafter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

BACKGROUND: Regular municipal elections in most municipalities are held in odd-numbered years. The following municipalities hold regular municipal elections in even-numbered years:

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- Archdale (Randolph, Guilford Counties) (S.L. 2007-41)

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- Asheville (Buncombe County) (S.L. 2018-123)
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Remarks of Executive Director Karen Brinson Bell to the House Elections and Ethics Law Committee June 5, 2019

Good afternoon Co-Chairs Hall and Grange and representatives. Thank you for the invitation to come before you today to introduce myself and share some of the key areas of focus currently for the State Board of Elections.

I am honored to have been appointed State Elections Director. The importance and responsibility of public service has been instilled in me literally from the time I was born since my father was mayor of Kenansville at that time. He went on to serve as town manager for many years and for more than 24 years, he worked tirelessly as economic development director for Duplin County.

While I did not follow his footsteps into economic development, I did follow his example and answered the call of public service. I come before you today as the first executive director of the State Board of Elections to have worked at both the state agency and as a county elections director. Uniquely, I know firsthand the charge given to all 100 county elections directors from Dare County to Cherokee County.

In 2006, I was hired at the State Board of Elections for a regional position to assist with the roll out of new voting equipment. My region was the 12 western most counties of North Carolina, including one of our state's largest counties, Buncombe, and one of the smallest, Graham. In four months, the voting systems team, which I was a part of, implemented and readied the state for the 2006 May primary. This included acceptance testing, staff training, poll worker training, new logic and accuracy testing procedures, Help America Vote Act (HAVA) compliance, and more. We rose to the challenge then, and that prepared me to rise to the challenge now. My role expanded over the five years I worked in this position. I ensured National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) compliance with public agencies. I conducted audits and wellness checks for both preparedness and uniformity measures. I supported county staff in emergency situations and in the absences of county directors. I presented at 14 state conferences, including providing instruction for core courses for the state certification program. I led special projects and pilot programs, including the use of instant runoff voting by the city of Hendersonville in 2007 and 2009 as a cost saving measure to combine two elections into just one. I was also part of the statewide implementation committee when North Carolina implemented instant runoff voting in just 86 days because of a Court of Appeals vacancy in 2010. It was also in this time period that I jointly led the development of the agency's online Election Resource Center, a repository of tools and documents for county election offices still in use today. This diverse and robust position prepared me for the role of Transylvania County elections director beginning in 2011. I proudly served Transylvania County for four years and made considerable strides to improve processes and the overall service to the voters. I reorganized the office staff, which saved the taxpayers approximately \$24,000 per year. We relocated polling places from private facilities to

public facilities by partnering with our fellow county agencies, fire and rescue, and local law enforcement for space. We also addressed the need for precinct consolidation, something many counties are challenged with due to limited facilities, the need for accessible voting sites, and difficulties in securing sufficient numbers of precinct officials. We redesigned our chain of custody procedures, precinct management and training materials, and supply distribution. Additionally, I served on the certification panel which recommended the use of the DS200 voting equipment and a committee charged with developing the requirements for the modernization of our SEIMS system. I could further enumerate the tasks and roles that the work entailed, but the key takeaway is that I stand before you today with more hands-on experience in the conduct of elections than any predecessor, and I'm ready to bring that experience to this position.

You now know the set of goggles I wear as I work with the very talented and capable staff at the State Board and in the 100 counties. We have much to address to be prepared for any and all elections. Here are the things at the forefront:

• Voting Systems Certification

- The staff and I are preparing to present a recommendation to the State Board next week to certify additional voting systems for our state.
- o The counties need this to comply with ADA compliant voting equipment and to address the statute which decertifies current direct record equipment.
- o Respectfully, I ask this committee to:
 - Consider legislation to delay the decertification of the iVotronics to ensure counties have ample time for implementation and because of the advancement of new VVSG and EAC standards for voting systems.
 - Additionally, I would ask you to amend 163-165.9 to allow counties to either test new voting equipment in a precinct for a new election OR to conduct a simulated election to meet this requirement.

Voter ID implementation

- o The agency and county boards are well under way with this implementation.
 - Counties began issuing IDs on May 1
 - A dedicated website accessible through nsbe.gov/voter-ID or voterID.ncsbe.gov are live.
 - Posters for each voting site and flyers have been distributed to the counties.
 - Two seminars in each county have been set and are under way, with more than 80 scheduled for August alone.
 - And steps are in place to ensure the two mailings in 2019 and 2020 take place.

Municipal Elections

- Counties will begin filing candidates for municipal elections in July with Charlotte and Sanford set to conduct primaries in September, approximately 24 other municipal elections in October, before all others are conducted in November.
- The time frame of these elections creates an overlap in canvass dates because of the changes in the one-stop period. In 2017, the legislature allowed the executive

director to reduce the canvass period, but that was only for 2017. A change is necessary to avoid the situation in 2019 where the municipal canvass happens after the start of early voting for the next election.

Special Elections

- o Three special elections are scheduled.
 - July 9: 2nd primary for Congressional District 3
 - July 23: Lumberton Ward 2
 - September 10: General Election for Congressional Districts 3 and 9

Congressional District 9

- The State Board unanimously called for a new election.
- o The case is now with the prosecutors and our investigations team is assisting.
- o Administrative steps are under way to remedy issues in election administration.
- We appreciate the changes made based upon the recommendations to the Joint Elections Committee in March. We appreciate further legislative action identified in the CD9 investigation.

Uniform Procedures and proactive measures

- o CD9 highlights the necessity for exemplary election administration.
- Processes and procedures must be uniform in every way possible throughout our state.
- O Analogy: Our role is a corporation with franchises. Deliver the same service.
- The Board has charged me, the state staff, and in many respects, the counties, to put emphasis now and going forward on election administration practices to ensure uniformity and to be proactive in procedures and processes to reduce or eliminate the need for investigation.

Cybersecurity

- We are working with the state's chief risk officer to hire a chief information security officer, or CISO, for our agency.
- Other steps are being taken through a Cyber Advisory Panel and in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security and other state and federal agencies.

Campaign Finance Software and Reporting Modernization

- This project is in the design phase.
- One piece of legislation related to Campaign Finance is H700. A section of this bill would require the State Board to house on a website copies of digital communications and disclosure information submitted by those making a qualified digital communication.
 - We ask that a fiscal note be attached to this bill, since digital media requires considerable storage, software development for the website and submission process, and also the need to address any virus or malware issues that might occur.

Support to the Counties

- A primary responsibility of the State Board is to support the counties in their conduct of elections. They are on the frontline.
- We try to be mindful of our rules and procedures and the demands they may place on county staff and budgets.

O Changes in voting equipment and the expansion of the size of county boards create budgetary concerns that the counties will need to address. Please give consideration as to how the legislature may lessen this burden.

Thank you for the time you have provided me. Thank you also for your service to the people of North Carolina. And thank you for the commitment you share with the state board members, the agency staff, the county board members and staff, and me to ensure North Carolina has fair elections and provides the best voting experience possible for the voters we all serve.

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Updated #2: HB 700 Added.

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND **BILL SPONSOR NOTIFICATION** 2019-2020 SESSION

You are hereby notified that the House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law will meet as follows:

DAY & DATE: Wednesday, June 19, 2019

TIME:

1:00 PM

LOCATION:

1228/1327 LB

COMMENTS:

Rep. Grange will preside.

The following bills will be considered:

BILL NO. HB 477 SB 220	SHORT TITLE Four-Year Terms/Town of Bethel. Removal of Political Signs by Citizens.	SPONSOR Representative K. Smith Senator D. Davis Senator Tillman
SB 674 HB 700	Surry Co./Mt. Airy/Elkin City/Bd. Ed Partisan. Digital Campaign Finance Disclosure Changes.	Senator Hise Senator Berger Senator Ballard Representative Grange Representative Harrison Representative Lewis Representative Hawkins

Respectfully,

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

I hereby certify this notice was filed by the committee assistant at the following offices at 10:26 AM of Wednesday, November 13, 2019.
Principal Clerk Reading Clerk – House Chamber

Joanna K. Almquist (Committee Assistant)

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House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 1:00 PM Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building

MINUTES

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law met at 1:00 PM on June 19, 2019 in Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building. Representatives Hall, Grange, Warren, Adams, Ball, Batch, Blackwell, Brockman, Dahle, Davis, Faircloth, Fisher, Floyd, Hanig, Hardister, Harrison, McNiell, Riddell, Russell, Speciale, Willingham, Bell, and Lewis attended.

Representative Holly Grange, Chair, presided.

The following bills were considered:

HB 477 Four-Year Terms/Town of Bethel. (Representative K. Smith)

SB 220 Removal of Political Signs by Citizens. (Senators D. Davis, Tillman, Hise)

SB 674 Surry Co./Mt. Airy/Elkin City/Bd. Ed Partisan. (Senators Berger, Ballard)

HB 700 Digital Campaign Finance Disclosure Changes. (Representatives Grange, Harrison, Lewis, Hawkins)

Rep. Grange stated that SB 674 would be heard first. Rep. Grange recognized Rep. Hall to put forth an amendment on the bill (See Attachment 1). The amendment passed without discussion. Rep. Grange recognized Sen. Ballard to present the bill. Reps. Russell, Fisher, and McNeill asked questions about the bill. Sen. Ballard responded. Rep. Warren was recognized to make a motion that the bill receive a favorable report to the PCS, unfavorable to the original bill. A show of hands was requested. The bill passed 10-8.

Rep. Grange recognized Rep. K. Smith to present the PCS for HB 477. Rep. K. Smith presented the PCS. There was no questions or comments. The PCS passed.

Rep. Grange recognized Rep. Floyd to present his amendment (See attachment 2) for SB 220. After much discussion on the amendment, it was tabled. Sen. D. Davis was recognized to present SB 220. Questions were asked by Reps. Floyd, Warren, Speciale, Ball, Adams, and Hanig. Sen. D. Davis responded. A motion was put forth by Rep. Warren for the bill to receive a favorable report. The bill passed.

Rep. Hall recognized Rep. Grange to present HB 700. Rep. Grange stated that HB 700 is only up for discussion and will not be voted on. Questions and comments were put forth by members about

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the bill. Melissa Kromm of NC Voters for Clean Elections was recognized to speak in support of the bill.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Representative Holly Grange, Chair

Presiding

Joanna K. Almquist, Committee Clerk

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House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 1:00 PM 1228/1327 Legislative Building

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HB 477	Four-Year Terms/Town of Bethel.	Representative K. Smith
SB 220	Removal of Political Signs by Citizens.	Senator D. Davis
		Senator Tillman
		Senator Hise
SB 674	Surry Co./Mt. Airy/Elkin City/Bd. Ed	Senator Berger
	Partisan.	Senator Ballard
HB 700	Digital Campaign Finance Disclosure	Representative Grange
	Changes.	Representative Harrison
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		Representative Hawkins

Adjournment

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

FAVORABLE AND RE-REFERRED

SB 220 (CS#1)

Removal of Political Signs by Citizens.

Draft Number:

None

Serial Referral:

RULES, CALENDAR, AND

OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE

Recommended Referral: Long Title Amended: None No

Floor Manager:

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FAVORABLE COM SUB, UNFAVORABLE ORIGINAL BILL AND RE-REFERRED

HB 477

Four-Year Terms/Town of Bethel.

Draft Number:

H477-PCS10667-BK-4

Serial Referral:

RULES, CALENDAR, AND

OPERATIONS OF THE HOUSE

Recommended Referral: Long Title Amended:

None No

Floor Manager:

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FAVORABLE HOUSE COM SUB, UNFAVORABLE ORIGINAL BILL AND RE-REFERRED

SB 674

Surry Co./Mt. Airy/Elkin City/Bd. Ed Partisan.

Draft Number:

S674-PCS35297-TC-36

Serial Referral:

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Recommended Referral:

None

Long Title Amended:

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HOUSE BILL 477 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H477-CSBK-4 [v.3] 04/10/2019 03:19:35 PM

Short Title: Four-Year Terms/Town of Bethel. (Local)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF BETHEL BEGINNING IN 2021. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Sections 3 and 4 of the Charter of the Town of Bethel, being Chapter 20 of the Private Laws of 1873-1874, as amended by Chapter 97 of the Private Laws of 1927, and Chapter 609 of the 1953 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 2. The Charter of the Town of Bethel is amended so as to provide that the officers of said town the Town shall consist of a mayor and five commissioners who commissioners. Beginning in 2021, regular municipal elections shall be held in the Town every four years and shall be conducted in accordance with the general laws governing municipal elections. In 2021, and quadrennially thereafter, a mayor and five commissioners shall hold office be elected for terms of two years four years, and each and shall serve until their successors are a successor is duly elected and qualified. On the first Monday in May, 1953, and biennially thereafter, there shall be held a general municipal election for the election of the mayor and commissioners of said town."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.





HOUSE BILL 477: Four-Year Terms/Town of Bethel.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Analysis of:

House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, Date: Committee:

June 19, 2019

re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of

the House

Rep. K. Smith Introduced by:

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H477-CSBK-4

Prepared by: Jessica Sammons

Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: The proposed committee substitute for House Bill 477 would extend the Town of Bethel's term of office for mayor and commissioners from two-year terms to four-year terms, beginning in 2021.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S198, as introduced by Sen. D. Davis, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

CURRENT LAW: The Charter of the Town of Bethel provides that officers for the Town consist of a mayor and five commissioners, elected at-large for two-year terms.

Municipal elections in the Town are conducted in odd-numbered years on a nonpartisan basis, and the results are determined using the plurality method in G.S. 163A-1616. Election for mayor and commissioners are held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. G.S. 163A-1585. Terms of office for both the mayor and commissioners begin on the first Monday in December following their election.

BILL ANALYSIS: The proposed committee substitute to House Bill 477 would amend the Charter of the Town of Bethel to extend the term of office for the mayor and commissioners from two years to four years, effective with the 2021 election. Municipal elections in the Town would be held every four years.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: The Town of Bethel is located in Pitt County, and has a population of 1,577.

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SENATE BILL 220

Transportation Committee Substitute Adopted 3/27/19 Third Edition Engrossed 4/2/19

Short Title:	Removal of Political Signs by Citizens.	(Public)
Sponsors:		
Referred to:		

March 12, 2019

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ALLOW ANY CITIZEN TO REMOVE A POLITICAL SIGN THAT REMAINS IN A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE TIME WITHIN WHICH

POLITICAL SIGNS ARE TO BE REMOVED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 136-32 reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-32. Regulation of signs.

(b) Compliant Political Signs Permitted. – During the period beginning on the 30th day before the beginning date of "one-stop" early voting under G.S. 163A-1300 and ending on the 10th day after the primary or election day, persons may place political signs in the right-of-way of the State highway system as provided in this section. Signs must be placed in compliance with subsection (d) of this section and must be removed by the end of the period prescribed in this subsection. Any political sign remaining in the right-of-way of the State highway system more than 30 days after the end of the period prescribed in this subsection shall be deemed unlawfully placed and abandoned property, and a person may remove and dispose of such political sign without penalty.

(f) Application Within Municipalities. – Pursuant to Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes, a city may by ordinance prohibit or regulate the placement of political signs on rights-of-way of streets located within the corporate limits of a municipality and maintained by the municipality. Any such ordinance shall provide that any political sign that remains in a right-of-way of streets located within the corporate limits of a municipality and maintained by the municipality more than 30 days after the end of the period prescribed in the ordinance is to be deemed unlawfully placed and abandoned property, and a person may remove and dispose of such political sign without penalty. In the absence of an ordinance prohibiting or regulating the placement of political signs on the rights-of-way of streets located within a municipality and maintained by the municipality, the provisions of subsections (b) through (e) of this section shall apply."

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2019, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.





SENATE BILL 220: Removal of Political Signs by Citizens.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Analysis of:

House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, Date: Committee:

June 17, 2019

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the House

Sens. D. Davis, Tillman, Hise **Introduced by:**

Prepared by: Churchill and Erika

Jessica Sammons,

Third Edition Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 220 would deem abandoned any political sign remaining in the public rightof-way more than 40 days after the primary or election day, and would authorize a citizen to remove and dispose of the abandoned sign without penalty.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 136-32 prevents the placement of signs on highways except as authorized in that statute. The statute allows for compliant political signs to be placed in the right-of-way of the State highway system during the period beginning on the 30th day before one-stop early voting begins and ending on the 10th day after the primary or election day. A "political sign" is any sign that advocates for political action.

To be complaint, a permittee must obtain permission from the property owner fronting the right-of-way where the sign would be erected. Signs must be placed according to the following requirements:

- No sign can be in the right-of-way of a fully controlled access highway.
- No sign can be closer than 3 feet from the edge of the pavement of the road.
- No sign can obstruct motorist visibility at an intersection.
- No sign can be higher than 42 inches above the edge of the pavement of the road.
- No sign can be larger than 864 square inches.
- No sign can obscure of replace another sign.

G.S. 136-32(f) allows a city to enact an ordinance prohibiting or regulating the placement of political signs on rights-of-way of streets located within the corporate limits of a municipality and maintained by the municipality. If a city does not have such an ordinance, the provisions of G.S. 136-32 for placement of signs in the right-of-way of the State highway system apply.

It is a Class 3 misdemeanor for a person to steal, deface, vandalize, or unlawfully remove a lawfully placed political sign. The Department of Transportation (DOT) is authorized to remove any sign erected without authority or that remains beyond the established deadline.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would provide that any political sign remaining in the public right-of-way more than 30 days after the 10th day after primary or election day, or 40 days from the primary or election,

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is abandoned property. Any citizen would be authorized to remove the abandoned political sign, and dispose of it without penalty.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective December 1, 2019, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.



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SENATE BILL 674

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2019

Short Title:	Surry Co./Mt. Airy/Elkin City/Bd. Ed Partisan.	(Local)
Sponsors:	Senators Berger and Ballard (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate	

May 21, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SURRY COUNTY, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MOUNT AIRY CITY SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ELKIN CITY ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT FROM NONPARTISAN TO PARTISAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Section 1 of Chapter 549 of the 1969 Session Laws reads as rewritten:

"Section 1. The Beginning in 2020, the members of the Board of Education of Surry County shall be elected on a non-partisan partisan basis according to the provisions of Chapter 972 of the Session Laws of 1967. for four-year terms at the time of the general election in each even-numbered year as terms expire. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers, except as otherwise provided herein. Duly elected members of the Board shall take office the first Monday of December immediately following their election and the terms of their predecessors shall expire at the same time. Members shall take the oath of office prescribed in Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution. Each member shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. There shall be elected by the qualified voters of the county one member from each of the Districts hereinafter set forth, as follows:

- (1) One member who shall be a resident of District No. 1, consisting of so much of Mount Airy Township as does not lie within the boundaries of the Mount Airy City School Administrative Unit.
- (2) One member who shall be a resident of District No. 2, consisting of Westfield, Pilot Mountain, Long Hill and Eldora Townships.
- (3) One member who shall be a resident of District No. 3, consisting of Shoals, Siloam and Rockford Townships.
- (4) One member who shall be a resident of District No. 4, consisting of Dobson, Marsh and Stewart's Creek Townships.
- (5) One member who shall be a resident of District No. 5, consisting of Franklin and Bryan Townships.

Elkin Township and that portion of Mount Airy Township lying within the boundaries of Mount Airy City School Administrative Unit are excluded from the above described districts because they are contained in city administrative units with their own separate boards of education."

SECTION 1.(b) Chapter 308 of the 1991 Session Laws is repealed.



SECTION 1.(c) Beginning in 2020, vacancies on the Surry County Board of Education for seats elected on a partisan basis shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board in accordance with G.S. 115C-37.1. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall be a resident of the district for which he or she is appointed at the time of appointment and shall remain a resident for the remainder of the term. Appointments to fill vacancies on the Surry County Board of Education for seats elected on a nonpartisan basis in 2016 or 2018 shall be filled in accordance with G.S. 115C-37(f).

SECTION 1.(d) This act does not affect the terms of office of any person elected in 2016 or 2018 to the Surry County Board of Education. Each member of the Surry County Board of Education elected in 2016 and 2018, or any member appointed to fill a vacancy for a member elected in 2016 or 2018, shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

SECTION 2.(a) Section 6 of the Private Laws of 1895, as rewritten by Chapter 475 of the 1955 Session Laws and Chapter 672 of the 1995 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

- "Sec. 6. (a) Beginning with the general election to be held in November 1996, 2020, the Board of Education of the Mount Airy City Schools Administrative Unit shall be elected on a nonpartisan plurality basis in accordance with G.S. 163 292 partisan basis in each even-numbered year as terms expire with all candidates being elected by vote of all the qualified voters within the Mount Airy City Schools Administrative Unit. The primary and election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers, except as otherwise provided herein.
- (b) The Board of Education shall consist of seven members who shall reside within the Mount Airy City Schools Administrative Unit, elected as follows:
 - (1) Two members from District A, which consists of Mount Airy #1.
 - (2) Two members from District B, which consists of Mount Airy #2.
 - One member from District C, which consists of Mount Airy #4 and Mount Airy #5.
 - (4) One member from District D, which consists of Mount Airy #6 and Mount Airy #7.
 - (5) One member at-large.
- (c) At the initial election in November 1996, one member shall be elected from each district and one at-large as provided in this subsection. These five elected members shall take office at the first regular meeting of the Board of Education in December 1996. The terms of office of the five current members of the Board of Education whose terms expire on or before June 30, 1997, shall instead terminate at the commencement of that meeting, except that as to those current Board of Education members whose terms expire on June 30, 1996, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Airy may appoint successors to serve from July 1, 1996, until the first regular meeting in December 1996, or it may allow either or both of those members to hold over until their successors are elected and qualify. One member each shall be elected in 1996 and quadrennially thereafter from Districts A, B, C, and D for four-year terms. The member elected in 1996 on an at-large basis shall be elected for a two-year term, and a successor shall be elected in 1998 and quadrennially thereafter for a four-year term.
- (d) One member each shall be elected in 1998 and quadrennially thereafter from District A and B for four-year terms to replace the members whose terms currently expire in 1998. The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Airy may appoint successors to serve from July 1, 1998, until the first regular meeting in December 1998 or it may allow either or both of those members to hold over until their successors are elected and qualify.
- (e) <u>Duly elected members of the Board of Education shall take office the first Monday of December immediately following their election and the terms of their predecessors shall expire at the same time. Members shall take the oath of office prescribed in Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution. Each member shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.</u>

At the first regular meeting in December after each election, the Board of Education shall elect from its membership a Chairman chair to serve a two-year term.

(f) Any vacancies on the Board of Education shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Education. Beginning with members elected to the Board of Education in 2020, if the vacating member was elected as the nominee of a political party, then the Board of Education shall consult with the county executive committee of that party and appoint the person recommended by that party executive committee, if the party executive committee (i) makes a recommendation within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy and (ii) the county executive committee restricted voting to committee members who represent precincts all or part of which were within the territory of the city administrative unit. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy for a district seat shall be a resident of the district for which he or she is appointed at the time of appointment and shall remain a resident for the remainder of the term.

(g) Candidates shall file notice of candidacy not earlier than 12:00 noon on the first Friday in July (except that if that day is a holiday, then not earlier than 12:00 noon on the next Monday) and not later than 12:00 noon on the first Friday in August of the year of election."

SECTION 2.(b) This act does not affect the terms of office of any person elected in 2016 or 2018 to the Board of Education of the Mount Airy City Schools Administrative Unit. Each member of the Board of Education of the Mount Airy City Schools Administrative Unit elected in 2016 and 2018, or any member appointed to fill a vacancy for a member elected in 2016 or 2018, shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

SECTION 3.(a) Section 4 of Chapter 455 of the 1947 Session Laws, as rewritten by Section 3 of Chapter 284 of the 1973 Session Laws and Section 1 of Chapter 1258 of the 1973 Session Laws, reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Beginning in 2020, the members of the Board of Education of the Elkin City Administrative Unit shall be elected on a nonpartisan plurality partisan basis in even-numbered years as terms expire on the same day that regular general elections are held. Candidates for the Board shall file for office on or before the fourteenth Monday preceding the date on which the general election shall be held and shall pay a filing fee of five dollars (\$5.00). The primary and election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the general laws governing primaries and elections for county officers, except as otherwise provided herein.

(b) The first election under this act shall be held in November of 1974 at which time all members of the Board shall be elected. Of the three at-large members elected in 1974 from inside the corporate limits of the City of Elkin, the two receiving the highest number of votes shall serve a four-year term and the person receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve a two-year term. The person elected in 1974 from the area within the Elkin School District to the west of Interstate 77 and outside the corporate limits of the City of Elkin shall serve for a four-year term. The person elected in 1974 from the area within the Elkin School District to the east of Interstate 77 and outside the corporate limits of the City of Elkin shall serve a two-year term. Thereafter as the terms expire, successors shall be elected for terms of four years. Those persons who shall be elected to the Board must qualify by taking the oath of office on or before the first Monday in December next succeeding their election election, and the terms of their predecessors shall expire at the same time. Each member shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

(c) Those persons appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy shall qualify within thirty days of notification. At the first meeting of the Board following the taking the oath of office by Board members, a Chairman chair shall be chosen by and from the membership of the Board. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board for any reason shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board within thirty days after such vacancy occurs. Board. Beginning with members elected to the Board in 2020, if the vacating member was elected as the nominee of a political party, then the Board shall consult with the county executive committee of that party and appoint the person recommended by that party executive committee, if the party

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executive committee (i) makes a recommendation within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy and (ii) the county executive committee restricted voting to committee members who represent precincts all or part of which were within the territory of the city administrative unit.

Any person appointed to fill a vacancy for a seat for a designated area within the Elkin City School District pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be a resident of the designated area for which he or she is appointed at the time of appointment and shall remain a resident for the remainder of the term."

SECTION 3.(b) This act does not affect the terms of office of any person elected in

SECTION 3.(b) This act does not affect the terms of office of any person elected in 2016 or 2018 to the Board of Education of the Elkin City Administrative Unit. Each member of the Board of Education of the Elkin City Administrative Unit elected in 2016 and 2018, or any member appointed to fill a vacancy for a member elected in 2016 or 2018, shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. Effective the first Monday in December of 2020, G.S. 115C-37.1(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) This section shall apply only in the following counties: Alleghany, Beaufort, Brunswick, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Dare, Davie, Graham, Guilford, Harnett, Hyde, Iredell, Lee, Madison, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Rutherford, Stanly, Surry, Vance, Washington, and Yancey."

SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.



SENATE BILL 674: Surry Co./Mt. Airy/Elkin City/Bd. Ed Partisan.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee: House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, Date:

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First Edition

Introduced by: Sens. Berger, Ballard

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Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 674 would change the method of election of the Boards of Education of Surry County, Mount Airy City Schools Administrative Unit, and Elkin City Administrative Unit from nonpartisan to partisan and would alter the process for filling vacancies on the Boards, beginning in 2020.

CURRENT LAW:

Analysis of:

The Boards of Education of Surry County, the Mount Airy City Schools Administrative Unit, and the Elkin City Administrative Unit are currently all elected in nonpartisan elections, and the results are determined using the plurality method. The following chart sets out the current law governing each Board of Education:

Board of	Number of	Districts vs. At-	Date of	Date New	How Vacancies
Education	Members;	large Members	Election	Members	Are Filled
	Term of Office			Take Office	
Surry County	5 members;	Elected school	Primary	July	Majority vote of
	staggered four-	unit-wide from	election		remaining Board
	year terms	single-member			members for
	ľ	residency			remainder of
		districts			unexpired term
Mount Airy	7 members;	One member	General	First Monday	Majority vote of
City Schools	staggered four-	elected at-large;	election	in December	remaining Board
	year terms	six members			members for
		elected school			remainder of
		unit-wide from			unexpired term
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Elkin City	5 members;	Elected school	General	First Monday	Majority vote of
Administrative	staggered four-	unit-wide from	election	in December	remaining Board
Unit	year terms	three residency			members within 30
	•	districts			days of vacancy

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 674 would change the method of election for the Board members from nonpartisan to partisan, beginning in 2020. Elections would be conducted using the partisan primary and

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election method, and candidates would be nominated at the same time and manner as other county officers. Newly-elected members would take office the first Monday in December following their election.

Vacancies for positions elected on a partisan basis beginning in 2020 would be filled by the remaining members of the Board, provided that the remaining members of the Board must consult with the county executive committee of the relevant political party before filling a vacancy and must appoint that executive committee's nominee, if the recommendation is made within 30 days after the seat becomes vacant.

In selecting a nominee to fill the vacancy, the county executive committee must restrict voting to those committee members who represent precincts wholly or partially within the county or city administrative unit.

Terms of office or vacancy procedures for members elected in 2014 or 2016 would not be affected.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

*This committee summary was substantially contributed to by Jessica Sammons, Committee Counsel.



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2	moves to amend the bill on page l, line 18, by in phrase "school administrative unit";	serting immediately after the word "county" the
1	and on page 2, line 24, by rewriting that line to	read:
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)	and on page 3, line 27, by inserting immediately	after the word "held." the following sentence:
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06/18/2019 06:03:57 PM Digital Campaign Finance Disclosure Changes. Short Title: **Sponsors:** Referred to: April 11, 2019 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED ACT TO DEFINE AND REGULATE DIGITAL COMMUNICATION ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVERTISING DISCLOSURES. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163A-1411 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read: "(81) The term "qualified digital communication" means any communication placed or promoted on a public-facing Web site, Web application, or digital application, including a social network, advertising network, or search engine, when a fee is required to be paid for such placement or promotion." SECTION 2. G.S. 163A-1411, as amended by S.L. 2018-144 and S.L. 2018-146, reads as rewritten: "§ 163A-1411. Definitions. When used in this Article: The term "electioneering communication" means any broadcast, cable, or (41)satellite communication, or mass mailing, or telephone bank bank, or qualified digital communication that has all the following characteristics: Refers to a clearly identified candidate for elected office. a. In the case of the general election in November of the even-numbered b. year is aired or transmitted within 30 days of the election for that May be received by either: In the case that the communication, mass c. mailing, or telephone bank is not a qualified digital communication, may be received by the following: 50,000 or more individuals in the State in an election for 1. statewide office or 7,500 or more individuals in any other election if in the form of broadcast, cable, or satellite communication. 20,000 or more households, cumulative per election, in a 2. statewide election or 2,500 households, cumulative per election, in any other election if in the form of mass mailing or telephone bank. The term "electioneering communication" does not include any of the (43)

> following: A communication appearing in a news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, unless



those facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, affiliated party committee, political committee, or candidate.

- b. A communication that constitutes an expenditure or independent expenditure under this Article.
- c. A communication that constitutes a candidate debate or forum conducted pursuant to rules adopted by the Board or that solely promotes that debate or forum and is made by or on behalf of the person sponsoring the debate or forum.
- d. A communication made while the General Assembly is in session which, incidental to advocacy for or against a specific piece of legislation pending before the General Assembly, urges the audience to communicate with a member or members of the General Assembly concerning that piece of legislation or a solicitation of others as defined in G.S. 163A-250(a)(36) properly reported under Article 8 of this Chapter.
- e. A communication that meets all of the following criteria:
 - 1. Does not mention any election, candidacy, political party, opposing candidate, or voting by the general public.
 - 2. Does not take a position on the candidate's character or qualifications and fitness for office.
 - 3. Proposes a commercial transaction.
- f. A public opinion poll conducted by a news medium, as defined in G.S. 8-53.11(a)(3), conducted by an organization whose primary purpose is to conduct or publish public opinion polls, or contracted for by a person to be conducted by an organization whose primary purpose is to conduct or publish public opinion polls. This sub-subdivision shall not apply to a push poll. For the purpose of this sub-subdivision, "push poll" shall mean the political campaign technique in which an individual or organization attempts to influence or alter the view of respondents under the guise of conducting a public opinion poll.
- g. A communication made by a news medium, as defined in G.S. 8-53.11(a)(3), if the communication is in print.G.S. 8-53.11(a)(3).

SECTION 3. G.S. 163A-1475(1) reads as rewritten:

- "(1) "Advertisement" means any message appearing in the print media, on television, or on radio television or radio, or through a qualified digital communication that constitutes a contribution or expenditure any of the following under this Article:
 - a. A contribution.
 - b. An expenditure.
 - c. An independent expenditure."

SECTION 4. G.S. 163A-1476 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163A-1476. Basic disclosure requirements for all political advertisements.

(a) Basic Requirements. — It shall be unlawful for any sponsor to sponsor an advertisement or an electioneering communication (i) in the print media or media, (ii) on radio or television television, or (iii) through a qualified digital communication that constitutes an expenditure, independent expenditure, electioneering communication, or contribution unless such advertisement or electioneering communication complies with required to be disclosed under this Article Article. The sponsor of a qualified digital communication shall also comply with G.S. 163A-1478.

- (a1) Legend Requirements. All advertisements and electioneering communications described in subsection (a) of this section unless shall comply with all the following conditions are met:conditions:
 - (1) It bears the legend or includes the statement: "Paid for by ____ [Name of candidate, candidate campaign committee, political party organization, political action committee, referendum committee, individual, or other sponsor]." In television advertisements, advertisements or qualified digital communications, this disclosure shall be made by visual legend.
 - The name used in the labeling required in subdivision (1) of this subsection is the name that appears on the statement of organization as required in G.S. 163A-1412(b)(1) or G.S. 163A-1424(a).
 - (3) In a print media advertisement or a qualified digital communication supporting or opposing the nomination or election of one or more clearly identified candidates, the sponsor states shall state whether it is authorized by a candidate. The visual legend in the advertisement or qualified digital communication shall state either "Authorized by [name of candidate], candidate for [name of office]" or "Not authorized by a candidate." This subdivision does not apply if the sponsor of the advertisement or electioneering communication is the candidate the advertisement or qualified digital communication supports or that candidate's campaign committee.
 - (4) In a print media advertisement advertisements or qualified digital communications that identifies identify a candidate the sponsor is opposing, the sponsor shall discloses disclose in the advertisement or qualified digital communication the name of the candidate who is intended to benefit from the electioneering communication or advertisement. This subdivision applies only when the sponsor coordinates or consults about the advertisement or the expenditure for it electioneering communication with the candidate who is intended to benefit.
- (a2) If an advertisement or electioneering communication described in subsection (a) of this section is jointly sponsored, the disclosure statement shall name all the sponsors.
- (b) Size Requirements. <u>The following shall apply to all advertisements and electioneering communications described in subsection (a) of this section:</u>
 - In a-print media advertisement covered by subsection (a) of this section, media, the height of all disclosure statements legends required by that subsection (a1) of this section shall constitute at least five percent (5%) of the height of the printed space of the advertisement, advertisement or electioneering communication, provided that the type shall in no event be less than 12 points in size. In an advertisement or electioneering communication in a newspaper or a newspaper insert, the total height of the disclosure statement legend required by subsection (a1) of this section need not constitute five percent of the printed space of the advertisement or electioneering communication if the type of the disclosure statement legend is at least 28 points in size. If a single advertisement or electioneering communication consists of multiple pages, folds, or faces, the disclosure requirement legend required by subsection (a1) of this section applies only to one page, fold, or face.
 - (2) In a television advertisement covered by subsection (a) of this section, On television, the visual disclosure legend shall constitute four percent (4%) of vertical picture height in size, and where the television advertisement or electioneering communication that appears is paid for by a candidate or candidate campaign committee, the visual disclosure legend shall appear

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1 2 3 simultaneously with an easily identifiable photograph of the candidate for at least two seconds.

4 5 (3) In a radio advertisement covered by subsection (a) of this section, On radio, the disclosure statement shall last at least two seconds, provided the statement is spoken so that its contents may be easily understood.

In a qualified digital communication, the legend required by subsection (a1) of this section shall appear (i) in letters at least as large as the smallest text in the qualified digital communication or (ii) in a heading or similar section of text displayed above or within the qualified digital communication that is visually distinct from the text of the qualified digital communication and shall have a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and the

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(c) Misrepresentation of Authorization. - Notwithstanding G.S. 163A-1445(a), any candidate, candidate campaign committee, political party organization, political action committee, referendum committee, individual, or other sponsor making an advertisement or electioneering communication described in subsection (a) of this section (i) in the print media or media, (ii) on radio or television television, or (iii) through a qualified digital communication bearing any legend required by subsection (a) subsection (a1) of this section that misrepresents the sponsorship or authorization of the advertisement or electioneering communication is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor."

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SECTION 5. G.S. 163A-1477 reads as rewritten:

"§ 163A-1477. Scope of disclosure requirements.

The disclosure requirements of this Part apply to any sponsor of an advertisement in the print media or on radio or television the cost or value of which constitutes an expenditure or contribution required to be disclosed under this Article, or electioneering communication described in G.S. 163A-1476(a), except that the disclosure requirements of this Part:

Do not apply to an individual who makes uncoordinated independent (1) expenditures aggregating less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in a political campaign; and

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(2) Do not apply to an individual who incurs expenses with respect to a referendum.

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The disclosure requirements of this Part do not apply to any advertisement the expenditure for which is required to be disclosed by G.S. 163-278.12A alone and by no other law."

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SECTION 6. Part 2 of Article 23 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

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"§ 163A-1478. State Board to maintain records of qualified digital communications for political advertisements.

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Any sponsor making an advertisement or electioneering communication described by (a) G.S. 163A-1476(a) through a qualified digital communication shall submit an informational statement to the State Board, in the form required by the State Board. At a minimum, the State Board shall require all of the following information with respect to a qualified digital communication:

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(1) The name of the sponsor.

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(2) The city and state where the sponsor is located.

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The amount spent by the sponsor for the qualified digital communication. <u>(3)</u>

(4) A description of the qualified digital communication.

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The dates or date range on which the qualified digital communication runs. (5) The candidate or candidates intended to benefit from the qualified digital (6) communication, if the sponsor is not the candidate or the candidate's campaign

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1	7) The audience targeted by the qualified digital communication, if less than the
9	entire district in which the identified candidate or candidates are seeking
	election.
	8) The manner in which the qualified digital communication was distributed.
(Which Web site, Web application, or digital application, including any socia
-	network, advertising network, or search engine, was paid the fee to place or
	promote the qualified digital communication.
(b) A	All informational statements submitted to the State Board under this section are a
public recor	d and shall be maintained by the State Board on its Web site for at least two election
cycles."	
	SECTION 7. This act becomes effective January 1, 2020, and applies to elections
conducted c	n or after that date



HOUSE BILL 700: Digital Campaign Finance Disclosure Changes.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:

House Elections and Ethics Law. If favorable, Date:

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Introduced by: Analysis of:

Reps. Grange, Harrison, Lewis, Hawkins

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Prepared by: Erika Churchill, Jessica

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Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: The proposed committee substitute would require qualified digital communications to be subject to the disclosure requirements for campaign advertisements, effective January 1, 2020.

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 163A-1411(41) defines an electioneering communication as a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication, mass mailing, or telephone bank that includes all of the following characteristics:

- 1. Refers to a clearly identified candidate for elected office.
- 2. In an even-numbered general election in November, is aired or transmitted within 30 days of the time set for early voting.
- 3. May be received by the following:
 - For a broadcast, cable, or satellite communication: 50,000 or more individuals in a statewide election or 7,500 or more individuals in any other election.
 - For a mass mailing or telephone bank: 20,000 or more households, cumulative, in a statewide election, or 2,500 households, cumulative, in any other election.

Some communications are specifically excluded as electioneering communications, including news stories, commentaries, or editorials distributed through the facilities of certain broadcasting stations; expenditures or independent expenditures; certain candidate debates or forums; certain communications made while the General Assembly is in session related to advocacy for or against a specific piece of legislation; certain commercial transactions; certain public opinion polls; and communications made in certain print news media.

G.S. 163A-1424 requires every individual or person incurring an expense for the direct cost of producing or airing electioneering communications aggregating in excess of \$5,000 to report certain information to the appropriate board of elections, including identifying those incurring the expense, the amount of the expenses during the period of the statement, to whom the expense was incurred, the elections to which it pertains, if any, the names of candidates identified, if known, and the names and addresses of those donating an aggregate of more than \$1,000 during the reporting period.

G.S. 163A-1476 makes it unlawful to sponsor an advertisement in the print media, television, or radio that constitutes an expenditure, independent expenditure, electioneering communication, or contribution required to be disclosed under the campaign finance laws without including the following:

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- 1. A legend or statement indicating the sponsor that paid for the advertisement.
- 2. If the advertisement in print media supports or opposes the nomination or election of a clearly identified candidate, whether the advertisement was authorized by the candidate.
- 3. If the advertisement in print media oppose the nomination or election of a clearly identified candidate, the candidate the advertisement is intended to benefit.

Dependent on the type of media, certain specific size requirements for the disclosure statements are required by law. Misrepresentation of the sponsorship or authorization of the advertisement is a Class 1 misdemeanor. The disclosure requirements do not apply to an individual making uncoordinated independent expenditures aggregating less than \$1000 in a political campaign, or to individuals incurring expenses with respect to a referendum.

BILL ANALYSIS: The PCS would add a definition of "qualified digital communications" to the campaign finance laws, and include that term as a means by which an electioneering communication could be communicated. A qualified digital communication would be "any communication placed or promoted on a public-facing Web site, Web application, or digital application, including a social network, advertising network, or search engine, when a fee is required to be paid for such placement or promotion."

The PCS would also impose the basic disclosure requirements upon advertisements appearing through a qualified digital communication. Specific to the size requirements, in a qualified digital communication, the legends are to appear either:

- > In letters at least as large as the smallest text in the qualified digital communication, or
- In a heading or similar section of text displayed above or within the qualified digital communication that is visually distinct from the text of the qualified digital communication with a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and legend.

Additionally, for qualified digital communications, the sponsor is to file a report with the State Board of Elections containing all of the following:

- > The name of the sponsor.
- > The city and state where the sponsor is located.
- > The amount spent by the sponsor for the qualified digital communication.
- > A description of the qualified digital communication.
- > The dates, or date range, on which the qualified digital communication ran.
- > The candidate(s) intended to benefit from the qualified digital communication, if the sponsor is not the candidate or the candidate's campaign committee.
- The audience targeted by the qualified digital communication, if less than the entire district in which the identified candidate(s) are seeking election.
- ➤ The manner in which the qualified digital communication was distributed.
- ➤ Which Web site, Web application, or digital application, including any social network, advertising network, or search engine, was paid the fee to place or promote the qualified digital communication.

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House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 1:00 PM 1228/1327 Legislative Building

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introduction of Pages

Bills

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
HB 481	Voter Initiative for Beaufort County.	Representative Kidwell
HB 863	Qualifications for Sheriff/Expunctions.	Representative McNeill
		Representative C. Smith
HB 851	Delay Decertification/Certain Voting	Representative Howard
	Machines.	
SB 124	Small Town Mixed Beverage Election	Senator J. Alexander
	Reqs.	

Other Business

Adjournment

Updated #3: Removed HB700

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND BILL SPONSOR NOTIFICATION 2019-2020 SESSION

DAY & DATE: Wednesday, July 10, 2019

TIME: 1:00 PM LOCATION: 1228/1327 LB

COMMENTS: Representative Destin Hall will preside.

The following bills will be considered:

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SB 124	Small Town Mixed Beverage Election	Senator J. Alexander
	Regs.	

Respectfully,

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

I hereby certify this notice was filed by	the committee	assistant at the	following	offices at	10:57	AM on
Thursday, November 14, 2019.						

 Principal Clerk
Reading Clerk - House Chamber

David L. Cobb (Committee Assistant)

House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 1:00 PM Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building

MINUTES

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law met at 1:00 PM on July 10, 2019 in Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building. Representatives Hall, Grange, Warren, Adams, Batch, Blackwell, Dahle, Davis, Faircloth, Fisher, Floyd, Hanig, Hardister, Harrison, McNeill, Riddell, Russell, Speciale, and Szoka attended.

Representative Destin Hall, Chair, presided.

The following bills were considered:

HB 481 Voter Initiative for Beaufort County. (Representative Kidwell)

HB 863 Qualifications for Sheriff/Expunctions. (Representatives McNeill, C. Smith

HB 851 Delay Decertification/Certain Voting Machines. (Representative Howard)

SB 124 Small Town Mixed Beverage Election Regs. (Senator J. Alexander)

Chairman Hall recognized Representative Barnes to introduce SB124. Representative Warren motioned for a favorable report for SB124. The motion carried and SB124 received a favorable report with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Representative Hall recognized Representative Kidwell to introduce HB481. Representative Warren moved that a PCS for HB481 be brought before the committee, and without objection Representative Hall placed the PCS before the committee. Representative Kidwell to introduce the PCS of HB481. Representative Hanig moved for a favorable report to the PCS and unfavorable to the original for HB481, and that the PCS be referred to rules. Chairman Hall called for a vote on HB481, which received a favorable report with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

Chairman Hall recognized Representative McNeil & Representative Smith to introduce HB863. The bill sponsors were asked multiple questions about the bill by Representatives Blackwell, Warren, Speciale, Batch, and Hanig. A consistent pattern in the questions concerned the felonies committed my minors who had their records expunged, and if those felonies committed as minors would be held against them later in life. Representative Warren motioned for a favorable report for HB863. The motion carried and HB863 received a favorable report with a serial referral to the House Committee on Finance.

Chairman Hall recognized Representative Howard to introduce HB851. Representative Hardister called for a motion at the appropriate time. Representative Harrison requested that there be time allotted for public comment on HB851. Chairman Hall stated that since there was a limited amount of time for committee to meet, there would not be any general public comment allowed in the committee. Chairman Hall then invited Representative Harrison to call any audience member to the public microphone that Representative Harrison had planned to speak. NCSBE

Director Karen Brinson Bell came up the microphone to address the question of Representative Harrison. Chairman Hall called for any further discussion or debate. Representative Hardister motioned for a favorable report for HB851. The motion carried and HB851 received a favorable report with a serial referral to the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

With no further business remaining, Representative Hall adjourned the committee meeting at

1:20PM

Representative Destin Hall, Chair

Presiding

David L. Cobb, Committee Clerk

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2019**

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HOUSE BILL 481

Committee Substitute Favorable 4/10/19 PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H481-PCS10695-TC-44

Short Title:	Voter Initiative for Beaufort County.	(Local)
Sponsors:		
Referred to:		

March 28, 2019

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE VOTERS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY A RIGHT TO PETITION 3 FOR CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF 4 COMMISSIONERS. 5

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Part 4 of Article 4 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 153A-60.1. Alteration by voter initiative.

The people may initiate a referendum on proposed alterations authorized by this Part. An initiative petition shall bear the signatures and resident addresses of a number of qualified voters of the county equal to at least fifteen percent (15%) of the whole number of voters who are registered to vote in the county according to the most recent figures certified by the State Board of Elections or 5,000, whichever is less. The petition shall, with reference to the pertinent provisions of G.S. 153A-58, contain the precise text of the resolution necessary to implement the proposed changes. The petition may not propose changes in the alternative, or more than one integrated set of alterations. Upon receipt of a valid initiative petition, the county board of elections shall call a special election on the question of adopting the alterations proposed therein and shall give public notice of the special election in accordance with G.S. 163A-1592. The date of the special election shall be the date of the next countywide election, whether primary, general, or special, held more than 90 days after receipt of the petition. If a majority of the votes cast in the special election are in favor of the proposed changes, the resolution is adopted. Alterations adopted under this section shall continue in force for at least two years after the beginning of the term of office of the officers elected under the new manner of election. No initiative petition may be filed (i) within one year and six months following the effective date of a resolution adopting alterations pursuant to this Part, nor (ii) within one year and six months following the date of any election on alterations that were defeated by the voters.

The restrictions imposed by this section on filing initiative petitions shall apply only to petitions concerning the same subject matter.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the submission of more than one proposition for alterations on the same ballot so long as no proposition offers a different plan under the same option as another proposition on the same ballot."

SECTION 2. This act applies to Beaufort County only.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2019

HOUSE BILL 863

Short Title	e: Qualifications for Sheriff/Expunctions.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives McNeill and C. Smith (Primary Sponsors).	
•	For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly we	b site.
Referred to	o: Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Cale Operations of the House	ndar, and
-	April 22, 2019	
TO D CONV	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED TO REQUIRE A CANDIDATE OR APPOINTEE FOR THE OFFICE OF S DISCLOSE ALL FELONY CONVICTIONS, INCLUDING ANY EXP VICTIONS.	
The Gener	ral Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
110 4 60 0	SECTION 1. G.S. 162-2 reads as rewritten:	
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	Standards Commission in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 17E of the	General
Statutes.	No person shall engage in the practice of law or serve as a member of the	General
(c)	while serving as sheriff."	General
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(e) Disclosure of Felony Conviction. — At-Except for candidates to the office of sheriff as provided in subsection (f) of this section, at the same time the candidate files notice of candidacy under this section and G.S. 163A-973, 163A-974, 163A-975, 163A-977, and 163A-978, the candidate shall file with the same office a statement answering the following question: "Have you ever been convicted of a felony?" The State Board shall adapt the notice of candidacy form to include the statement required by this subsection. The form shall make clear that a felony conviction need not be disclosed if the conviction was dismissed as a result of reversal on appeal or resulted in a pardon of innocence or expungement. The form shall require



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a candidate who answers "yes" to the question to provide the name of the offense, the date of conviction, the date of the restoration of citizenship rights, and the county and state of conviction. The form shall require the candidate to swear or affirm that the statements on the form are true, correct, and complete to the best of the candidate's knowledge or belief. The form shall be available as a public record in the office of the board of elections where the candidate files notice of candidacy and shall contain an explanation that a prior felony conviction does not preclude holding elective office if the candidate's rights of citizenship have been restored. This subsection shall also apply to individuals who become candidates for election by the people under G.S. 163A-987, 163A-1005, 163A-1006, 163A-953, 115C-37, 130A-50, Part 2 of Article 27 of this Chapter, or any other statute or local act. Those individuals shall complete the question at the time the documents are filed initiating their candidacy. The State Board shall adapt those documents to include the statement required by this subsection. If an individual does not complete the statement required by this subsection, the board of elections accepting the filing shall notify the individual of the omission, and the individual shall have 48 hours after notice to complete the statement. If the individual does not complete the statement at the time of filing or within 48 hours after the notice, the individual's filing is not complete, the individual's name shall not appear on the ballot as a candidate, and votes for the that individual shall not be counted. It is a Class I felony to complete the form knowing that information as to felony conviction or restoration of citizenship is untrue. This subsection shall not apply to candidates required by G.S. 163A-187(f) to file Statements of Economic Interest.

(f) Disclosure of Felony Convictions and Expungements for the Office of Sheriff. – At the time of filing the notice of candidacy each candidate to the office of sheriff shall file a valid disclosure statement prepared in accordance with G.S. 17E-20 verifying that individual has no prior felony convictions or expungements of felony convictions. If a candidate does not file such valid disclosure statement required by this subsection, that individual's filing is not complete, the individual's name shall not appear on the ballot as a candidate, and votes for that individual shall not be counted in accordance with Section 2 of Article VII of the North Carolina Constitution."

SECTION 3.(a) G.S. 17E-1 through G.S. 17E-6 and G.S. 17E-10 are recodified as Article 1 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes as follows:

"Article 1.
"General."

SECTION 3.(b) G.S. 17E-7 through G.S. 17E-19, with the exception of G.S. 17E-10, are recodified as Article 2 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes as follows:

"Article 2.
"Justice Officers."

SECTION 3.(c) When recodifying pursuant to this section, the Revisor may separate subsections of existing statutory sections into new sections and, when necessary to organize relevant law into its proper place in Chapter 17E of the General Statutes, as amended by this act, may rearrange sentences that currently appear within subsections. The Revisor may modify statutory citations throughout the General Statutes, as appropriate, and may modify any references to statutory divisions, such as "Chapter," "Subchapter," "Article," "Part," "section," and "subsection," adjust the order of lists of multiple statutes to maintain statutory order, correct terms and conform names and titles changed by this act, and make conforming changes to catch lines and references to catch lines. The Revisor may also adjust subject and verb agreement and the placement of conjunctions. The Revisor shall consult with the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission on this recodification.

SECTION 4. G.S. 17E-4(b), as recodified by Section 3 of this act, is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

(13) Prepare disclosure statements for candidates and potential appointees for the office of sheriff with respect to felony convictions and expunctions, as

provided for in this Chapter. The Commission may charge a fee of the applicant to cover the cost of any criminal history check."

SECTION 5. G.S. 17E-11, as recodified by Section 3 of this act, reads as rewritten:

"§ 17E-11. Application and construction of Chapter. Article.

(a) Nothing in this Chapter Article shall apply to the sheriff elected by the people.

(b) Nothing in this Chapter Article shall be construed as modifying the character of a sheriff from an elective office, or as modifying the character of the office of deputy sheriff from an appointive office.

(c) If a justice officer, or a criminal justice officer as defined in G.S. 17C-2(c), becomes sheriff, the justice officer is not required to maintain certification for the period served as sheriff. The Commission shall reinstate certification upon the conclusion of the period of service as sheriff and in conformance with the rules of the Commission for the application for certification."

SECTION 6. Chapter 17E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 3. "Sheriffs.

"Sheriffs."
§ 17E-20. Disclosure of convictions and expungements for the office of sheriff.

- (a) Each individual filing, or intending to file, a notice of candidacy for election, or any individual prior to appointment to fill a vacancy, to the office of sheriff shall request the Commission to prepare a disclosure statement verifying that individual has no prior felony convictions or expungements of felony convictions. The individual shall provide such information as required by the Commission for the completion of the disclosure statement, including any evidence that the individual has been granted an unconditional pardon of innocence for a felony crime in this State, any other state, or the United States, and any fee to cover the cost of the criminal background check.
- (b) Upon the request of an individual filing, or intending to file, a notice of candidacy for election as sheriff, or any individual prior to appointment to fill a vacancy to the office of sheriff, the Commission shall prepare a disclosure statement verifying that the individual has no prior felony convictions or expungements for felony convictions. The disclosure statement shall be in a format as determined by the Commission, but shall include at least all of the following:
 - (1) Name of the individual.
 - (2) Date the disclosure statement was prepared.
 - (3) County of residence of the individual.
 - (4) A statement that individual has no prior felony convictions or expungements for felony convictions, if in fact the individual has no prior felony convictions or expungements for felony convictions.
- (c) In preparing the disclosure statement, the Commission shall do at least all of the following:
 - (1) Conduct a criminal history record check of state and national databases to determine if the individual has a record of a felony conviction.
 - (2) Contact the Administrative Office of the Courts and request confirmation of whether or not the individual has previously received an expunction of a felony record.
 - (3) Determine if the individual has ever been convicted of a felony in violation of Section 2 of Article VII of the North Carolina Constitution.
- (d) Any request for a disclosure statement, any supporting documentation used in the preparation of any disclosure statement, and any disclosure statement prepared by the Commission in accordance with this section is confidential and not a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
- 50 "§ 17E-21 through 17E-24. Reserved.
 - "§ 17E-25. Expunction records access.

Notwithstanding G.S. 15A-145.4 or G.S. 15A-145.5, the Commission may gain access to an individual's felony conviction records, including those maintained by the Administrative Office of the Courts in its confidential files containing the names of persons granted expunctions for the purposes of this Article.

"§ 17E-26 through 17E-29. Reserved.

"§ 17E-30. Expiration of disclosure of convictions and expungements for the office of sheriff.

Any disclosure statement prepared by the Commission shall be valid for the purpose of filing in accordance with G.S. 163A-972, 162-5, or 162-5.1 for 90 days after issuance."

SECTION 7. G.S. 15A-151(a) reads as rewritten:

- "(a) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall maintain a confidential file for expungements containing the petitions granted under this Article and the names of those people for whom it received a notice under G.S. 15A-150. The information contained in the file may be disclosed only as follows:
 - (1) Upon request of a judge of the General Court of Justice of North Carolina for the purpose of ascertaining whether a person charged with an offense has been previously granted a discharge or an expunction.
 - (2) Upon request of a person requesting confirmation of the person's own discharge or expunction.
 - (3) To the General Court of Justice of North Carolina in response to a subpoena or other court order issued pursuant to a civil action under G.S. 15A-152.
 - (4) Upon request of State or local law enforcement, if the criminal record was expunged pursuant to G.S. 15A 145.4, 15A 145.5, or 15A 145.6 under this Chapter for employment purposes only.
 - (5) Upon the request of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, if the criminal record was expunged pursuant to G.S. 15A 145.4, 15A 145.5, or 15A 145.6 under this Chapter for certification purposes only.
 - (6) Upon request of the North Carolina Sheriff's Standards Commission, if the criminal record was expunged pursuant to G.S. 15A 145.4, 15A 145.5, or 15A-145.6 under this Chapter for certification purposes only.
 - (7) To the district attorney in accordance with G.S. 15A-151.5.
 - Upon request of the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission, if the criminal record was expunged under this Chapter for purposes of preparing a disclosure statement in accordance with Article 3 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes."

SECTION 8.(a) G.S. 15A-153 reads as rewritten:

"§ 15A-153. Effect of expunction; prohibited practices by employers, educational institutions, agencies of State and local governments.

- (e) [Exceptions. –] The provisions of subsection (d) of this section do not apply to any applicant or licensee seeking or holding any certification issued by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to Article 1 of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes or the North Carolina Sheriffs Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes:
 - (1) Convictions expunged pursuant to G.S. 15A-145.4. Persons pursuing certification under the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 17C or Article 2 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes shall disclose any and all felony convictions to the certifying Commission regardless of whether or not the felony convictions were expunged pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 15A-145.4.

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Convictions expunged pursuant to G.S. 15A-145.5. - Persons pursuing (2) certification under the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 17C or Article 2 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes shall disclose any and all convictions to the certifying Commission regardless of whether or not the convictions were expunged pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 15A-145.5.

The provisions of subsection (d) of this section do not apply to any individual (e1) requesting a disclosure statement be prepared by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes.

SECTION 8.(b) G.S. 15A-145.4 reads as rewritten:

"§ 15A-145.4. Expunction of records for first offenders who are under 18 years of age at the time of the commission of a nonviolent felony.

- No person as to whom an order has been entered pursuant to subsection (e) of this (f) section shall be held thereafter under any provision of any laws to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of that person's failure to recite or acknowledge the arrest, indictment, information, trial, or conviction. Persons pursuing certification under the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 17C or 17E of the General Statutes, however, shall disclose any and all felony convictions to the certifying Commission regardless of whether or not the felony convictions were expunged pursuant to the provisions of this section. This subsection shall not apply to a sentencing hearing when the person has been convicted of a subsequent criminal offense.
- Persons required by State law to obtain a criminal history record check on a (f1)prospective employee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any convictions expunged under this section.
- Persons pursuing certification under the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 17C or (f2)Article 2 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes, however, shall disclose any and all felony convictions to the certifying Commission regardless of whether or not the felony convictions were expunged pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- Persons requesting a disclosure statement be prepared by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes, however, shall disclose any and all felony convictions to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission regardless of whether or not the felony convictions were expunged pursuant to the provisions of this section. !!

SECTION 8.(c) G.S. 15A-145.5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 15A-145.5. Expunction of certain misdemeanors and felonies; no age limitation.

- Persons pursuing certification under the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 17C or Article 2 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes, however, shall disclose any and all convictions to the certifying Commission, regardless of whether or not the convictions were expunged pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- Persons requesting a disclosure statement be prepared by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes, however, shall disclose any and all felony convictions to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission regardless of whether or not the felony convictions were expunged pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- Persons required by State law to obtain a criminal history record check on a prospective employee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any convictions expunged under

SECTION 8.(d) G.S. 15A-145.6 reads as rewritten:

"§ 15A-145.6. Expunctions for certain defendants convicted of prostitution.

(g1) Persons pursuing certification under the provisions of Article 1 of Chapter 17C or Article 2 of 17E of the General Statutes, however, shall disclose any and all prostitution convictions to the certifying Commission regardless of whether or not the prostitution convictions were expunged pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(g2) Persons requesting a disclosure statement be prepared by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes, however, shall disclose any and all felony convictions to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission regardless of whether or not the felony convictions were expunged pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(g3) Persons required by State law to obtain a criminal history record check on a prospective employee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of any convictions expunged under this section.

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SECTION 9.(a) G.S. 162-5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 162-5. Vacancy filled; duties performed by coroner or chief deputy.

- (a) If any vacancy occurs in the office of sheriff, the coroner of the county shall execute all process directed to the sheriff until the first meeting of the <u>board of county commissioners</u> next succeeding such vacancy, when the board <u>of county commissioners</u> shall <u>elect appoint a sheriff to supply the vacancy for the residue of the term, who shall possess the same qualifications, enter into the same bond, and be subject to removal, as the sheriff regularly elected.</u>
- (b) If the board of county commissioners should fail to fill such vacancy, the coroner shall continue to discharge the duties of sheriff until it shall be filled. In those counties where the office of coroner has been abolished, the chief deputy sheriff, or if there is no chief deputy, then the senior deputy in years of service, shall perform all the duties of the sheriff until the board of county commissioners appoint some person to fill the unexpired term. In all counties the regular deputy sheriffs shall, during the interim of the vacancy, continue to perform their duties with full authority.
- (c) The board of county commissioners shall not make any appointment under this section without first being presented with a valid disclosure statement of no felony convictions or expungements, issued within 90 days prior to the appointment, prepared by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes with respect to the individual being appointed."

SECTION 9.(b) G.S. 162-5.1 reads as rewritten:

"§ 162-5.1. Vacancy filled in certain counties; duties performed by coroner or chief deputy.

- (a) If any vacancy occurs in the office of sheriff, the coroner of the county shall execute all process directed to the sheriff until the board of county commissioners shall elect appoint a sheriff to supply the vacancy for the residue of the term, who shall possess the same qualifications, enter into the same bond, and be subject to removal, as the sheriff regularly elected.
- (b) If the sheriff were elected as a nominee of a political party, the board of county commissioners shall consult the county executive committee of that political party before filling the vacancy, and shall elect appoint the person recommended by the county executive committee of that party, if the party makes a recommendation within 30 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.
- (c) If the board should fail to fill such vacancy, the coroner shall continue to discharge the duties of sheriff until it shall be filled. In those counties where the office of coroner has been abolished, the chief deputy sheriff, or if there is no chief deputy, then the senior deputy in years

of service, shall perform all the duties of the sheriff until the <u>board of</u> county commissioners appoint some person to fill the unexpired term. In all counties the regular deputy sheriffs shall, during the interim of the vacancy, continue to perform their duties with full authority.

(d) The board of county commissioners shall not make any appointment under this section without first being presented with a valid disclosure statement of no felony convictions or expungements, issued within 90 days prior to the appointment, prepared by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 17E of the General Statutes with respect to the individual being appointed.

(e) This section shall apply only in the following counties: Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Avery, Beaufort, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Davidson, Davie, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Gaston, Graham, Guilford, Haywood, Henderson, Hyde, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Rockingham, Rutherford, Sampson, Stokes, Surry, Transylvania, Wake, Washington, Wayne, and Yancey."

SECTION 10. Article 13 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 143B-972. Criminal record checks for sheriffs.

- (a) The Department of Public Safety may provide to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission a criminal history from the State and National Repositories of Criminal Histories for any person filing a notice of candidacy, or any potential appointee to fill a vacancy, to the office of sheriff. The North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission shall provide to the Department of Public Safety, along with the request, the fingerprints of the person filing a notice of candidacy, or any potential appointee to fill a vacancy, to the office of sheriff, a form signed by the individual consenting to the criminal record check and use of fingerprints and other identifying information required by the State and National Repositories, and any additional information required by the Department of Public Safety. The fingerprints of the individual shall be forwarded to the State Bureau of Investigation for a search of the State's criminal history record file, and the State Bureau of Investigation shall forward a set of fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.
- (b) The criminal history report shall be provided to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission, who shall keep all information obtained pursuant to this section confidential to the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission. A criminal history report obtained as provided in this section is not a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes."

SECTION 11. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections and appointments to the office of sheriff on or after that date.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2019**

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HOUSE BILL 851

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(Public) Short Title: Delay Decertification/Certain Voting Machines. Sponsors: Representative Howard. For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site. Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the Referred to: House

April 18, 2019

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO DELAY THE REQUIRED DECERTIFICATION OF VOTING MACHINES. The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 3.11 of S.L. 2018-13 reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 3.11.(a) Section 30.8 of S.L. 2013-281, S.L. 2013-381 as amended by Section 6(a) of S.L. 2015-103, reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 30.8. Any direct record electronic (DRE) voting systems currently certified by the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement which do not use paper ballots shall be decertified and shall not be used in any election held on or after December 1, 2019. December 1, 2021. Decertification of a DRE voting system that does not use paper ballots may not be appealed to the Superior Court of Wake County pursuant to G.S. 163A-1115(d)."

SECTION 3.11.(b) Section 30.9 of S.L. 2013-281, S.L. 2013-381, as amended by Section 6(b) of S.L. 2015-103, reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 30.9. This Part becomes effective December 1, 2019, December 1, 2021, for counties that use direct record electronic voting machines.""

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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SENATE BILL 124

Short Title: Small Town Mixed Beverage Election Reqs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator J. Alexander (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 26, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET BEFORE CERTAIN

SMALL TOWNS MAY HOLD A MIXED BEVERAGE ELECTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 18B-600(e3) reads as rewritten:

"(e3) Small Town Mixed Beverage Elections. – A town may hold a mixed beverage election

"(e3) Small Town Mixed Beverage Elections. – A town may hold a mixed beverage election if the town (i) has at least 200 registered voters and voters, is located in a county bordering the Neuse River and Pamlico Sound that has not approved the sale of mixed beverages beverages, and that county has only one city that has approved the sale of mixed beverages. beverages or (ii) has at least 200 registered voters, has a total area of less than one square mile, operates an ABC store, and is located in a county that has at least three cities that have approved the sale of mixed beverages. Provided, that if a town that qualifies for an election under this subsection approves the sale of mixed beverages, mixed beverages permittees in the town may purchase liquor from the ABC store designated by any local ABC board in any other city that has approved the sale of mixed beverages."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

FAVORABLE AND RE-REFERRED

HB **851**

Delay Decertification/Certain Voting Machines.

Draft Number:

None

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Serial Referral:

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Recommended Referral: Long Title Amended:

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Floor Manager:

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HB **863**

Qualifications for Sheriff/Expunctions.

Draft Number:

None

Serial Referral:

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Recommended Referral: Long Title Amended:

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Floor Manager:

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SB 124

Small Town Mixed Beverage Election Reqs.

Draft Number:

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Recommended Referral:

Long Title Amended:

None No

Floor Manager:

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Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

FAVORABLE COM SUB NO. 2, UNFAVORABLE COM SUB NO. 1 AND RE-REFERRED

HB 481 (CS#1) Voter Initiative for Beaufort County.

Draft Number:

H481-PCS10695-TC-44

Serial Referral:

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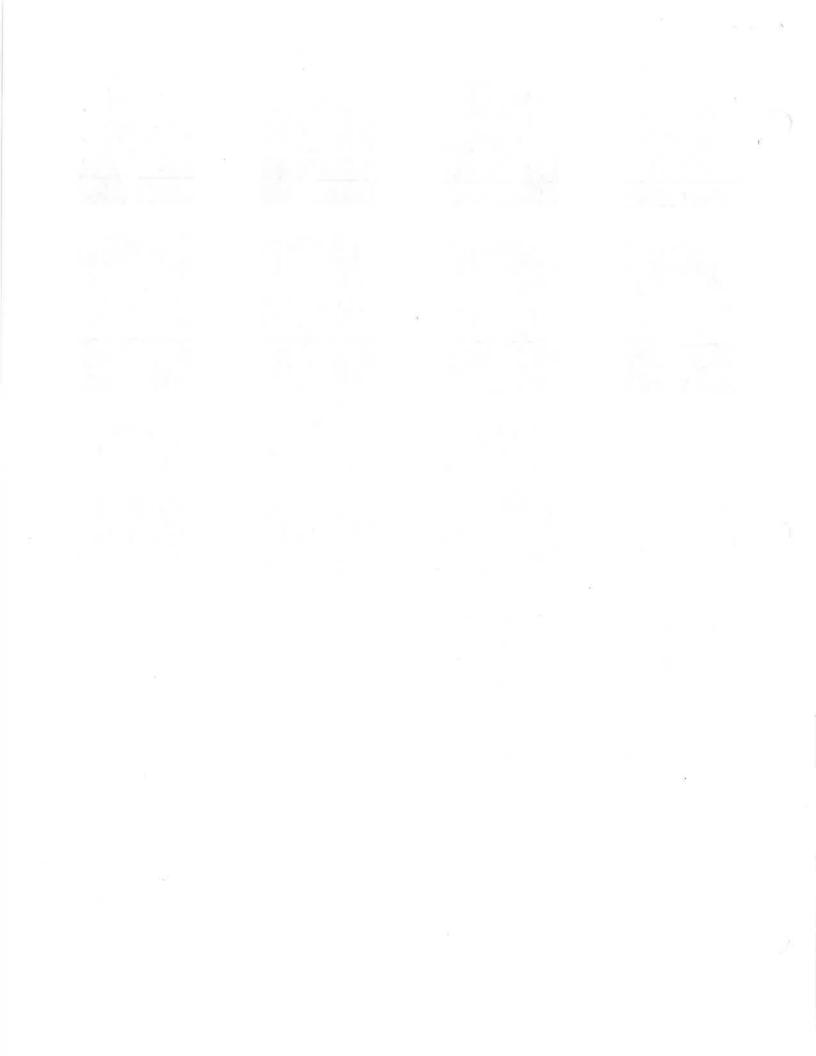


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2019-2020 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND ETHICS LAW

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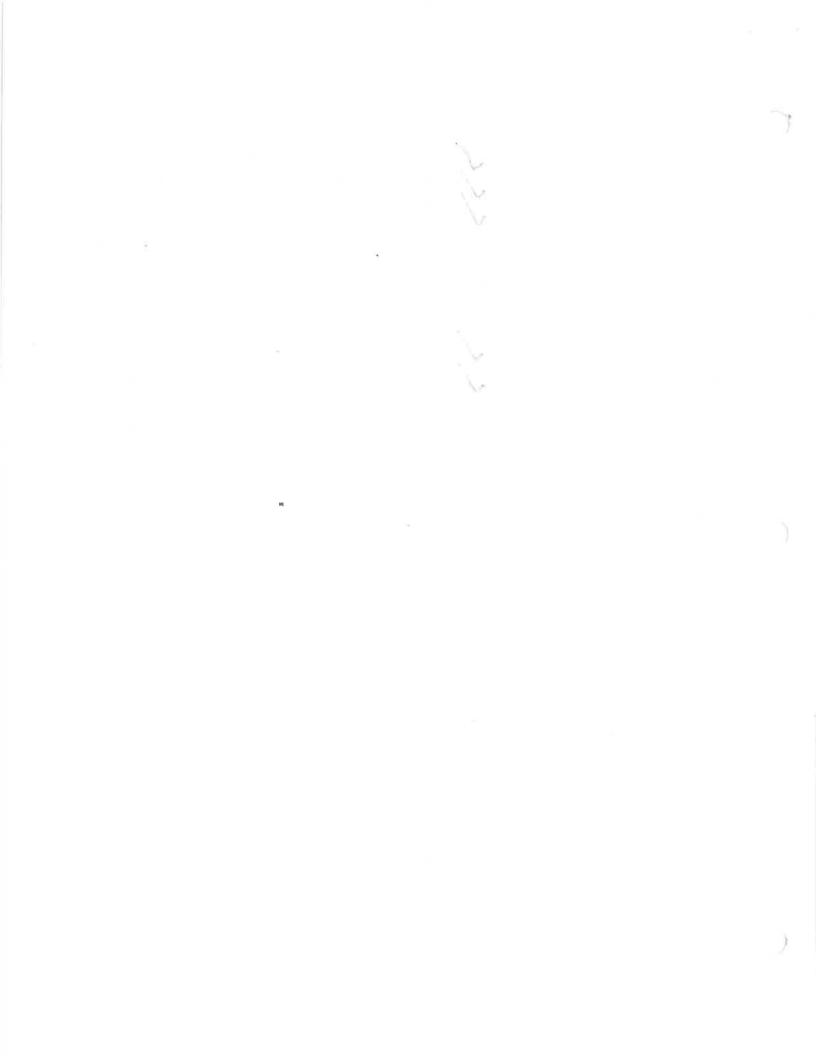
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NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES **COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE** AND **BILL SPONSOR NOTIFICATION** 2019-2020 SESSION

You are hereby notified that the House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law will meet as follows:

DAY & DATE: Wednesday, May 27, 2020

TIME: LOCATION: 9:00 AM 1228/1327 LB

COMMENTS:

Rep. Grange presiding - Virtual Meeting

In accordance with the latest guidance from the Center for Disease Control and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and the building rules of the North Carolina General Assembly, the House Committee Name, members will have the option to attend remotely to minimize the gathering of Members and staff. Members of the public are requested to comply with the guidance from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control by complying with social distancing guidelines and seating for 50 percent of room capacity or listening to a live stream audio via the NCGA committee website link by using committee room number 1228 of the Legislative Building. Additional video links are posted at ncleg.gov.

The following bills will be considered:

SHORT TITLE BILL NO.

HB 1169 Bipartisan Elections Act of 2020. **SPONSOR**

Representative Grange Representative Dahle Representative D. Hall Representative Harrison

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DAY & DATE: Wednesday, May 27, 2020

TIME:

11:30 AM

LOCATION:

1228/1327 LB

COMMENTS:

House Elections and Ethics Law will reconvene at 11:30 AM. Rep. Grange will

preside.

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House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 9:00 AM Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building

MINUTES

The House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law met at 9:00 AM on May 27, 2020 in Room 1228/1327 of the Legislative Building. Representatives Grange, Hall, Warren, Adams, Ball, Batch, Blackwell, Brockman, Dahle, Davis, Faircloth, Fisher, Floyd, Hanig, Hardister, Harrison, Holley, Jackson, Lewis, McNeill, Riddell, Russell, Speciale, Szoka, and Willingham attended.

Representative Holly Grange, Chair, presided.

Introduction of Sergeant-at-Arms and House pages.

The following bills were considered:

HB 1169 Bipartisan Elections Act of 2020. (Representatives Grange, Dahle, D. Hall, Harrison)

Rep. Grange explained House Bill 1169, Elections 2020 to Members of the Committee.

Rep. Grange stated that an estimated distribution of HB 1169 funds by county would be distributed to members (see attachment 1.)

Karen Hammons Blanks was recognized to explain the appropriations portion of the Bill.

Rep. Dahle was recognized to comment on HB 1169 and spoke in support of the Bill and stated that the Bill is an effort to make sure that everyone in North Carolina who wants to vote, can vote.

Rep. Harrison was recognized to speak on the Bill. She stated the Bill addressed many of the concerns that the State Board of Elections sent to them and the Bill would provide for a safer election and protect the health of citizens.

Rep. Warren was recognized to ask a question about the Bill to which Erika Churchill responded.

Rep. McNeill was recognized to speak and asked how Members listening in remotely would obtain the amendments that would be heard in the second meeting. Rep. Hall responded that they would receive them by e-mail.

Rep. Floyd was recognized to speak on the Bill. He stated he has a concern that the bill does not require enough witnesses during the voting process. Rep. Grange responded that the number of witnesses the Bill requires only applies to the 2020 Election due to health concerns because of the Pandemic.

Rep. Lewis was recognized to speak. He wanted to remind Members that HB 1169 is a true bipartisan bill and there are a lot of important policies in the Bill. Rep. Lewis continued to explain parts of the Bill.

Rep. Adams was recognized to speak on the Bill and expressed his concern that the bill does not require enough witnesses during the voting process.

Rep. Brockman was recognized to speak and asked a question with Section 8A. Rep. Lewis responded.

Rep. Warren was recognized to make a comment about Section 8A.

Rep. Harrison was recognized. Rep. Harrison made a comment about the witness requirement and stated that with the Pandemic it may be nearly impossible to require two witnesses in November.

The Committee adjourned at 9:37 AM.

Committee convened at 11 AM.

Rep. Grange recognized Rep. Lewis to explain Amendment H1169-ABK-59 [v.4] (see attachment 2.)

There was no discussion on the Amendment.

The Amendment was adopted.

Rep. Dahle was recognized for a motion on HB 1169.

HB 1169 was adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Representative Holly Grange, Chair

Presiding

Joanna K. Almquist, Committee Clerk

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House Committee on Elections and Ethics Law Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1228

AGENDA

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Bills:

HB 1169 Elections 2020

Representative Holly Grange Representative Dahle Representative D. Hall Representative Harrison

Adjournment

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ELECTIONS AND ETHICS LAW COMMITTEE REPORT

Representative Holly Grange, Co-Chair Representative Destin Hall, Co-Chair

FAVORABLE COM SUB, UNFAVORABLE ORIGINAL BILL AND RE-REFERRED

HB 1169 Elections 2020.

Draft Number:

H1169-PCS30587-ST-74

Serial Referral:

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Recommended Referral: None Long Title Amended:

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HOUSE BILL 1169*

Short Title:	Elections 2020. (Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Grange, Dahle, D. Hall, and Harrison (Primary Sponsors). For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.
Referred to:	Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 22, 2020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO THE LAWS RELATED TO ELECTIONS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) For an election held in 2020, notwithstanding G.S. 163-229(b) and G.S. 163-231(a), and provided all other requirements for absentee ballots are met, a voter's returned absentee ballot shall be accepted and processed accordingly by the county board of elections if the voter marked the ballot in the presence of at least one person who is at least 18 years of age and is not disqualified by G.S. 163-226.3(a)(4) or G.S. 163-237(c), provided that the person signed the application and certificate as a witness and printed that person's name and address on the container-return envelope. For an election held in 2020, notwithstanding G.S. 163-229(b), the State Board of Elections may prepare applications for each container-return envelope providing for a space for the identification of one person witnessing the casting of the absentee ballot in accordance with G.S. 163-231, that person's signatures, and that person's printed name and address.

SECTION 1.(b) For an election held in 2020, notwithstanding G.S. 163-42(b), in making appointments of the precinct assistants for each precinct in a county, the county board of elections shall ensure that at least one precinct assistant is a registered voter of the precinct, but may appoint registered voters from other precincts of the same county as precinct assistants for the remaining positions if there are an insufficient number of precinct assistants who reside within the precinct to fill all positions for the precinct, provided that the registered voter meets all qualifications to be a precinct assistant other than residence. For an election held in 2020, notwithstanding G.S. 163-41(c), the county board of elections shall ensure that at least one position of chief judge or judge is a registered voter of the precinct, but may appoint a registered voter from other precincts of the same county to fill the other two positions of chief judge or judge in a precinct.

SECTION 1.(c) For an election held in 2020, any individual working as part of a multipartisan team trained and authorized by the county board of elections pursuant to G.S. 163-226.3 may assist any voter in the completion of a request form for absentee ballots or in delivering a completed request form for absentee ballots to the county board of elections.

SECTION 1.(d) This section becomes effective July 1, 2020, and expires December 31, 2020.



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SECTION 2.(a) For an election held in 2020, notwithstanding G.S. 163-230.2, a completed written request for absentee ballots may be delivered either in person or by mail, e-mail, or fax, to the county board of elections by the voter, the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or any individual working as part of a multipartisan team trained and authorized by the county board of elections pursuant to G.S. 163-226.3. A request for absentee ballots shall be valid if it is returned to the county board of elections through one of the following methods: (i) hand-delivered to the county board of elections by a person listed in G.S. 163-230.2(c), (ii) mailed to the county board by the United States Postal Service, or a designated delivery service authorized pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 7502(f)(2), by a person listed in G.S. 163-230.2(c), or (iii) e-mailed or faxed to the county board of elections by a person listed in G.S. 163-230.2(c).

SECTION 2.(b) No later than August 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services and the State Board of Elections shall develop and submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee, and the Governor detailing how to safely allow any individual working as part of a multipartisan team trained and authorized by the county board of elections pursuant to G.S. 163-226.3 to access a hospital, clinic, nursing home, or rest home in this State that is under quarantine in order to assist voters within those facilities in requesting, voting, or returning the voter's absentee ballot.

SECTION 3.(a) G.S. 163-229(b), as amended by S.L. 2019-239, reads as rewritten:

- Application on Container-Return Envelope. In time for use not later than 60 days before a statewide general election in an even-numbered year, and not later than 50 days before a statewide primary, other general election or county bond election, the county board of elections shall print a sufficient number of envelopes in which persons casting absentee ballots may transmit their marked ballots to the county board of elections. However, in the case of municipal elections, sufficient container-return envelopes shall be made available no later than 30 days before an election. Each container-return envelope shall have printed on it an application which shall be designed and prescribed by the State Board, providing for all of the following:
 - The voter's certification of eligibility to vote the enclosed ballot and of having (1) voted the enclosed ballot in accordance with this Part.
 - (2) A space for identification of the envelope with the voter and the voter's
 - A space for the identification of the two persons witnessing the casting of the (3) absentee ballot in accordance with G.S. 163-231, those persons' signatures, and those persons' addresses.
 - (4) A space for the name and address of any person who, as permitted under G.S. 163-226.3(a), assisted the voter if the voter is unable to complete and sign the certification and that individual's signature.
 - A space for approval by the county board of elections. (5)
 - A space to allow reporting of a change of name as provided by (6)G.S. 163-82.16.
 - A prominent display of the unlawful acts under G.S. 163-226.3 and (7) G.S. 163-275, except if there is not room on the envelope, the State Board may provide for that disclosure to be made on a separate piece of paper to be included along with the container-return envelope.
 - An area to attach additional documentation necessary to comply with the (8) identification requirements in accordance with State Board rules, as provided in G.S. 163-230.1.
 - A bar code or other unique identifier to allow both the county board of <u>(9)</u> elections and the voter to track the ballot following return of the voted ballot to the county board of elections by the voter.

The container-return envelope shall be printed in accordance with the instructions of the State Board, which shall prohibit the display of the voter's party affiliation on the outside of the container-return envelope."

SECTION 3.(b) This section becomes effective September 1, 2020, and applies to elections held on or after that date.

SECTION 4. G.S. 163-230.1(f), as amended by S.L. 2019-239, reads as rewritten:

"(f) Required Meeting of County Board of Elections. – During the period commencing on the third-fifth Tuesday before an election, in which absentee ballots are authorized, the county board of elections shall hold one or more public meetings each Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of action on applications for absentee ballots. At these meetings, the county board of elections shall pass upon applications for absentee ballots.

If the county board of elections changes the time of holding its meetings or provides for additional meetings in accordance with the terms of this subsection, notice of the change in hour and notice of the schedule of additional meetings, if any, shall be published in a newspaper circulated in the county at least 30 days prior to the election.

At the time the county board of elections makes its decision on an application for absentee ballots, the board shall enter in the appropriate column in the register of absentee requests, applications, and ballots issued opposite the name of the applicant a notation of whether the applicant's application was "Approved" or "Disapproved".

The decision of the board on the validity of an application for absentee ballots shall be final subject only to such review as may be necessary in the event of an election contest. The county board of elections shall constitute the proper official body to pass upon the validity of all applications for absentee ballots received in the county; this function shall not be performed by the chair or any other member of the board individually."

SECTION 5. G.S. 163-230.2(a), as amended by S.L. 2019-239, reads as rewritten:

- "(a) Valid Types of Written Requests. A completed written request form for absentee ballots as required by G.S. 163-230.1 is valid only if it is on a form created by the State Board and signed by the voter requesting absentee ballots or that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian. The State Board shall make the <u>blank request</u> form available at its offices, online, and in each county board of elections office, and that <u>blank request</u> form may be reproduced. A voter may call a county board of elections office and request that the blank request form be sent to the voter by mail, e-mail, or fax. The request form created by the State Board shall require at least the following information:
 - (1) The name and address of the residence of the voter.
 - (2) The name and address of the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian if that individual is making the request.
 - (3) The address of the voter to which the application and absentee ballots are to be mailed if different from the residence address of the voter.
 - (4) One of the following:
 - a. The number of the applicant's North Carolina drivers license issued under Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes, including a learner's permit or a provisional license.
 - b. The number of the applicant's special identification card for nonoperators issued under G.S. 20-37.7.
 - c. The last four digits of the applicant's social security number.
 - (5) The voter's date of birth.
 - (6) The signature of the voter or of the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian if that individual is making the request.
 - (7) A clear indicator of the date the election generating the request is to be held, except for annual calendar year requests in accordance with G.S. 163-226(b)."

SECTION 6. G.S. 163-27.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

- "(d) Under no circumstances shall the Executive Director or the State Board of Elections have the authority to do any of the following:
 - (1) Deliver absentee ballots to an eligible voter who did not submit a valid written request form for absentee ballots as provided in G.S. 163-230.1 and G.S. 163-230.2.
 - (2) Order an election to be conducted using all mail-in absentee ballots."

SECTION 7.(a) Article 20 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 163-230.3. Online request for absentee ballots.

- (a) Notwithstanding G.S. 163-230.1 and G.S. 163-230.2, a qualified voter who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot under G.S. 163-226, or that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, may submit a request for absentee ballots online using the procedures set forth in this section in lieu of the completed written request on a form established by the State Board. All other provisions in G.S. 163-230.1 and G.S. 163-230.2 shall apply.
- (b) The State Board shall establish a secure Internet Web site to permit individuals described in subsection (a) of this section to submit an online request for absentee ballots. The Internet Web site must be able to track the IP address of anyone who accesses the Web site. The Web site must require that the voter or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian provide all of the following information:
 - (1) All information required for a valid written request for absentee ballots in G.S. 163-230.2.
 - (2) An electronic signature, as defined in G.S. 66-312 of the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, of the voter, or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, if requesting on the voter's behalf.
- (c) Upon receipt of an online request for absentee ballots, the State Board shall submit the request to the county board of elections in which the voter resides. The county board of elections shall process the online request in the same manner as processing a completed written request for absentee ballots submitted under G.S. 163-230.1."

SECTION 7.(b) Notwithstanding Article 3 of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, the State Board of Elections is not required to comply with initial purchase and contract requirements for establishing or securing the Internet Web site for online requests for absentee ballots as required by subsection (a) of this section. This exemption expires December 31, 2020.

SECTION 7.(c) This section is effective when it becomes law. The State Board of Elections shall have the secure Internet Web site available to voters to submit an online request for absentee ballots by September 1, 2020.

SECTION 8.(a) G.S. 163-237 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(d7) Sending of Unrequested Absentee Ballot. – Any person serving on the State Board or on any county board of elections, or any employee of the State Board or a county board of elections, who knowingly sends or delivers an absentee ballot to any person who has not requested an absentee ballot in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 163 shall be guilty of a Class I felony."

SECTION 8.(b) This section becomes effective July 1, 2020, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

SECTION 9. G.S. 20-37.7(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) Expiration and Fee. – A special identification card issued to a person for the first time under this section expires when a drivers license issued on the same day to that person would expire. A special identification card renewed under this section expires when a drivers license renewed by the card holder on the same day would expire. The Division shall offer renewal of a special identification card in person and online on the Division's Web site.
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SECTION 10. G.S. 163-166.16(a) reads as rewritten:

- "(a) Photo Identification Required to Vote. When a registered voter presents to vote in person, the registered voter shall produce any of the following forms of identification that contain a photograph of the registered voter:
 - (2) Any of the following, regardless of whether the identification contains a printed expiration or issuance date:
 - a. A military identification card issued by the United States government.
 - b. A Veterans Identification Card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for use at Veterans Administration medical facilities.
 - c. A tribal enrollment card issued by a State or federal recognized tribe.
 - d. An identification card issued by a department, agency, or entity of the United States government or this State for a government program of public assistance.

SECTION 11.1.(a) There is appropriated the sum of ten million nine hundred eighty-seven thousand two hundred ninety-five dollars (\$10,987,295) in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-136, funds and the sum of two million one hundred twenty thousand four hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$2,120,497) as the required match from the State General Fund to the State Board of Elections, Budget Code 28025, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic during the 2020 federal election cycle. Of the funds appropriated under this section, the State Board of Elections shall use four hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$424,000) to establish an online portal for absentee ballot requests.

SECTION 11.1.(b) The State Board of Elections shall allocate the remaining funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section to counties for county boards of elections as follows:

- (1) A base grant of \$30,000 to tier one counties.
- (2) A base grant of \$25,000 to tier two counties.
- (3) A base grant of \$20,000 to tier three counties.
- (4) \$400,000 to be allocated on a per registered voter basis for counties in which 2020 second primary elections were conducted after March 10, 2020.
- (5) \$6,000,000 for early one-stop voting-related expenses to counties based on the number of registered voters as of May 8, 2020, on a per registered voter basis, that adopt uniform early one-stop voting plans that include satellite location operations with weekday hours from 8:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M. If no satellite voting locations are available, the funds may be used to support early one-stop voting operations at county boards of elections or alternate sites as follows:
 - a. \$2,000,000 to tier one counties.
 - b. \$2,000,000 to tier two counties.
 - c. \$2,000,000 to tier three counties.

For purposes of this section, tier one, tier two, and tier three counties shall have the same designations as those established by the N.C. Department of Commerce's 2020 County Tier Designations pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.08.

SECTION 11.1.(c) After funding the required allocations under subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the State Board of Elections shall allocate any remaining funds to counties on a per registered voter basis for expenses eligible under the CARES Act.

SECTION 11.1.(d) Base grants allocated to county boards of elections under subdivisions (b)(1) through (b)(3) of this section shall be used to address the coronavirus pandemic, including, but not limited to, the following:

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- Providing for increased postage costs for mail-in absentee ballots sent out by (1) the county board of elections.
- Ensuring an adequate number of poll workers by (i) use of advertising or (2) public awareness campaigns or (ii) offering incentive compensation and other pay increases.
- Recruiting members and promoting the use of multipartisan assistance teams. SECTION 11.1.(e) Funds appropriated under this section shall be used in accordance with this section and the requirements and limitations set forth in the federal CARES Act.

SECTION 11.2.(a) There is appropriated the sum of eleven million six hundred seventy-seven thousand four hundred forty-one dollars (\$11,677,441) from federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds and the sum of two million three hundred thirty-five thousand four hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$2,335,488) as the required match from the State General Fund to the State Board of Elections, Budget Code 28025, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. There is created within Budget Code 28025 a new fund code to be titled "County Reimbursement Account" to reimburse counties for eligible HAVA expenses. The State Board of Elections shall ensure timely reimbursement to counties for election costs related to eligible HAVA expenses. In reimbursing the counties, no county shall receive more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in reimbursement for eligible HAVA expenses, and each county shall be entitled to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in reimbursements for eligible HAVA expenses. As a condition of receiving reimbursement under this subsection, the State Board of Elections shall require counties to certify that HAVA funds will not be used to supplant county funds. The State Board of Elections may make bulk purchases from the "County Reimbursement Account" for items on the counties' collective behalf.

SECTION 11.2.(b) The State Board of Elections may use a portion of the funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section as follows:

- \$138,000 to acquire a more secure system for the delivery and return of uniformed and overseas citizen absentee ballots.
- \$868,000 to fund security improvements at the State Board of Elections. (2)
- \$100,000 to assemble Attack Response Kits to be deployed to county boards (3) of elections, as needed, for continuity of operations following cyber attacks.
- \$300,000 for bar code scanners used in polling locations statewide to ensure (4) accurate ballot style distribution during elections.
- \$629,000 to purchase multiple high-speed ballot tabulators to be deployed to (5) county boards of elections, as needed, for disaster recovery or continuity of operations.
- \$605,000 to invest in increased ballot-on-demand capacity for county boards (6) of elections for disaster recovery or continuity of operations.
- \$456,000 to acquire software to modernize the State Board of Elections help (7) desk and add a chatbot feature to its Web site and train staff on the use of both.
- \$250,000 for statewide advertising to inform the public of election law (8) changes and other procedures in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

SECTION 11.2.(c) Any federal HAVA funds unspent on June 30, 2021, shall revert to Budget Code 28025 and shall remain until appropriated by the General Assembly. Any remaining State match funds appropriated in this section shall revert in accordance with G.S. 143C-1-2.

SECTION 11.3.(a) Counties shall coordinate with local political parties within their jurisdictions to enhance or maintain the partisan balance of election day workers.

SECTION 11.3.(b) The State Board of Elections, in collaboration with counties, shall coordinate with the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, on the purchase and distribution of personal protective equipment to be deployed to counties for their county boards of elections pursuant to Sections 11.1 through 11.3 of this act.

SECTION 11.3.(c) The State Board of Elections, after consultation with the U.S. 1 Election Assistance Commission, shall provide counties with lists of example expenses eligible 2 3 under HAVA and the CARES Act. SECTION 11.3.(d) The State Board of Elections shall submit a report to the Joint 4 Legislative Elections Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division on the use of the 5 funds appropriated under Sections 11.1 through 11.3 of this act no later than February 1, 2021. 6 Counties receiving funds pursuant to Sections 11.1 through 11.3 of this act shall provide the State 7 Board of Elections the following information to include in its report: 8 Funding used to expand early one-stop voting and mail-in absentee ballots. 9 Funding used to address the coronavirus pandemic, including personal (2) 10 protective equipment, social distancing tools, and cleaning and sanitizing 11 12 Funding used to ensure adequate staffing and volunteers through use of 13 (3) advertising or public awareness campaigns or by offering incentive 14 compensation and other pay increases. 15 Funding used to deploy and support multipartisan assistance teams. 16 (4) Other items deemed necessary by the State Board of Elections to ensure that 17 (5) counties used funds in accordance with the U.S. Election Assistance 18 Commission and other federal requirements. 19 **SECTION 12.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes

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HOUSE BILL 1169: Elections 2020.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 1169 would do the following:

- For the 2020 general election, allow for one witness for the casting of absentee ballots, provide flexibility in the filling of positions for precinct officials, provide for voter assistance by individuals working as part of multipartisan teams, and allow for completed absentee request forms to be e-mailed or faxed to county boards of elections.
- Require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the State Board of Elections (State Board) to develop a report on how to safely allow individuals working as part of multipartisan teams to assist voters residing in a quarantined care facility in requesting, voting, or returning an absentee ballot.
- Require applications for absentee ballots to have a bar code allowing the county board of elections and the voter to track a voted ballot following its return to the county board.
- Provide an additional two weeks for county boards of elections to approve applications for absentee ballots.
- Clarify that voters may call a county board of elections and request a blank absentee ballot request form be sent to the voter by mail, e-mail, or fax.
- Provide that the State Board or its Executive Director cannot deliver absentee ballots to a voter who did not submit a valid request form or order an election using all mail-in absentee ballots.
- Require the State Board to create an online portal for voters to submit online requests for absentee ballots by September 1, 2020.
- Create a Class I felony for any person serving on or employed by the State Board or a county board of elections to knowingly send or deliver an unrequested absentee ballot.
- Allow for special identification cards for nonoperators issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to be renewed online.
- Allow for government-issued public assistance cards to be accepted for photo identification for voting identification.
- Appropriate funds to the State Board of Elections to respond to COVID-19.

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CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1(a): G.S. 163-231 requires voters voting by absentee ballot to mark the ballot in the presence of two qualified witnesses. The two witnesses must sign and indicate their address on the absentee application and certificate.

For the 2020 general election only, Section 1(a) would allow for mail-in absentee ballots to be marked in the presence of one qualified witness. That witness would be required to sign and print his or name and address on the absentee application and certificate. The State Board may prepare applications for the container-return envelope in accordance with the requirement for only one witness.

Section 1(b): Each county board of elections must appoint one person to act as chief judge and two other persons to act as judges of election for each precinct in that county. In its discretion, each county board is authorized to appoint two or more assistants for each precinct to aid the chief judge and judges. G.S. 163-141(c) requires that, when making appointments for chief judge and judge for each precinct, residents of the precinct must be appointed to at least two of the three positions. G.S. 163-42(b) requires that, in making appointments for precinct assistants, residents of the precinct must be appointed to a majority of the positions.

For the 2020 general election only, Section 1(b) would require only one of the three positions of chief judge and judge of a precinct to be a resident of the precinct, and only one of the precinct assistants to be a resident of the precinct. All other positions may be filled by nonresidents of the precinct who meet all other qualifications.

Section 1(c): For the 2020 general election only, Section 1(c) would allow any individual working as part of a multipartisan team trained and authorized by a county board of elections team to assist any voter in completing a request form for mail-in absentee ballots or in delivering the completed request form to the county board.

Section 2(a): G.S. 163-230.2 requires that a completed written request for mail-in absentee ballots must be returned to the county board of elections by only the voter, the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or a member of a multipartisan team trained and authorized by the county board, or via the United States Postal Service or other designated delivery service.

For any election held in 2020, including June second primary elections, Section 2(a) would allow for completed written request for absentee ballots to be returned to the county board by hand-delivery, mail, e-mail, or fax by the voter, the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or a member of a multipartisan team.

Section 2(b): Would require DHSS and the State Board to submit a report, by August 1, 2020, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee, and the Governor on how to safely allow any individual working as part of a multipartisan team to access a hospital, clinic, nursing home, or rest home that is under quarantine to assist voters within those facilities in requesting, voting, and returning an absentee ballot.

<u>Section 3:</u> Would require the State Board to include on each container-return envelope for mail-in absentee ballots a bar code or other unique identifier allowing the voted ballot to be tracked upon return by the voter by both the county board of elections and the voter, effective for all elections held on or after September 1, 2020.

Section 4: G.S. 163-230.1(f) requires a county board of elections to hold one or more public meetings each Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of acting on applications for absentee ballots, beginning on the third Tuesday before the election. At these meetings, the county board must determine whether the

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container-return envelope has been properly executed. If so, the county board must approve the application and allow for the envelope to be opened and the ballot to be counted at the designated time.

Section 4 would change the time period for these public meetings to be held to begin on the fifth Tuesday before the election, giving an additional two weeks for the county board to approve or disapprove the applications for absentee ballots.

Section 5: G.S. 163-230.2 requires the written request forms for mail-in absentee ballots to be available to voters at the State Board, each county board of elections, and online.

Section 5 would clarify that the request form available online and in offices is a blank request form, and would allow for a voter to call a county board and request that the blank request form be sent to the voter by mail, e-mail, or fax.

Section 6: Would provide that the State Board, or its Executive Director, has no authority to deliver mailin absentee ballots to any eligible voter who did not submit a valid request form or to order an all mail-in absentee ballot election.

Section 7: Would require the State Board to establish, by September 1, 2020, a secure online portal for qualified voters to submit the request for mail-in absentee ballots. This online portal would be required to comply with the following;

- > Require the voter or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian to provide all information that is required for a valid written request for absentee ballots.
- > Require the voter or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian to submit an electronic signature.
- > Be able to track the IP address of anyone who access the online portal.

The State Board would not be required to comply with initial purchase and contract requirements for establishing this online portal. This exemption would expire December 31, 2020.

Section 8: G.S. 163-237 contains various felony criminal offenses regarding absentee ballot law.

- > The following violations are Class I felonies:
 - O Selling or attempting to sell, or purchasing or agreeing to purchase, a completed written request, a completed application for absentee ballots, or voted absentee ballots.
 - o Compensating another, or accepting compensation, based on the number of returned written requests for absentee ballots.
- > The following violations are Class G felonies:
 - o Attempting to vote by fraudulently signing the name of a qualified voter.
 - o Intentionally failing to deliver or intentionally destroying a completed written request, completed application for absentee ballots, or voted absentee ballots.
 - Opying or otherwise retaining a request for absentee ballots, a completed application for absentee ballots, or any identifying information disclosed in a request or application, by any person other than the voter or near relative or verifiable legal guardian of that voter.
 - O Stealing, releasing, or possessing the official register of mail-in requests for absentee ballots prior to the opening of the polls on election day, for any purpose other than the conduct of business at the county board.

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Section 8 would create a new Class I felony for any person serving on the State Board or on any county board of elections, or an employee of the State Board or any county board, to knowingly send or deliver an absentee ballot to any person who has not validly requested an absentee ballot, effective July 1, 2020.

Section 9: Individuals may obtain a special identification card for nonoperators from the DMV which requires the same documentation of identity and residence as a NC drivers license. A special identification card expires at the same time a drivers license issued to the individual would expire, and can be renewed by the card holder at the DMV. The fee for a special identification card is waived for applicants who are at least 17 years old.

A special identification card issued by the DMV that contains a photograph of the voter and that is valid and unexpired is an acceptable form of photo identification for voting identification. (See Background.)

Section 9 would require the DMV to offer online renewal for special identification cards on the DMV's Web site.

<u>Section 10:</u> G.S. 163-166.16 contains a list of acceptable forms of photo identification for voting identification. (See Background.)

- > Any of the following that contains a photograph of the voter and is valid and unexpired, or has been expired for one year or less:
 - NC drivers license.
 - o NC special identification card or other form of non-temporary ID issued by the DMV.
 - o U.S. passport.
 - o NC voter photo identification card.
 - o Tribal enrollment card issued by a state or federal recognized tribe.
 - O Student identification card issued by a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, a community college, or eligible private postsecondary institutions, if approved by the State Board.
 - o Employee identification card issued by a state or local government entity, including a charter school, if approved by the State Board.
 - o Drivers license or special identification card issued by another state, D.C., or a territory or commonwealth of the US, only if the voter's voter registration was within 90 days of the election.
- Any of the following that contain a photograph of the voter, regardless of whether the card contains an expiration or issuance date:
 - o U.S. military identification card.
 - Veterans Identification Card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for use at Veterans Administration medical facilities.
- > For voters over the age of 65, any of the identification cards above that bear a date of expiration that was not expired on the day that the voter reached the age of 65.

Generally, if a voter fails to present appropriate photographic identification prior to voting, that voter would be permitted to vote a provisional ballot, and provide the photographic identification prior to canvass for that ballot to be counted. Three exceptions were established, each allowing the voter to vote a

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provisional ballot after completing the appropriate affidavit under penalty of perjury: (i) religious objection; (ii) reasonable impediment; and (iii) natural disaster.

Voters voting mail-in absentee ballots are required to submit photo identification, or an affidavit for the lack thereof, with the returned application and voted ballot.

Section 10 would add to the list of acceptable photo identifications for voting an identification card issued by a department, agency, or entity of the federal government or NC for a government program of public assistance, whether or not the identification contains a printed expiration or issuance date.

Section 11.1: Would appropriate federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds and the required State match to the State Board for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Of the funds appropriated, \$424,000 would be required to be used by the State Board for establishing an online portal for absentee ballot requests, and the rest would be allocated to counties according to the counties' designation as established by the NC Department of Commerce's 2020 County Tier Designations. Funds would be required to be used to address the coronavirus pandemic, including the following:

- > Providing for increased postage costs for mail-in absentee ballots sent out by the county board of elections.
- > Ensuring an adequate number of poll workers through advertising or public awareness campaigns or offering incentive compensation or other pay increases.
- > Recruiting members and promoting the use of multipartisan assistance teams.

Section 11.2: Would appropriate federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds and the required State match to the State Board for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The State Board would be required to reimburse counties for eligible HAVA expenses, up to \$250,000 and no less than \$10,000 in reimbursements. The State Board would also be able to use a portion of these funds for various updates and improvements.

Section 11.3: Would require the following:

- > Counties to coordinate with local political parties to enhance or maintain the partisan balance of election day workers.
- > The State Board to purchase and distribute personal protective equipment to counties.
- > The State Board to provide counties with lists of example eligible expenses under HAVA and the CARES Act.
- > The State Board to submit a report to the Joint Elections Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division no later than February 1, 2021, on the use of the funds appropriated in Sections 11.1 through 11.3.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise provided, effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: On December 31, 2019, in *NAACP v. Cooper*, the federal district court issued a preliminary injunction, restraining the State Board from implementing any voter identification requirements for the March 3 primary election. On February 18, 2020, in *Holmes v. Moore*, a three-judge panel of the North Carolina Court of Appeals issued a preliminary injunction, temporarily blocking North Carolina's voter identification law from taking effect.

Estimated Distribution of HB 1169, Elections 2020 Funds by County 2020 Legislative Session

			HAVA		
		CARES Act	Minimum	County Grand	
	Counties	Totals	Sec. 11.2(a)	Totals	
1	ANSON	63,242	10,000	73,242	
2	BEAUFORT	90,385	10,000	100,385	
	BERTIE	53,756	10,000	63,756	
4	BLADEN	75,640	10,000	85,640	
5	CALDWELL	124,781	10,000	134,781	
6	CASWELL	57,338	10,000	67,338	
7	CHOWAN	48,272	10,000	58,272	
8	CLEVELAND	147,278	10,000	157,278	
	COLUMBUS	95,029	10,000	105,029	
	CUMBERLAND	466,307	10,000	476,307	
	DUPLIN	84,393	10,000	94,393	
	EDGECOMBE	93,909	10,000	103,909	
	GRAHAM	41,971	10,000	51,971	
_	GREENE	50,309	10,000	60,309	
_	HALIFAX	97,265	10,000	107,265	
	HERTFORD	56,918	10,000	66,918	
_	HYDE	35,664	10,000	45,664	
_	JONES	43,201	10,000	53,201	
_	LENOIR	98,490	10,000	108,490	
_	MARTIN	59,597	10,000	69,597	
	MITCHELL	51,430	10,000	61,430	
_	NASH	152,206	10,000	162,206	
	NORTHAMPTON	55,047	10,000	65,047	
	ONSLOW	229,583	10,000	239,583	
_	PASQUOTANK	80,465	10,000	90,46	
	PERQUIMANS	46,505	10,000	56,505	
	PITT	252,739	10,000	262,739	
	POLK	61,908	10,000	71,908	
	ROBESON	183,143	10,000	193,143	
	ROCKINGHAM	138,129	10,000	148,129	
	RUTHERFORD	120,108	10,000	130,108	
	SAMPSON	96,743	10,000	106,743	
_	SCOTLAND	69,104	10,000	79,10	
_	TRANSYLVANIA	82,005	10,000	92,00	
_	TYRRELL	34,168	10,000	44,168	
_	VANCE	82,719	10,000	92,719	
_	WARREN	54,066	10,000	64,066	
-	WASHINGTON	44,942	10,000	54,942	
_	WAYNE	164,366	10,000	174,360	
	WILKES	106,444	10,000	116,444	
_	WILSON	132,146	10,000	142,140	
- 12	Tier 1 Subtotal	4,121,708	410,000	4,531,708	

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			HAVA		
		CARES Act	Minimum	County Grand	
	Counties	Totals	Sec. 11.2(a)	Totals	
42	ALAMANCE	176,507	10,000	186,507	
	ALEXANDER	59,804	10,000	69,804	
	ALLEGHANY	35,519	10,000	45,519	
	ASHE	52,052	10,000	62,052	
	AVERY	44,406	10,000	54,406	
	BURKE	105,441	10,000	115,441	
_	CAMDEN	36,319	10,000	46,319	
	CARTERET	101,427	10,000	111,427	
_	CATAWBA	175,629	10,000	185,629	
	CHEROKEE	56,179	10,000	66,179	
	CLAY	39,491	10,000	49,491	
	CRAVEN	126,533	10,000	136,533	
	DARE	66,436	10,000	76,436	
	DAVIDSON	182,052	10,000	192,052	
	FORSYTH	403,384	10,000	413,384	
	FRANKLIN	89,798	10,000	99,798	
_	GASTON	231,676	10,000	241,676	
	GATES	36,608	10,000	46,608	
	GRANVILLE	80,369	10,000	90,369	
	GUILFORD	560,890	10,000	570,890	
	HARNETT	136,441	10,000	146,441	
	HOKE	70,077	10,000	80,077	
	JACKSON	71,800	10,000	81,800	
	LEE	78,463	10,000	88,463	
	MACON	68,004	10,000	78,004	
	MADISON	52,330	10,000	62,330	
	MCDOWELL	71,827	10,000	81,827	
	MONTGOMERY	48,549	10,000	58,549	
	PAMLICO	38,473	10,000	48,473	
_	PERSON	63,172	10,000 10,000	73,172	
	RANDOLPH	155,756		165,756	
	RICHMOND	72,656	10,000	82,656	
	ROWAN	160,024	10,000	170,024	
	STANLY	85,191	10,000	95,191	
	STOKES	68,990	10,000	78,990	
	SURRY	90,184	10,000	100,184	
	SWAIN	40,977	10,000	50,977	
_	YADKIN	59,372	10,000	69,372	
80	YANCEY	47,580	10,000	57,580	
	Tier 2 Subtotal	4,140,386	390,000	4,530,386	
_	BRUNSWICK	141,020	10,000	151,020	
82	BUNCOMBE	283,436	10,000	293,436	

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		CARES Act	HAVA Minimum	County Grand
	Counties	Totals	Sec. 11.2(a)	Totals
83	CABARRUS	178,889	10,000	188,889
_	CHATHAM	81,796	10,000	91,796
_	CURRITUCK	43,221	10,000	53,221
86	DAVIE	53,760	10,000	63,760
87	DURHAM	279,235	10,000	289,235
88	HAYWOOD	78,326	10,000	88,326
89	HENDERSON	130,796	10,000	140,796
90	IREDELL	158,328	10,000	168,328
91	JOHNSTON	170,661	10,000	180,661
92	LINCOLN	85,686	10,000	95,686
93	MECKLENBURG	1,033,226	10,000	1,043,226
94	MOORE	98,429	10,000	108,429
95	NEW HANOVER	210,810	10,000	220,810
96	ORANGE	144,756	10,000	154,756
97	PENDER	67,162	10,000	77,162
98	UNION	234,750	10,000	244,750
99	WAKE	875,927	10,000	885,927
100	WATAUGA	71,114	10,000	81,114
	Tier 3 Subtotal	4,421,331	200,000	4,621,331
	Subtotal, Funds to Counties*	12,683,426	1,000,000	13,683,426
	Balance to Distribute/Reimburse Counties*	366	9,666,929	9,667,295
	Funds to State Board of Elections	424,000	3,346,000	
	Subtotal	13,107,792	14,012,929	23,350,721
	Grand Total Funds Available in HB 1169			27,120,721

Notes/Source:

May 8, 2020 Voter Registrations; State Board of Elections website 2020 State Tier Rankings; Department of Commerce

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moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 15, by deleting "signatures" and substituting "signature";

and on page 1, line 27, by deleting "precinct." and substituting "precinct, provided that the registered voter meets all other qualifications to be a chief judge or judge other than residence.";

and on page 1, line 31, by deleting "elections." and substituting "elections, and may serve as a witness for the casting of absentee ballots.";

and on page 2, lines 11-18, by rewriting the lines to read:

"SECTION 2.(b) The Department of Health and Human Services and the State Board of Elections shall develop a program to safely allow multipartisan teams to assist registered voters within hospital, clinic, nursing homes, assisted living or other congregate living situations in the 2020 elections during the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with law, as amended by this act. Multipartisan teams, as used in this section, are those appointed and trained by the county board of elections in accordance with this act and G.S. 163-226.3 and implementing rules. No later than August 1, 2020, the Department and the State Board shall jointly submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government, the Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee, and the Governor as to the details of the joint program.

SECTION 2.(c) G.S. 163-226.3 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(c) For the purposes of this section, a "multipartisan team" shall consist of at least two registered voters of the county. The two political parties having the highest number of affiliated voters in the State, as reflected by the registration statistics published by the State Board on January 1 of the current year, shall each be represented by at least one team member of the party's affiliation. If the team consists of more than two members, voters who are unaffiliated or



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1 2 3	affiliated with other political parties recognized by the State may be team members. If a county board of elections finds an insufficient number of voters available to meet this requirement, the county board of elections, upon a unanimous vote of all of its sworn members, may appoint an
4	unaffiliated team member to serve instead of a team member representing one of the two political
5	parties having the highest number of affiliated voters in the State."";
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8	and an uses 2 line 21 by inscribe lithe State Board of Elections on in hotygon "call" and "a
9	and on page 3, line 31, by inserting "the State Board of Elections or" in between "call" and "a county";
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12 13 14 15	and on page 4, line 37, by deleting "person" and substituting "member";
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18 19	and on page 5, lines 28, 29, and 30, by deleting "grant" and substituting "allocation";
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22	and on page 5, line 35, by rewriting the line to read:
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	"basis, that adopt uniform early one-stop voting plans in accordance with G.S. 163-227.6, including satellite";
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28 29	and on page 5, line 49, by deleting "grants allocated" and substituting "allocations";
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32 33	and on page 6, lines 8-9, by inserting between those lines the following:
34	and on page o, times 8-9, by inserting between those times the following.
35	"SECTION 11.1.(f) As used in this section, a registered voter is a voter registered in
36 37	accordance with Article 7A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes as of May 8, 2020.";
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and on page 6, lines 45-46, by inserting between those lines the following:
"SECTION 11.2(d) The State Board of Elections shall report on any funds spent accordance with subsection (b) of this section in a confidential report to the chairs of the Join Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government and the Joint Legislative Election Oversight Committee. An initial report of expenditures shall be due no later than August 1: 2020, and a follow up on any additional expenditures shall be due no later than December 2020. This report shall be confidential and shall not be a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.";
and on page 7, line 5, by deleting "Committee" and substituting "Committee, the Joint Legislativ Oversight Committee on General Government,".
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House Bill 1169 Elections 2020 Public Comments for May 27th Elections and Ethics Law Committee Public Comments Report - LINC

Date Submitted	Name	Address		Answer to Question	Comments
05/26/2020 01:00 PM	1957 PATRICIA CLARK	5812 N BEAVER LANE, RALEIGH, NC 27604	True		Voting is the foundation of our democracy. We must do everything we can to ensure access for all voters. I urge you to expand HB1169 with measures that:
				4	allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
					Thank you.
05/26/2020 01:03 PM	Ms. Jan Sturgis	1 Sunset Lane, Asheville, NC 28804	True		Experts say record numbers of North Carolina voters will try to take advantage of mail-in voting this year. Still more North Carolinians will use in-person voting and need sanitary, safe voting options that allow for social distancing. Financial assistance and changes to current rules are needed for state and local election officials to begin the hard work of planning for both.
					But to get these reforms implemented in time for the upcoming election, our lawmakers must immediately pass legislation that provides for safe in-person voting, expands access to voting-by-mail, and provides a financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties.
05/26/2020 01:03 PM	Dr. David Sices	750 Weaver Dairy Rd. Apt. 140, Chapel Hill,	, True		I feel very strongly that this bill should pass!
05/26/2020 01:03 PM	Pamela Frome	NC 27514 5417 Whisperwood Drive, Durham, NC 27713	True		To the House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:
-					The House Elections and Ethics Committee needs to make amendments to HB 1169. There are so many unknowns about what impact the pandemic will have on our election, so HB1169 must provide additional measures to make sure that voters do not have to risk their health to vote. In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB 1169 must do more to protect voters, such as:
					- remove the confusing photo voter ID language that has already been blocked by two separate courts, we should not have any requirements for photo IDs to vote in 2020; -allow more access to vote registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines;

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Date Submitted	Name	Address	Answer to Question	comments -broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck or other government-issued ID); -expand safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to the counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities; -require the one-witness requirement to be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope; and -allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. These additions would give NC a better chance to avoid the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus. Citizens should not have to risk their lives in order to vote.
				As a North Carolina voters, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for NC voters this month?
				Thank you.
(2020 01:03 PM	Mrs Laurie Goldwasset	210 Old Franklin Grove Dr., Chapel Hill, NO 27514		Voters should be able to request an absentee ballot by phone, email or fax. Since over 70% of NC households have fewer than 3 residents and we may be in the midst of another surge in Covid cases, only 1 witness should be required on the ballot. Younger poll workers should be recruited, trained and assigned according to local needs. Voter registration should be offered online to all voters, not just those with driver's licenses. Postage should be paid for the return of the ballots. MAT volunteers should be offered to long term care facilities to enable their residents voting. Polling places should set aside times for at risk voters and those that may need more time. Early voting should be expanded to reduce the lines and exposure to others. Our older citizens have been hit hard by the Coronavirus. They view voting not just as a right, but an obligation. Every effort should be made to accommodate them.
2020 01:03 PM	Ms Elizabeth Guy	2204 Wilson St, Durham, NC 27705	True	Please take action and pass the reforms we need now. I want mail in voting.
2020 01:04 PM	Mrs. Edith Tugman	216 Cherry Drive, Boone, NC 28607	True	As an elderly voter in a rural county, it feels imperative that we have the resources to guarantee our right to vote. It is only 5 months to the general election and for those of us that are vulnerable, need to know we can vote safely.
5/2020 01:05 PM	Ms. Caren Kessler	114 Rusty Lane, Hendersonville, NC 28791	True	I have just read HB 1169. I applaud the changes to requesting and returning the requests for absentee ballots. I also

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05/26/2020 01:08 PM	Ms Dale Mendoza	116 White Horse Run, Bahama, NC 27503	True
05/26/2020 01:08 PM	Mr Joe Detaranto	7121 Barefoot Forest Drive, Charlotte, NC 28269	True
05/26/2020 01:09 PM	Ms Juliette Pahl	4604 Pleasant Grove Church Rd, Raleigh, NC 27613	True

federal monies.

I think having places for two witness signatures on the container return envelope is misleading since the proposed law requires only one witness signature. I would request that the envelope clearly indicate that ONE witness signature is sufficient. I live alone and getting one witness signature will be extremely difficult. I do not want people to be confused and think they need two.

Also I object strongly to the inclusion of the voter ID requirement for in-person voting. Current court decisions have halted the ability to require voter ID when voting. I do not think the NC legislature should flout the decisions of the courts. Let the court process be completed.

I appreciate the generous amount of time that North Carolinians have for One Stop voting, but I think counts BOEs having some flexibility to adjust hours to meet local demands would be useful.

Finally. I am very concerned about the limited options that people have to register to vote before the general election in the fall. What additional provisions can you suggest so that people have access to voter registration opportunities? We need more publicity for the option available online at the DOT.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Please keep NC a democracy and get as many citizens voting as possible!

Safe, remote voting measures should be in place for this fall's elections.

I was widowed within months of retiring to Raleigh. I am very active in both nonpartisan and Democratic groups, and I have been aghast at the shenanigans of Republican lawmakers gerrymandering this State like a prize on the Wheel of Fortune.

Because of the chaos this year, I fully support absentee ballots and I would like to see them easier to access and complete. Two witnesses — okay, you can ask your neighbors if, like me, you have no living relatives. The big hang-up is the requirement of a notary. Banks and notaries charge for their services, and it isn't right that people have to PAY TO VOTE!

I would like to see a temporary mandate that no notary will charge for sealing a mail-in ballot. I would also like clergy to be an acceptable stand-in for a notary. And that mail-in ballots should be postage free, available early, and accepted and counted as a vote a full two weeks after the election date.

One of the groups I am an ardent member

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				of is Tuesdays with Tillis, and since the quarantine, we haven't lost sight of the senator, but we have expanded our service reach-out enormously. I am on the Food Impoverished committee, and I bring this up because there are many that we are trying to help who don't have the means to purchase a stamp, or pay a notary fee. We must make this and all elections possible for everyone to participate in. It is the right of citizenship, the right for which both my father and my husband risked their lives in battlefields.
05/26/2020 01:10 PM	Reverend Willard Bass	603 Peters Creek Parkway, Winston Salam, NC 27103	True	In times of hardship we must continue as a state to provide accessible and reasonable means for NC voters to cast their one-vote one-citizen! In addition to the HB 1169 criterion our legislature should include the following: • Extending voter registration deadlines • Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options • Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 01:10 PM	mrs Carolyn Fehsenfeld	208 Cumberland Ave, Asheville, NC 28801	True	We tried to vote by mail in the last election and found it very cumbersome. Allowing people to ask for a ballot by email and getting rid of the witnesses would be a
			S.	great start. During the pandemic, allowances really should be made to the methods and time allowed for voting. We all need to care and be aware. And voters will react in their voting to how our leaders treat us.
05/26/2020 01:10 PM	Mr. David Thomas	2479 Briar Chapel Parkway, Chapel Hilll, NC 27516	True	Support safe voting!!!
05/26/2020 01:12 PM	Mrs. Erin Isgett	8405 Old Ponderosa Circle, Raleigh, NC 27603	True	I am 39 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I don't have two other adults living in my house, and we need a bipartisan bill to make mail voting easier, safe and secure.
				I suggest making early voting more flexible and allowing counties to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county, I want to see more sites open for fewer/highest-use hours. We need to make sure that county BOE's have flexibility to make a schedule that works for more voters means that we can have more voters use EV but more evenly distributed and not standing in long lines.
				I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted.
				I want to see dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states, and

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05/26/2020 01:13 PM	Chris Pfitzer	1604 Evergreen Ave, Raleigh, NC 27603	True
05/26/2020 01:14 PM	Mrs judith barton	118 Wolf's Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True
05/26/2020 01:14 PM	Ms. Nicole Hensley	415 Monticello Ave Apt, Suite, Bldg.	True
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05/26/2020 01:15 PM	Erin Hammeke	613 Pleasant Dr., Durham, NC 27703	True

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I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.

I want to see the online portal to request an absentee ballot completed much quicker and available to all voters. I also want a mechanism to check that my county BOE received my request beyond just calling the BOE office.

Thank you for your time and consideration

I am 50 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also don't have two other adults living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill that will make mail voting easier, safe and secure.

In these virus times, make it as easy as possible for people to vote!

House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:

With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.

In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing voteby-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things

allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fastapproaching 2020 elections.

As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?

Thank you.

Democracy depends on candidates and

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citizens trusting in the integrity of the

democratic electoral process. It is up to all election officials to conduct evidence-based elections and the state should require a transparent, trackable, and publicly verified process.

News stories questioning the voting process and highlighting attempted election fraud by voters, officials, and foreign entities are a daily occurrence. Our lawmakers understood the necessity for public oversight, which is clearly and purposefully written into NC law. GS 163-182.2(a)(3)

"Any member of the public wishing to

"Any member of the public wishing to witness the vote count at any level shall be allowed to do so."

The ten recommended changes to NC election law are in response to continued ill-advised practices that NC counties engage in - most recently during the 2020 Primary Election. Many of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) recommended best practices are not followed by counties and should be explicitly mandated by NC law. A failure to mandate adherence puts the state and counties in legal jeopardy - as candidates could convincingly claim that there was ample opportunity for fraud.

would help protect counties, secure the chain of custody of critical election materials, and assure citizens that their votes will be counted as intended.

10 Recommended Changes

feel free to cut/paste/reword as you see fit

- All county Board of Elections shall post meeting minutes on their county boe website so that the public may stay informed of public business.
- 2. Public shall be notified of the date/time of all pre-election acceptance and logic & accuracy testing of voting equipment. Public shall be allowed to observe testing and receive copies of test plans, test reports and log files of all pre-election testing.
- 3. All boxes of ballots and precinct scanner (usb) removable media picked up by the chief judge prior to the election shall have serial numbered tamper evident seals affixed to them. Serial numbered tamper evident seals shall be verified and recorded by a bi-partisan precinct team at pre-election pick-up of election materials, again at the precinct on the morning of the election prior to polls opening, and again as part of poll closing procedures.

 4. Precinct chief judges shall boot up
- 4. Precinct criter judges shall boot up precinct scanners and print zero tapes no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the polls opening. Boot up and zero tape printing procedures shall be conducted in the presence of a bi-partisan team of precinct judges.

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Durham, North Carolina 27707

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Mr. Lawrence Herst

5. When ballots are removed from the precinct scanner bin, they shall be immediately placed in a container and a serial numbered tamper evident seal shall be signed, affixed to the container; the serial number logged into chain-of-custody records by a bi-partisan team consisting of the chief judge and two precinct judges.

6. The chief judge shall post a precinct

he of the first policy is precinct poll tape at the close of polls (currently this is optional). The entire poll tape(s) shall be publicly viewable from outside of the precinct polling location for at least 24 hours (outward facing window). At the county BOE on election night, the public shall be allowed to view and document totals of any precinct poll tapes that were not posted at the close of polls at a precinct.

7. Early voting tape totals and absentee ballot tape totals shall not be totaled and printed until the close of polls on election night.

8. There shall be bi-partisan chain of custody of all election materials transported back to the county on election night. For counties that bring election materials to transport vans throughout the county, they must sign over materials to another bi-partisan team who will transport the materials to the BOE. 9. The public shall be allowed to observe election materials being returned and inventoried at the BOE. Comparison of uploaded precinct totals to poll tapes shall be conducted on election night in full view of the public. This is a critical step in the vote counting/aggregation process. 10. Absentee, provisional, overseas absentee, military ballots, and replicated absentee email ballots shall be approved/ not approved by the board in public view, at which time the approved ballot envelopes are to be opened, and ballots scanned in a continually observable process within full view of the board and public.

- I am 66 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure.
- I suggest making Early Voting more flexible and allowing counties to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county, I want to see more sites open for fewer/highest-use hours. I know my county is under budget constraints so making sure that my county BOE has flexibility to make a schedule that works for more voters means that we can have more voters use EV but more evenly distributed and not standing in long lines.
- I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are

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05/26/2020 01:16 PM	Mr. Harrell Chotas	4003 Kismet Drive, Durham, NC 27705	True	Lurge you to expand HB1169 with measures that:
				 Allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, Broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and Expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
05/26/2020 01:17 PM	Mrs. Cynthia Wertz	425 Olde Oaks Lane, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	Please support this bill. I am 77 and do not want to take the risk of getting the coronavirus by going to my polling place to vote. Nor do I want to be a risk to the poll workers. I am a long time voter and want to feel safe to exercise my right to vote. Also, I do not think I should have to be exposed to people coming to my house to witness by ballot selection. Please allow me to vote safely by mail.
05/26/2020 01:19 PM	Good first steps Shahpour Akhavi	122 Hillcrest Road 7, Raleigh, NC 27605-1769	True	I support the easing of burdens on voting especially during this time of pandemic. I hope the provisions of this bill removing the burden of finding witnesses for one's
			*	vote, easing the steps to request an absentee ballot and providing for increased sanitation at polls become law.
05/26/2020 01:19 PM	Dr. Richard Hester	1548 Moonstone Drive, Matthews, NC 28105	True	I strongly support this legislation. I think it is imperitave that we have a safe way for people to vote by mail in the climate of uncertainty about the pandemic and its ongoing threat in the months ahead. Also, I believe that voting by mail is the fairest way for everyone to have a reasonable chance to cast their ballot in the months and years to come beyond the danger of the pandemic. I am counting on the General Assembly to pass this legislation.
05/26/2020 01:19 PM	Sarah Ladd	708 Guilford Ave, Greensboro, NC 27401	True	Please support this bill to make absentee voting more accessible and efficient by reducing the need can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot, By requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well, By providing flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages By providing resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely I would also support extending voter registration deadlines, Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Thank you for supporting the voting rights

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05/26/2020 01:20 PM	Kathleen Roney	3804 Echo Farms Blvd , Wilmington , Nc 28412	True	Please pass this bill to make things equal and safe for North Carolinans during elections
05/26/2020 01:21 PM	Mrs Margaret Clemen	3805 Westcrest St 2419, Durham, NC 27707	True	With hospitalized cases of COVID on the rise we must make it safe and easy for all North Carolinians to vote. We must make voting possible for citizens with asthma or other underlying conditions, or in high risk groups. These Voters exist in all political parties. I think the bill should be amended in the following ways: 1. It should make on-line voter registration easier and not restrict it to NC Drivers Licenses or ID s. 2. Deadlines for Voter registration Need to be extended. 3. Counties need flexibility to create longer and safer early voting possible. 4. Contactless drop boxes need to be provided for drop off of absentee ballots. 5. Mail-in ballots need to be pre-paid. 6. Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory – the added requirement for a photo ID is an unnecessary and costly burden for voters 7. Thank you for the provisions in the bill that would: relax some poll worker
			*	recruitment requirements, reduce vote-by- mail witnesses to one, enable online requests for absentee ballots and provide a 20% funding match to release Federal CARES Act election funds to NC. Please keep these.
05/26/2020 01:22 PM	Dr. Sonia Archer-Capuzzo	3505 Park Hill Dr, Greensboro, NC 27410	True	This bill is an excellent first step to ensuring that this fall's election is fair and accessible to all eligible voters in NC. Especially considering that risks posed by the COVID-19 virus, these measures are essential.
05/26/2020 01:22 PM	At risk voter safe voting Oleg Nepliouev	3725 Knollwood dr, Durham, North Carolina 27712	True	I am a voter who has at risk family and this bill is needed to protect them.
05/26/2020 01:22 PM	Dr. Amanda Matson	2809 Barmettler St., Raleigh, NC 27607	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:
				With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional commonsense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.
				In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:
				allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use

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				you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 01:23 PM	Mr Eric Thomas	0700 Oction Of Bush on NO 07705		Amanda Matson
00/20/2020 01:23 FW	WI EIG HOHAS	2738 Sevier St, Durham, NC 27705	True	I am writing to let yiou know that I am in favor of the provisions of HB-1169. Anything we can do that makes voting easier and safer in this time of pandemic disease is a good idea. I urge the members of the North Carolina legislature
		*	ś.	to pass this bill as soon as possible and to fully implement its provisions in time for this year's elections.
05/26/2020 01:23 PM	Cynthia Whiteside	231 Nortwick Road, Rolesville, NC 27571	True	I am in favor of allowing Voting by mail in order to protect the precinct workers and the voters, especially if there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19.
05/26/2020 01:24 PM	Ms. Carolyn Guckert	2815 Mayview Road, Raleigh, NC 27607	True	Please pass this bill to make elections safer and accessible to all voters in these uncertain times. Allow us ALL to vote!
05/26/2020 01:25 PM	Mr Bob Hunter	127 Chapel Dr, LakeJunaluska , Nc 28745	True	Please support House Bill 1169. It is the right thing to do. We do not need to use ways to suppress individuals the right to vote. Do what is right and vote for House Bill 1169! Thank you
05/26/2020 01:25 PM	Mr Gordon Livermore	201 Vanderbilt Court, Durham, NC 27705	True	My wife and I are 76 and 77 years old, respectively, and would very much benefit by having a mail-in ballot option during a time when we would like to minimize our possible exposure to people who might be infected with COVID-19.
05/26/2020 01:26 PM	Dr. Paul Koptak	1267 WALKER RD, WAYNESVILLE, NC 28786-7858	True	Please give your attention to protecting citizens' right to vote in the following ways: allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. Thank you.
05/26/2020 01:26 PM	Ms Josephine Schulz	10606 Whittersham Drive, Charlotte, NC	True	With consideration to limitations imposed

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Date Submitted	Name	28262	Answer to Question	by the untimely coronavirus, North Carolina need additional approved voting mechanisms to include SECURELY online and/or vote by mail. With added laws and checks and balances measures that these mechanisms "will not" be "tampered with" or "altered" or "dropped".
05/26/2020 01:27 PM	Dr. Victor Hoffman	646 Huntingdon Street, Elon, North Carolina 27244	True	This bill contains much that will making voting safer and healthier for everyone.
05/26/2020 01:27 PM	Support for H.R. 1169 Richard Sanders	31 Silver Darter Lane , Candler , NC 28715	True	Please do your utmost to make it possible for all those eligible to vote are given the greatest opportunity to register and then to vote, including by mail or even online.
05/26/2020 01:28 PM	Ms Chelsea Earles	1709 Glendale Ave., Durham, NC 27701	True	We need protections and funding do that we can safely exercise our democratic right to vote in NC!
05/26/2020 01:28 PM	Mr Thomas Taylor	4209 Cape Landing Road, Castle Hayne, NC 228429	True	Let's do something in the best interest for the people of North Carolina. Why would you want us to choose between voting or expose yourself to COVID -19.
05/26/2020 01:29 PM	Ms Mary Lucas	3000 Galloway Rdg G303, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-8639	True	Please allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, Allow using HAVA ids for mail in ballot requests to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck) Allow out of county poll workers Do not require uniform hours at all polling sites
05/26/2020 01:30 PM	Mt Steve Roberts	202 s 3 rd st apt 10, Wilmington, 28401	True	We need paper ballots!
05/26/2020 01:30 PM	Mt Steve Roberts	202 s 3 rd st apt 10, Wilmington, 28401	True	We need paper ballots!
05/26/2020 01:31 PM	mr ethan lindley	375 s allen rd, wake forest, NC 27587	True	include extended early voting, allow counties to extend polling places
05/26/2020 01:32 PM			True	This is an important bill for the safety of North Carolinians. It takes some important steps to protect the electorate, like lowering the signature requirement, making it easier to request absentee ballots (online option!), offering flexibility to counties for assigning poll workers (who are usually our most at-risk elderly neighbors), and providing resources for sanitizing polling locations. It would be great to expand the protections even further to include extended voter registration deadlines, allowing counties to create/customize their own early voting plans, and providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.
				Thank you!
05/26/2020 01:33 PM	Mr. Andrew Silver	6 Sedley PI, Durham, NC 27705	True	Please support house bill 1169 to expand early and absentee voting in elections to allow voters safety in a time of pandemic. It is a good bill but can be improved in many ways, including Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Also I suggest that, as in many states like Oregon, which have all mail-in elections without problems, no witness should be required for absentee ballots. Many voters will still want to cast votes in person, and for them sufficient parking space and staff should be available for

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05/26/2020 01:34 PM	Rev Para Drake	1007 Vickers Ave, Durham, NC 27707	True	I support house bill 1169. Our state needs to protect citizens as we exercise our right to vote.
05/26/2020 01:35 PM	Dr Michael Norman	213 Summermore Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270-6013	True	Please support this legislation in order to keep the vote available to all registered North Carolinians, independent of race, or socioeconomic status!
05/26/2020 01:35 PM	Susan Preston	221 E Avondale Dr, Greensboro, NC 27403	True	Please vote yes on House Bill 1169 Elections2020. It is vital to our democracy to give everyone easy access to voting.
05/26/2020 01:36 PM	Patty Courtright	Green Willow, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I am writing about HB 1169. While I very much appreciate the effort to expand opportunities for North Carolinians to vote safely this year I have several concerns about the way the bill is currently written. Most concerning is the addition of a requirement for a photo ID in 2020. This is totally unnecessary, so please remove this condition from the bill. In addition, please add the following to increase voting access for all our voters: *Expand voter registration opportunities by extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration; *Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation in their county; *Require that the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope; and *Allow an option for contactless drop-box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
05/26/2020 01:37 PM	Chris Mitchell	174 Beacon Ridge Blvd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	Thank you very much. I am in support of creating the safest environment for voting in elections in 2020. It is unfair to ask the citizens of North Carolina to risk their health and their lives for in-person only voting. Citizens should be allowed to vote in a manner that does not require they come in close contact with others to either vote in person, or certify their vote (via witnesses or some other requirement for close proximity to others). It seems logical that voting can take place either by mail or even via the internet. Other private sector entities (banks etc.) have figured out how to secure our information without the need for human interaction. It is my belief that our government could and should determine how to do the same. I am proud to be a citizen of this great state. Please do your best to insure you are letting our voices be heard while protecting the safety of the constituents you took an oath to represent and protect.
				Kind Regards, Chris Mitchell

05/26/2020 01:37 PM	Amy Weiss Friedman	221 Landsbury Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True
05/26/2020 01:38 PM	Laura Tanzini	2901 Sap Ln, Raleigh, NC 27603	True
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05/26/2020 01:38 PM	Dr. Joseph Woolley	1509 Blount St., Durham, NC 27707	True

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vote in person. Also it is important to all voters, especially seniors, that voters have the right to request an absentee ballot for elections and for the process to be as easy and efficient as possible to request a ballot and to mail in/drop off the ballot. The cornerstone of this country is free and fair elections. This will only happen if everyone is given a choice of how they choose to vote - in person or by absentee ballot.

I believe that requirement for a photo ID is unnecessary given current ID requirements. This bill should address barriers to voter registration and allow for greater participation in the process by extending early voting options and allowing safe options including mail-in ballots with postage paid return envelopes.

I want to see the online portal to request an absentee ballot completed much quicker and available to all voters. I also want a mechanism to check that my county BOE received my request beyond just calling the BOE office.

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				Joe Woolley
05/26/2020 01:38 PM	Ms Betty Byron	20 Wheelwright Ct, Greensboro, NC 27455	True	Every citizen should be encouraged to vote. We need to respond to this by providing the opportunity to participate be it in person or absentee ballot. Requiring two witnesses or a notary to be present is truly a hardship for many. Include all citizens, it's your duty.
05/26/2020 01:39 PM	Dr Mary Monroekolek	54 Milton Ct, Pittsboro, NC 27315	True	Protect our right to vote safely expand HB1167
05/26/2020 01:39 PM	Ms nancy moore	PO Box 621 pop, Asheville, NC 28802	True	Voting should be easily available to All.
05/26/2020 01:40 PM	Gerry Cohen	8909 Taymouth Ct, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	I urge the General Assembly to take swift action on any election law legislation. Mail ballots go out beginning just 100 days from the May 27 committee meeting which means quick action will be needed to allow instructions and ballot envelopes to be printed — with perhaps well over a million mail ballots likely to be applied for, and an application portal to be implemented. Time is of the essence to allow a well run election to be conducted if more changes are made in the bill, please make sure they can be administered properly and work together with other election processes.
05/26/2020 01:41 PM	Mrs Debra Walker	319 Elam Avenue, Ramseur, NC 27316	True	Please protect our vote
05/26/2020 01:43 PM	Ms. Sonna Loewenthal	104 Porter Place, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I am 75 years old and want to be able o vote by mail. I ask you to provide for poll workers from outside the precinct, for secure drop-off boxes for completed ballots, for funding for NCBOE to use postage paid envelopes for absentee ballots, and to give county Boards of Elections some flexibility in scheduling and locating early voting polling places. We can't allow the corona virus to destroy our democracy!!
05/26/2020 01:43 PM	Ms. Betty Gunz	1409 Maryland Ave , Charlotte , NC 28209		Protect our right to vote.
05/26/2020 01:45 PM	Tami von Isakovics	710 E 7th St. 407, Charlotte, NC 28202	True	Hello leaders, Please pass this bill and make it as easy as possible for all citizens to cast their ballots remotely. Democracy depends on it! Thank you,
05/26/2020 01:47 PM			True	Tami House Elections and Ethics Committee
				Members: With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.

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05/26/2020 01:48 PM	Retired Helen Compton	1206 N Elizabeth St, Durham, NC 27701	True	Thank you In this time when going to the grocery store is dangerous, NC must make vote- by-mail or absent ballots easy to obtain and to return. Each of these steps is needed: mail every voter an application to vote absentee, reduce the number of witnesses to one since few households have two other adults, cover postage for	
				an absentee ballot to be mailed. Every County BOE should have a designated phone number to answer questions and check status of voters who are applying to vote absentee.	
05/26/2020 01:50 PM	Mr tim STRUTTMANN	2903 Laws Store Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541	True	Hi there, No voter ID should be required. Further, please extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration.	
				Give authority and flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.	
				Build mail in ballot processes, and provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots. Don't hesitate, do the right thing!	
05/26/2020 01:52 PM	Gail Barger	1503 Fairmont Street, Greensboro, NC 27403	True	Tim Please support HB 1169 to Lower the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot. Make requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the	

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05/26/2020 01:52 PM	Ann Bruffy	64 Canvasback Ct, Brevard, NC 28712	True		
05/26/2020 01:53 PM	Select Mary Palmer	2 Treetop Rd, Asheville, North Carolina 28804-6202	True		
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05/26/2020 01:53 PM	Dr. A. Bakarr Kanu	4588 Silo Ridge Ct., Clemmons, NC 27012	True		
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05/26/2020 01:54 PM	frederick lane	2456 Lorraine Ct S, PONTE VEDRA	False		
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05/26/2020 01:55 PM	Ms. Susan Usher	1597-A Denton St, Ocean Isle Beach, NC	True		
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option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well Offer flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages and

provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely

We need a few more items included in the bill, that are not in the bill, such as:

Extention of voter registration deadlines, Give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options And to provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters

I have a right to SAFE VOTING options

Voting is a right not a privilege. There is absolutely no valid reason not to allow mail in voting available to everyone.

Every voter must have access to vote in 2020 by mail, early voting, or in person; however, they choose to do it. Every American has the right to participate in our democracy during a health crisis. It is undemocratic to create a barrier that prevents people from voting. Let us design a bipartisan process that will make mail voting easier, safe, and secure. I also suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure we count every vote.

Let us vote and throughout the republicans.

Of Course republicans are fascist at heart. An honest vote will stop them now.

I believe very strongly in making vote-bymail available to ALL registered voters. If people who CHOOSE to live abroad can vote by mail, then people who CHOOSE to stay in America should have the same privilege. I have family members in other states, including an elderly aunt, who vote only by mail. They love it. For working people, it means not waiting in long lines at the beginning or end of the day to vote... or missing it altogether because you work two jobs or share a vehicle, or have to work late. In the past I have taken advantage of Early Voting every time it has been available at hours I could participate. Wouldn't be appropriate to let each Board of Elections figure out its own plan since they know the area they serve?

I also believe we need to improve access to voter registration, especially during these uncertain times. We can do that by extending mail-in and online deadlines. And why couldn't we use a variety of ID documents to request/register for mail-in

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05/26/2020 01:55 PM	Susan Koesters	37 Lakeshore Dr, Weaverville, NC 28787	True	I urge the legislature to expand HB 1169 so that more citizens can vote safely by allowing more access to voting registration, extending early voting, improving safely at personal voting sites and removing barriers to voting by mail.
05/26/2020 01:57 PM	Ms. Christine Hale	309 Old Farm School Rd., Asheville, NC 28805	True	Please pass House Bill 1169 to relax some poll worker recruitment requirements, reduce vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and provide a financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties. During pandemic times, North Carolinians need safe, effective ways to exercise our FREEDOM to vote! Please also look closely at bipartisan recommendations not addressed in this bill that could protect even more voters.
05/26/2020 01:57 PM	Mrs Amee Stewart	514 Jay Shambley Rd, Pittsboro, NC 27312	True	Take out the photo ID requirement entirely and please provide a stamped envelope to return the absentee ballot. Also need all counties to have paper backup system.
05/26/2020 01:58 PM	Ms. Julia Welch	405 N. Elliott Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I support this bill. I also support a flexible system for spreading information on how to vote by mail. The process is simplified by this bill, BUT voting by mail is still hard to understand, and I fear many voters need verbal and visual guidance on how to fill out the outside of the envelope properly.
05/26/2020 01:59 PM	Mary Heath	450 Pebble Creek Dr, Cary, NC 27511	True	Please consider: extending voter registration deadline, providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes, flexibility to counties when creating early voting. Thanks for this effort on this bill.
05/26/2020 01:59 PM	MS Eileen Howe	13031 Meadowmere Road, Huntersville, NC 28078	True	A recent email requesting input on Vote By Mail options for the November election provided several options: 1. Request absentee ballot and mail it in during the mail in period. 2. Request absentee ballot and take it directly to post office or poling place on national election day. 3. Or, if you want to cast your ballot at a poling place, "throw mail in ballot away" and vote at your designated poling place. Number 3 is not a good idea because it
			*	Number 3 is not a good idea because it could cause a voting fraud situation should someone find a blank discarded ballot and decide to mark it and send it in. BIG PROBLEM FOR EITHER PARTY. Suggestion: tell them to bring their mail in ballot to the poling place, turn it in, and proceed to use the voting machines.

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				Please make this correction for the safety and smooth operation of November voting. Lets make sure there are no hick ups as we had during the last election, Respectfully, Eileen Howe
05/26/2020 01:59 PM	Mrs Joan Eastman	2 Heath Place, Durham, nc 27705	True	My husband is 69 years old and his medical status is compromised. I am 66 years old. We both need a way to safely vote by mail from home because we risk our health by exposure at the polls. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. Please support voting by mail!
05/26/2020 02:00 PM	Ms. Sherry Casuccio	4201 Castlewood Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209	True	Every eligible voter deserves to safely and securely vote. I take my civic duty seriously and vote in every local and national election. Voting by mail eliminates the potential health risk that could be present at polling places when we vote this November. Please make this option available to the residents of NC and send out applications for mail-in ballots.
05/26/2020 02:01 PM	Ms. Phyllis Nunn	233 Buck Jones Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606	True	WE WANT FAIR ELECTIONS!! WE WANT OUR RIGHT TO VOTE PROTECTED! WE WANT TO VOTE BY MAIL DURING THIS PANDEMIC!!
05/26/2020 02:01 PM	Dr Kerry Bullock-Ozkan	104 Pine Hill Dr, Carrboro, ORANGE 27510) True	With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.
				In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:
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05/26/2020 02:01 PM	Jack Campbell	418 N. Trade St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830	True	HB 1169 goes a long way toward improving voting procedures, but there have been bi-partisan proposals for other provisions that will make voting more accessible for those most affected by the pandemic. Please consider extending deadlines, expanding the list of ID options for online registration, and giving counties more authority to adopt procedures that best fit their needs.
				Please protect our democracy. Do not force North Carolinians to choose between their health and their right to vote. Take this opportunity to improve on HB 1169 and show North Carolinians that their votes count.
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 02:01 PM	Mrs. Holly Wood	1144 Linganore Place, Charlotte, NC 28203	True	If the United States is to remain a democracy, voters must have the ability to vote without fear of intimidation, harm or
		9		risk. There is zero evidence of voters committing fraud when voting by mail. To
				committing fraud when voting by mail. To protect our at risk populations at this time, we must allow vote by mail state wide as well as taking away the barriers to do so (i.e. requiring witnesses).
05/26/2020 02:01 PM	mr Jan Johnson	13911 warwick castle way, Charlotte, NC 28277	True	I am AGAINST mail in voting. Fraud is very easy with mail in voting ballots. Absentee voting should only be for Military and Civilians deployed overseas and for the elderly that are of SOUND MIND but are unable to get to the polls. I also believe that Voting Day should be a National Holiday to facilitate maximum voter turnout at the polls.
05/26/2020 02:02 PM	Nancy Glenz	925 New Garden RD. #311, Greensboro, NC 27410	True	please support this bill. We need to make the right to vote as accessible as possible and remove as many obstacles as possible and this is a good first step.
05/26/2020 02:02 PM	Stacia Cooper	91 Dark Forest Dr , Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	With the COVID-19 pandemic, please make it easier for NC voters to cast their ballot safely. Many of us live with or are responsible for those who are in a high risk group. Please support all NC voters during this unprecedented 2020 election season.
05/26/2020 02:02 PM	Mr. Geoffrey Tuson	307 McKinley Street, Durham, NC 27705	True	I support this bill and its bipartisan origin. Having the option of requesting and using a mail-in ballot is likely to be important this fall given the presence of the COVID and the health risk it would bring to voters and poll workers. I thank the legislature for this improvement.
05/26/2020 02:02 PM	Ms Evelyn Neel Stallings	4930 Montclair Avenue, Charlotte, 282122912	True	I am 72 years old, a two-time breast cancer survivor and live alone. It's important that I am able to safely vote by mail from home. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure.

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05/26/2020 02:03 PM	Mrs Mary P Kelly	12000 Raspberry Ln, Raleigh, NC 27614	True	Voting is pivotal to our Federal & State constitutions. As elected officials I expect the NC General Assembly to help voters. While HB 1169 could do more to help citizens vote, it is an acceptable first step, As a constituent, I urge you to support the bill.
05/26/2020 02:04 PM	Susan Sunger	516 N Bloodworth, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	One person. One vote. That's how democracy works. Please make nail invoting more available.
05/26/2020 02:05 PM	Laurie Childres	1745 4TH STREET CT NE, HICKORY, NC 28601	True	House Bill 1169 is extremely important and is a step in the right direction for our upcoming election in November, but it ignores some key bipartisan recommendations provided months ago and adds unnecessary and potentially-confusing photo voter ID language already blocked by two separate courts. Amendments to HB1169 are immediately needed in the House Elections and Ethics Committee to expand voter protections, and ensure this vital legislation does more to keep all of our state's voters safe during the 2020 election. This bill MIST allow.
			•	the 2020 election. This bill MUST allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck) and expand SAFE in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. It's your responsibility to make these important changes to keep our election fair, safe and available for ALL
05/26/2020 02:05 PM	Ms. Dawn Cogger	202 Poplar Dr., Elizabeth City, NC 27909	True	to vote. Thank you. Everyone's vote is needed. Our people who have served our country in the armed forces have voted by mail. We need and appreciate all votes within the state of NC. During this time of an extremely infectious and life threatening virus brings this matter to the top. Thank you Dawn Cogger
05/26/2020 02:05 PM	Patrick Barnes	27 Maple Ridge Ln, Asheville, NC 28806-2905	True	I am a 71 man with a wife who has MS. She works as a poll worker. It is extremely important that she not only have a safe workplace but that as many of those who are potential victims of this illness have an alternative to voting in person rather than not voting at all
05/26/2020 02:07 PM	Mrs Anne Hauser	140 Hearthstone Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374	True	During this difficult time in our country, please vote to make sure this legislation comes to pass. We do not have any idea what summer and fall hold for us, so please make voting easier and safer for all registered voters. Thank you!
05/26/2020 02:07 PM	MR Richard Prust	750 Weaver Dairy Road, apt. 120, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514	True	I urge you to pass legislation to streamline absentee voting. I'd like to see postage free return ballots so people who don't have a stamp won't be deterred.
	Mrs. Pamela Robbins	3613 Willow Bluff Dr, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	I am a 63 yr old and have just mailed in my

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05/26/2020 02:09 PM	MS Kathleen Aitken	4125 Ashleytown Lane, Charlotte, NC 28270	True	I support this timely bill that will help sadeguard the public as well as poll workers in the November election. Additionally, it makes sense to add these provisions: extend voter registration deadlines, allow counties greater flexibility in setting early voting plans to help ensure safe in person voting, and provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters who choose this form of voting.
05/26/2020 02:10 PM 05/26/2020 02:13 PM	7047931434 Melissa Young Mr. Dan Robbins	1263 Boswell Ct., Concord, NC 28027 3613 WILLOW BLUFF DR, RALEIGH, NC 27604	True	Protect our vote! I am a 68-year-old NC voter and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I do not have two other adults living in my household. I want to see drop box sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to the Board of Elections by election day. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots. I would also like to see the online portal to request an absentee ballot completed much quicker and available to all voters. I also want an online mechanism to check that my county Board of Elections received my request. It is the twenty first century. We should have simple and effective ways to make mail voting easier, safe, and secure.
05/26/2020 02:14 PM	1953 Patricia Stowe	517 Merrie Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606	True	As a member of a high risk group I would like to request that you make voting safe for the voters of North Carolina. I have voted in every election since I turned 18 except when I was on bedrest when pregnant. I take voting as an important aspect of my duties as a citizen. Please extend early voting hours and reduce the requirements for absentee voting. Thank you for your consideration.
05/26/2020 02:14 PM	Edward Peters	41 Dorchester Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28806	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our

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				Thank you.
5/26/2020 02:14 PM	Mr Joseph Harper	1070 Christmas Place , Greensboro , NC 27410	True	To not support this bill is un -American. Do everything you can to make it safe for everyone to vote.
15/26/2020 02:14 PM	Margery Gates	12455 US 15 501 N, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-6023	True	As a 70 year old, I would like to be able to vote safely, I would like to see an easy request for absentee ballot if I do not feel safe going to the poll. I stood inside in line for an hour for the primary vote. There was not room for social distancing. I expect the lines to be longer on election day. More early voting places and times would help to alleviate some of this problem and more voting places. I think the poll workers also need to feel safe. Behind plexiglass would be a start, but not enough. Shorter hours for each poll
				worker would also lessen the exposure to poll workers. Is there a place at the poll to drop off an absentee ballot? I have always voted in person before, but with this coronavirus, I will have to consider an absentee ballot.
E (0.0 (0.000 0.0.1 E D) 4	Mrs. Barbara Hapgood	13 Friday Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	Dear Members of the NC General
5/26/2020 02:15 PM				Assembly,

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				-	fall. While I appreciate the first steps that are being proposed, I urge you to include additional measures that will keep North Carolinians safe and expand access to democracy. We should be a model state, avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus
					It is great that HB1169 is responding to the current crisis by relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties. However, more is need to protect our community. As such, I encourage you to expand that House Bill 1169 to include provisions that:
					 Allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines,
			¥.		 Broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and,
					 Expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
					As we all truly care about democracy in this country, let us together make it safe and accessible. May I count on you to support and promote these amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month? I hope so.
					Thank you,
05/26/2020 02:16 PM	Mr. James Holcomb	7207 Harmony Church Road, Efland, 27243	NC True		Barbara Hapgood Please expand HB1169: Citizens of our state must be given maximum access to any and all registration and voting mechanisms. Mai-in and online deadlines
					should be extended. Broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots. Early-voting systems and mechanisms should be extended, enforced, and broadened to the fullest practicable extent. The right and the ease of voting should be extended, not restricted.
05/26/2020 02:17 PM	Ms. Catherine Marie	3612 Morningside Dr., Raleigh, NC 2:	7607 True		I support HB 1169. We need to have a safe way for all of us to vote during this pandemic. I believe that you should also consider including the following in House Bill 1169. -Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting optionsProviding secure absentee ballot drop

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27705-9302 27706-9302 27706-9302 27706-9302 27706-9302 27706-9302 27706-9302 27706-9302 27706-9302 27706-	05/26/2020 02:18 PM	Ms. Janice Garver	13 Saint Giles Place, Asheville, NC 28803	True	Please work quickly and thoroughly to make voting in North Carolina easy and safe. In view of the Corona Virus epidemic, voting will take more time as people line up six feet apart with masks so that poll workers will remain protected, trained properly and safe. More absentee ballots need to be easy to use with plenty of time for them to be certified, filled in, received and counted. Work to simplify the forms and necessary instructions. Thank you for your work to see that all who choose to participate in the election this coming November can do so promptly
D5/26/2020 02:18 PM Ms Rosemary McGee Souther Creek Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613 True Eligibility to vote in the United States is established both through the United States is established both through the United States Constitution and by state law. States Constitution and by state law. States Constitution and by state law. Believe that North Carolina voters, including but not limited to senior citize can vote without jeapardizing their hea with the advent of the coronavirus pandemic, absentee voting is essential and should be as made as easy as possible encouraging and supporting voter participation. O5/26/2020 02:20 PM Ms Jan Williams Souther Creek Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613 True Eligibility to vote in the United States is established both through the United States is established by the Elections of the United States is established by the Elections of the United States is establis	05/26/2020 02:18 PM	Lydia Kwee		True	Thank you for considering public comments on this important bill. As a non-partisan voting advocate and voter registration volunteer, I am extremely supportive of measures that will allow all eligible North Carolinians to cast ballots safely and appropriately. Our democracy is vitally important to protect during this pandemic - and our citizens' health is just as important. I fully support measures to make absentee balloting easy, such as lowering the signature requirement on absentee ballots, making requesting an absentee ballot easier, and providing for flexibility so poll workers can be assigned and protected appropriately. I would request additional measures be included as well in order to protect our democracy: extending voter registration deadlines, giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options, and providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Thank you so much for your consideration. We are in unprecedented times, and protecting our voters and our
05/26/2020 02:20 PM Ms Jan Williams 526 Clarion Dr, Durham, Nc 27705 True I am 67 years old with underlying medic conditions and at risk of serious coronavirus complications. I am glad to see a bipartisan bill to make voting by easier. I will use that option this fall. 05/26/2020 02:20 PM Dr. Jane Clark 314 Center Dr., Davidson, NC 28036 True House Elections and Ethics Committee	05/26/2020 02:18 PM	Ms Rosemary McGee		True	Eligibility to vote in the United States is established both through the United States Constitution and by state law. It's imperative that North Carolina voters, including but not limited to senior citizens, can vote without jeapardizing their health. With the advent of the coronavirus pandemic, absentee voting is essential and should be as made as easy as possible encouraging and supporting
Trade Electron and Editor Constitution	05/26/2020 02:20 PM	Ms Jan Williams	526 Clarion Dr, Durham, Nc 27705	True	I am 67 years old with underlying medical conditions and at risk of serious coronavirus complications. I am glad to see a bipartisan bill to make voting by mail
	05/26/2020 02:20 PM	Dr. Jane Clark	314 Center Dr., Davidson, NC 28036	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:

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				With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.
				In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:
				allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections. As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for
				North Carolina voters this month? Thank you.
				Jane Clark
05/26/2020 02:20 PM	Mr Lee Harrison	3322 Fairhill Dr, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	I would suggest making Early Voting more flexible and allowing counties to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county, I want to see more sites open for fewer/highest-use hours.
05/26/2020 02:21 PM	Dr John Barnwell	8601 Carriage Tour Ln, Raleigh , NC 27615	True	Please allow counties to increase early voting sites and extend the days for early voting so as to avoid long lines and avoid close personal contact, which puts persons in my age group (over 70) at greater risk from Covid 19.
05/26/2020 02:22 PM	Mrs Mercedes Garrett	608 pine ridge dr, Greensboro , NC 27406	True	We must protect the election by giving all voters in all states the accessibility to cast their ballot safely and conveniently. Voter suppression is unamerican.
05/26/2020 02:23 PM	Mr. Joseph English	1414 Pennsylvania Avenue, Durham, NC	True	Hi NC Legislature,
		27705		My name is Joe (Joseph) English and I am registered to vote in Durham, NC. Early Voting needs more flexible, and because NC (i.e. now all 100 counties have COVID

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					cases) is such a diverse place in certain ways, geographically and with various population centers, large and small, growing and shrinking. Counties should be able to decide the how of they can maximize voter participation in the elections, want to offer.
					Also it's really critical, and it's a nonpartisan budget item, NCGA I request add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted. This is done in states with various parties in power.
				*	A true way to ensure timely, safely and even more efficiently obtaining election results, I would suggest dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Again, this is a nonpartisan request. Regarding technology improvements, having an online simple portal to request absentee ballots that could be connected to the DMV software system registration is a no-brainer. And my ideal tech request would be that a voter could check online if their absentee had received and approved as valid.
					And please, please, please, do not forget the rights voters that happen to be in jail but maybe awaiting trial or in prison because of misdemeanor convictions. This may be challenging to address, but that not disenfranchise them.
					Thank you and most humbly, Joe English, 1414 Pennsylvania Avenue, Durham, NC 27705
05/2	6/2020 02:23 PM	Carol Brainard	439 N Serenity Hill Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	We must be able to vote by mail-in ballot without needing a notarized or witness signature. EVERY VOTER SHOULD RECEIVE A BALLOT IN THE MAIN WITHOUT EVEN HAVING TO SEND IN AN APPLICATION OR ONE.
05/2	6/2020 02:24 PM	Mr Charles Underwood	406 s. Cliffdale dr., Winston Salem, No 27104	True	I strongly, urgently support this vitally- needed bill.
05/20	6/2020 02:27 PM	Robert McGee	5005 Boulder Creek Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	Every effort should be made to insure that everyone has an opportunity to exercise their right to vote. Vote by mail is an essential option, particularly in light of the current pandemic
05/20	6/2020 02:28 PM	Linda Duda	4210 Tyndrum Dr, Durham, NC 27705	True	I really want to be able to request an absentee ballot online and to have a simple way to make sure that the BOE received my request. Also, I would like to see drop boxes set up around the county. I have an underlying medical condition and feel strongly about staying safe and healthy. It is also VERY important to me that I am able to cast my ballot as I have done for my entire adult life. Thank you
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05/26/2020 02:29 PM	Mrs. Elizabeth Miller	610 Sasser St, Raleigh, NC 27604-1920	True	I am in support of this bill as a necessary step to ensure we have safe access to voting this November, given the uncertainty regarding our current Pandemic. Every eligible voter should have the option to vote by absentee ballot and not risk their health in order to vote.
05/26/2020 02:29 PM	Mrs Lee Sisk	21 Oakwood Dr, MARION, NC 28752	True	This would be a good start!
05/26/2020 02:31 PM	Mrs Sandra Vermillion	2625 Circa Dr, Matthews, NC 28105	True	The NC legislature needs to pass laws taking into account the situation of this pandemic! Allow mail in votes as well as polling stations.
05/26/2020 02:32 PM	7036294770 William R. & Meg B. Clontz	141 Lambeth Dr, Asheville, NC 28803	True	Surely this is one of the more important and common sense items of legislation before this GA. This is the minimum we should do to support voter access and public health safety. This bill would be better were it to provide secure absentee drop boxes, allow counties some flexibility in early voting processes (as long as variations increase, do not decrease, access) and extend voter registration deadlines in these exceptional times. Please do all you can to ensure this legislation passes and has as many of the aforementioned features as possible. Thank you.
05/26/2020 02:34 PM	Ms. Emily Pelka	510 N. Wilmington Street 321, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	I fully support expanding access to absentee voting, including but not limited to the lowering of witness signature requirement, and offering additional options to request absentee ballots (via the internet, fax, or phone in addition to mail or in person). I also think poll workers deserve safe conditions and proper equipment and access to sanitation products to keep themselves and inperson voters safe. I think early voting periods/deadlines should be extended to increase flexibility, and I also think secure ballot drop boxes for early voting are a good idea. It should not be dangerous or difficult to vote in our country.
05/26/2020 02:35 PM	Mrs Jeanne Powell	10867 NC Highway 18 North, Ennice , NC 28623	True	This year, more than ever before, it is SO important that as many people who want to vote are able to vote! Any and all obstacles, perceived or real, need to be removed so that NC has the largest turnout ever. This way, elected officials can be assured that they are representing a majority of their constituents and that the majority of constituents can be assured that they have elected officials who represent them. Please expand HB 1169 so that everyone has a vote. Thank you!
05/26/2020 02:36 PM	Ms Pam Peterson	446 Granite Mill Blvd , Chapel Hill , NC 27516	True	Please ensure that elections will be safe. As a senior citizen with underlying conditions I want to be able to vote without exposing myself to the virus. Voting by mail and having extended early voting will help. Thanks
05/26/2020 02:37 PM	Ms. Roberta Waddle	3941 Gainey Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28306	True	I encourage you to pass this legislation. I do not want to risk my life to vote. The need to make voting absentee easier is

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				critical. It is also critical that there be the funding needed to accommodate greater voting by mail. It is also critical that Boards of Elections have the funding needed to make voting in person safe for both voters and election workers. Our elections must be safe and secure to protect our democracy.
				Most voters want to be able to vote for their representatives. They are not interested in perpetrating federal crimes. Many more people are prohibited from voting because they did not know ALL the rules and follow them. Voter education would be much more helpful than adding more rules and hoops for voters to jump through. Funding for voter education should be included.
05/26/2020 02:37 PM	Ms. Marian Olson	287 Whispering Wind Drive, Chapel Hill, North Dakota 27516	True	Please make it easier for North Carolinians to vote by mail. In the age of coronavirus, we should not have to stand in long lines or crowded public rooms!
05/26/2020 02:37 PM	Carole Selkirk	30119 Settle, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	The bill under consideration is 'IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC' and should not include Voter Identification since this has nothing to do with the current Pandemic. The bill should be bipartisan and passed with the greatest haste, considering only its intent, so all legal voters may vote safely without fear of the coronavirus, either at the poles AND/OR by mail. Sincerely, Carole Selkirk
05/26/2020 02:38 PM	Ms. Pamela Harmon	805 McGowan Rd., Shelby, North Carolina 28150	True	Omit Voter ID requirement from this bill!
05/26/2020 02:40 PM	Ms Barbara Clarke	2667 Bill Collins Road, Tryon, North Carolina 28782	True	I have grave concerns about the consistency of the message - first, in mail in ballots there is only one witness required BUT the envelope has not been changed to reflect only one witness. Also voter ID is required and that negates the state legislature changes that ruled that NC voter ID laws are unconstitutional - therefore this part of the bill should be eliminated.
05/26/2020 02:42 PM	Mr. Bruce Bickham	45 River Rock Way, Franklinton, North Carolina 27525	True	I will shortly be 76 yrs, old plus my wife is a poll worker. There is no reason to put us in harms way to vote in case this virus persists in the fall. Please make voting by mail easier and postage-free.
05/26/2020 02:44 PM	Laura Holley	925 Branch Line Ln, Apex, NC 27502	True	Please do support this reasonable, pragmatic bill. Thank you.
05/26/2020 02:44 PM	Mr₃ Martin Ericson	788 Courtney St SE, Concord, NC 28025	True	The measures suggested will ease the burden on voters and voting administration during the current situation. However, one item suggested by the State Board of Elections not addressed was flexibility in setting the days, times, and locations for One-stop Absentee voting sites. Counties have vastly diverse needs for and abilities to run these sites which are only exacerbated by COVID-19. Martin Ericson,

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05/26/2020 02:47 PM	Mr Samuel Todd	8801 Brigadier Lane, Mint Hill, NC 28227 Tru	ue	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:
				With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.
				In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:
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				 broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or other government-issued ID)
				 expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities
				These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fastapproaching 2020 elections.
				As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
				Thank you. Samuel Todd
05/26/2020 02:47 PM	Mrs. Elizabeth Conroy	2811 WELCOME DR., DURHAM, NC 27705 Tr	rue	I ask you to make November voting easier by requiring only one witness for absentee ballots, allowing counties to extend early voting, and, if possible, including a return envelope with prepaid postage for absentee ballots. I am 74 years old, and I only see my husband so it will be difficult to have two witnesses for an absentee ballot—no other family is nearby. I may go to early voting if I can be be 6 ft. apart from everyone the entire time.
05/26/2020 02:49 PM	Mr Gerald Meyer	180 Rock Garden Dr, Canton, 287168767 Ti	rue	Please make voting by mail as easy as possible by eliminating the need for witnesses on the mail in ballot envelope. This is an unnecessary requirement, ballot

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				tracking via a number and signature verification is adequate security. Ohio has had no witness or notary requirement for years an never had any security or fraud problem (Election fraud is not a real problem any where in the US). Make voting at early voting flexible in each county so they can establish safe and accessible procedures for each individual county.
05/26/2020 02:50 PM	Ms Jo Schultz	1208 Strange Court , Morehead City , NC 28557	True	I am disabled and voting by mail is critical for me. There is no evidence of widespread voter mail fraud so that cannot be an excuse. I also have trouble getting two witnesses in person. Steps must be taken so I can exercise my voting rights.
05/26/2020 02:51 PM	Mrs. Eileen Hanson-Kelly	1109 Timber Spring Lane, Salisbury, NC 28147	True	I am 79 years old and my husband is 88. We want to vote in the Nov. elections by absentee ballot, but we do not have another person to witness our signatures. Also, we need prepaid envelopes so seniors and others can vote without having to go out to get postage. I think drop boxes in secure locations would help assure our votes get there in time. This works well in Washington state and has for several years, It would keep us away from other people and potential covide-19 exposure. Thank you.
05/26/2020 02:52 PM	Mrs. Joni Hohmeier	3219 Waterbury Dr., Durham, NC 27707	True	Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory – the added requirement for a photo ID is an unnecessary and costly burden for voters. See https://journalistsresource.org/studies/politics/elections/voter-photo-id-law-research/ The bill does not address barriers to voter registration. It should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders. The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that ensure safe in-person voting. The bill should allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
05/26/2020 02:52 PM	Mary Sewell	2904 LEGION AVE, DURHAM, NC 27707	True	postage for mail-in ballots I am 67 years old and will be voting by mail for the first time this fall due to Covid-19. I have attended some Board of Election meetings when they have reviewed vote by mail ballots. Many of them were not counted due to voter not properly completing the outside of the envelope. I am worried it will be too complex and difficult for me. I want to make sure my vote will count so I want a

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05/26/2020 02:53 PM	Ms Bessie	1205 Pulitzer Lane, Durham, NC 27703	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: You must immediately pass legislation that provides for safe in-person voting, expands access to voting-by-mail, and provides a financial match to release critical, federal election funds to North Carolina counties.
				House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense-solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home—just as did Donald Trump, with his entourage of medical staff and drivers—or in-person in the upcoming 2020 election.
			•	In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things
				like: • allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, • broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and • expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
				No one knows what the future holds, but you all should agree: NC must not repeat the mistakes of states that unnecessarily exposed their voters to the deadly coronavirus. Your actions now—today, this month—to include these much-needed additions would keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fastapproaching 2020 elections, and ensure no voter — regardless of party — is left behind this fall.
				As my representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, you need to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month so I can exercise my right to vote—safely.
05/26/2020 02:55 PM	Linda Bossert	1114 Front Gate Lane, Wake Forest, NC 27587	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:
				With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.

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			,	These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections.
				As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 03:01 PM	Good first steps Shahpour Akhavi	122 Hillcrest Road 7, Raleigh, NC 27605-1769	True	I support the easing of burdens on voting especially during this time of pandemic. I hope the provisions of this bill removing the burden of finding witnesses for one's vote, making it easier to request an absentee ballot, and providing sanitation at polls become law.
05/26/2020 03:02 PM	Tom E Bowers	9212 Fairchild Ln, Charlotte, NC 28277-7825	True	Make it easy for eligible voters to vote.
05/26/2020 03:02 PM	Stan Converse	3955 NC 66 Hwy N, Westfield, NC 27053	True	I have a very vulnerable mother in law for whom Covid-19 would most likely be a death sentence. I would like to be able to vote in such a way that it does not put my mother in law at risk - nor do I particularly want to have to risk Covid-19 myself to vote.
05/26/2020 03:03 PM	Todd Miller	610 Sasser St, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	Given the current Covid-19 pandemic, everyone in the state should be allowed to vote by mail. There should be no need to risk your health or life to vote in the upcoming elections.
05/26/2020 03:04 PM	Mr. GEORGE REED	1512 Kennon Road, Garner, NC 27529	True	I strongly recommend the support of HB1169 because our basic right to vote shouldn't be a referendum to chosing between a right and personal health. As with all laws they are for the benefit of the citizens & not a politican personal whim.
05/26/2020 03:04 PM	Mr. GEORGE REED	1512 Kennon Road, Garner, NC 27529	True	I strongly recommend the support of HB1169 because our basic right to vote shouldn't be a referendum to chosing

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05/26/2020 03:05 PM	Mrs Betsy Webster	14230 Nc Highway 801, Mt Ulla, NC 28125-7721	True	Please make this election safe and secure for voters and poll workers. Include easy vote by mail access to ALL
05/26/2020 03:05 PM	Ms. Melanie Bassett	815 Spring Garden Street, Greensboro, North Carolina 27403	True	I am an older disabled voter. I am not absent. I would like the right to vote: independently, safely, at a time convenient for me. I would like to vote at home, as many other States allow. My Mail Carrier is a trusted and trained Federal employee, who will deliver my vote.
05/26/2020 03:05 PM	Timothy Whiteside	231 Nortwick Rd, Rolesville, NC 27571	True	As a past and most current County Board Of Elections official, I am concerned about my safety and health as well as the health of other officials and voters alike. Further outbreaks of this virus that has wrecked havoc on our society, nation and global world need to be avoided at all costs. I believe that increased ability to enable vote-by-mail options be pursued in whatever means possible that would not jeopardize the election in any manner that is unfair to any party involved.
05/26/2020 03:07 PM	Mrs. Sandra Purdy	60 Gaston Mountain Rd., Asheville, NC 28806	True	I believe that this House Bill 1169 Elections 2020 is an important bill to be passed. It contains a number of provisions that will be helpful to me as a senior voter. The Covid 19 crisis will not be solved by election time; in fact, numbers of deaths, especially for seniors, could be even worse by that time. I have always voted, but in November I will be reluctant to vote in person because of the virus. In addition, I can't get around as easily as I could during the last election to the point of even having a disability sticker, so I don't need to walk too far, but even so I still have trouble walking. The bill lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot and makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well. This would be extremely helpful for me, so I could stay at home, vote, yet remain a healthy citizen. In addition it offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages, provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can to be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely. This is extremely important for those people who do decide to vote in person. Some other items would be extremely helpful to make sure that everyone has a fair, equal chance to cast their votes, the right of every citizen. These include the

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				following: Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
				I strongly urge the General Assembly to consider these options and vote for this bill. This is a unique time in our history; every voter has the right to register to vote and to cast a vote in the November election. Politics do not have a place in this decision. Every voter has the right to do this in the safest way each one can, whether by going to the polls safely or staying home so they can do their utmost to keep the virus from spreading. Sincerely, Sandra Purdy
05/26/2020 03:08 PM	Mt Ed Hoefle	3912 Sunningdale Way, Durham, Nc 27707	True	This is the right thing to do at this time with the pandemic looming. Thank you
05/26/2020 03:09 PM	hardee klitzman	3015 wade road, durham, nc 27705	True	As you are considering bills to modify voting procedures in light of COVID-19, please consider these things: 1. Not requiring voter ID; 2. Extending the mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration; 3. Allowing the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting.; 4. Allowing the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes and 5. Providing pre-paid postage for mail in ballots.
05/26/2020 03:10 PM	Bonnie McCarthy	73 Tyner Loop Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	l urge you to make the following changes during this pandemic: 1. Allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, 2. Broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and 3. Expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
05/26/2020 03:10 PM	Ms Marty Brown	3213 Red Berry Dr, Wilmington, NC 28409	Truo	Thank you.
	y som	2270 New Berry Dr. Willington, NG 20409	nuc	Everyone should be allowed to vote by mail because of the danger of gathering in person at polling places. Any other choice is a strike against democracy.
05/26/2020 03:11 PM	Dr. Leslie Webster	3035 Brookmont Place, Charlotte, NC 28219	True	I support an expansion of HB 1169 which will allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to

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				make Early Voting plans that best serve. I want to make sure the ALL North Carolina citizens can safely exercise their right to vote without compromising their health or safety. Thank you
05/26/2020 03:13 PM	Mrs. Mary Ellen Tyrrell	308 Bay View Drive, Chocowinity, NC 27817	True	As a resident and registered voter of North Carolina, plus being a senior citizen, protecting my ability to vote safely is paramount to my sense of civic duty and care for my well being. Extending mail in and online deadlines, as well as safe polling places will help secure my right to vote as a citizen of these United States. This pandemic poses special concerns for seniors, and I would hope and expect our legislators to protect our voting rights. Thank you?
05/26/2020 03:18 PM	Mrs. Sandy Murray	33823 Westchester Rd., Durham, NC 27707	True	Voting should be easy, safe and accessible for all NC citizens even those who move frequently or who are homeless. I have a bad hens tremor and can hardly write or sign my name. Please don't make it important to match an old signature. We need vote by mail. Election Day should be a holiday from work, too.
05/26/2020 03:18 PM	Bernard Ingram	1715 Hedgelawn Dr. 105, Charlotte, NC 28262	True	One person, one vote. It should be made easier for each and every citizen exercise their constitutionally granted right, regardless of political persuasion. Some are protesting for their "right" to get a haircut, go to church, etc., but seem not to care about the systematic efforts to remove people from voter rolls.
05/26/2020 03:19 PM	Mr. Mark Taylor	6523 Kentdale Court, Charlotte, NC 28270	True	Because voter fraud is minuscule and because the pandemic may still be affecting citizen safety, my wife and I urge the passing of HB 1169 to promote safe, healthy, lawful and effective voting and to enhance our democratic(small d) process.
05/26/2020 03:19 PM	Ms Frances Golden	361 The Greens Circle Apt 224, Raleigh, NC 27606	True	This bill is critical for senior citizens, the disabled and others who cannot come to the polls to vote in order to vote safely and effectively in all elections. Please consider and pass the provisions in this bill. Thank you.
05/26/2020 03:19 PM	William Graham	9304 Brookton CT, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I am a 75 year old blind veteran. I would like to be able to vote by absentee ballot or other electronic means, such as email or on a website, the current application form for Absentee Ballot on the state's web site is not readable by a screen reader nor can a blind person fill out the form. I feel fairly confident that the Absentee Ballot itself will also not be accessible to a blind person.
				I would like to be able to request an Absentee Ballot myself and to fill the Absentee Ballot out myself.
				the are many ways this could be accomplished. One way would be to have an editable pdf that can be read and filled out using a screen reader for both the

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				application form and the Absentee Ballot itself. The forms could be filled out by the person who is blind using a screen reader and printed, signed and mailed in just as someone who had filled it out manually with a pen. Some people who are blind may not have printers at their home, so having it done all by electronic means would be preferable. I believe this option is currently available for military service members serving overseas.
05/26/2020 03:19 PM	Brandie Le Clair	3209 Dunaire Dr., Charlotte , NC 28205	True	Please allow everyone in the state to have a mail-in ballot for November! We must protect the integrity of our democracy and election.
05/26/2020 03:21 PM	Lisa Bohn	1205 Cypress Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	Please expand the bill to allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
05/26/2020 03:22 PM	Mr Royaf C. Reid	301 Fortress Court, Winston Salem, NC 27127	True	The changes seem to be a good idea, It should not be made hard to get ballots to vote in an election by requirements that actually return nothing.
05/26/2020 03:22 PM	Jamie McQuiggan	4809 metcalf drive,Raleigh,NC 27612	True	Please ensure safe and accessible elections in November. As Covid will almost certainly be an issue in the fall, I believe all voters should have an absentee ballot mailed to them. Thank you,
05/26/2020 03:23 PM	Ms. Lori Wells	814 White Oak Road, Vilas, NC 28692	True	I think it is important that every citizen is able to vote and mail-in voting is essential for older and/or disabled citizens at all times with appropriate assistance as needed. During this uncertain time of COVID19 mail-in voting is essential for ALL citizens to feel safe and still be able to cast our votes. I believe with today's technology that a computer voter program should be sufficient to eliminate any fraud and if it's not, then it needs to be upgraded to accommodate this need. Those who yell the loudest about voter fraud are usually those trying to comment said fraud because the majority of citizens are honest and law abiding!
05/26/2020 03:25 PM	Susan Merrill	4227 Lindbergh Abe, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949	True	Yes! We need to make bring safe and easy Please read this article: https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/dirty-tricks-eight-falsehoods-could-undermine-2020-election
05/26/2020 03:25 PM	Mr Stephen Melott	4305 Southwind Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
05/26/2020 03:25 PM	John Lewis	3620 Poseidon Street, Kitty hawk, NC 27949	True	I fully support HB 1169 to provide for a safe and fair election on November 3. I would also encourage you to include: extending voter registration deadlines;

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				Thank you. John Lewis
05/26/2020 03:26 PM	Dry R David Kaylor	74 Wagon Trail, Black Mountain, NC 28711	True	I urge you to support the above bill as a way of making access to the right to vote a reasonable prospect for all citizens. Thank you! David Kaylor
05/26/2020 03:26 PM	Judith McDowell	811 W 5th St 403, Winston Salem, NC 27101	True	I am 79 yrs old and I live alone with multiple health issues. I want to vote but don't want to put myself or anyone at risk by standing in line to vote. Voting by mail would remove my worry. Of course, I have no idea how I can get 2 people to witness my ballot. There should be a way for my ballot to be witnessed.
05/26/2020 03:27 PM	Donna Permar	Durham, NC 27701	Trųe	I am blind, and due to transportation issues would find it a challenge to find witnesses or a notary to validate my absentee ballot. In order to complete the ballot I would find it necessary to rely on a friend to complete the ballot for me, so my ballot would not be private. If I submit my non private absentee ballot, I would want a means of verifying that the Board of Elections had in fact received my ballot. In conclusion, the current system is far from ideal for me. I want an online portal for voting to be put into place ASAP so that I and for that matter anyone who would prefer to complete their ballot online, can vote independently, and securely. This technology is available; it just needs to be implemented.
05/26/2020 03:28 PM	Mrs Samira Wellemeyer	4305 TALCOTT DR, Durham, NC 27705	True	I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted.
05/26/2020 03:30 PM	John Taylor	489 Olde Oaks Ln, Pittsboro , NC 27312	True	I am writing in favor of passage HB 1169. While not perfect, this sets North Carolina voters up to be able to vote and stay healthy during these trying times of pandemic. I believe we need to move to an elections model similar to Oregon and other states that have been using vote by mail successfully for two decades or more. In the meantime, our current mode of absentee voting is putting at least three people at risk with the witnessing requirements. I, for one, do not have access to two people who are not at risk, or would put their family at risk. My wife would be able to witness me mark up the ballot, but if I were to have my sister witness, she would endanger her husband who is recovering from a double lung transplant.
05/26/2020 03:31 PM	Carolina Manual Therapy Carolina Candelaria	301 NE 42nd Street, OAK ISLAND, NC 28465	True	Dear committee members: Thank you all for supporting this bill to secure our elections. I also support extending voter registration deadlines,

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÷				county flexibility to expand early voting, and expanding documents suitable for identification also include municipal and town issued utility bill in voters name. Thanks again for your work and please remain safe.
05/26/2020 03:32 PM	Mrs. Barbara Gregg	11 Wakefield Dr. 2202, Asheville, NC 28803	True	Please pass HB 1169 including the following provisions: Making it easier for voters to vote by mail—request of absentee ballots on line, secure drop boxes for returning ballots, and the reduction of the witness requirement to one. Making sure that in-person voting is readily available, safe and staffed adequately.
05/26/2020 03:32 PM	Ms. ANNE FONDREN	818 sound view drive, Hampstead, NC 28443	True	Greetings: As a poll worker in Pender county, I'm very concerned about the effects of Covid on voting this fall. Please do everything possible to make voting safe and accessible. Provide some needed funds to individual counties and let us use them as needed since we are the ones who know where to focus the funds. Allow for a large number of absentee voting making sure that the USPS can return them or we have drop off boxes stationed around the counties. Ideally, the federal government would allocate necessary funds to create a robust vote-by-mail option in order to keep America a democracy. This virus is not going away by Election Day 2020 and you need to take this seriously.
05/26/2020 03:33 PM	Rev Dr June Highfill	233 Pilgrim Circle, Wilmington, NC 28401	True	Partisan politics is the only explanation for limiting the participation of every eligible citizen in our elections. We need to know that our voices matter, that we are heard and that lawmakers and other government officials are chosen by a majority vote. Citizens must not be asked to give up their vote or risk their health and life, nor should they have to give up work or stand in long lines, especially now. Whatever measures need to be taken, a true democracy cannot suppress the vote
05/26/2020 03:33 PM	Mr. Richard Paddock	134 Loblolly Lane, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	in any way. The feds, trump in particular, are rigging up to steal the election. Don't let them! Make voting as easy as possible.
05/26/2020 03:35 PM	Dr. Elizabeth Holt	4318 Swarthmore Road, Durham, NC 27707	True	As a registered voter, I am very interested in assuring voting rights for all eligible citizens. Accordingly, I urge you to enact legislation that will: -Ensure that no voter ID should be required -Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration -Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to ensure safe inperson voting -Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. -Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots

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05/26/2020 03:36 PM	Mrs Eva Morgan	25 Roundtop Ridge Ct, Candler, NC 28715-0239	True	Thank you. Fear of the coronavirus should not be a obstacle to voting. Neither should employment or living alone. Every registered voter in NC should be able to vote by an absentee ballot without barriers and without requiring witnesses. That I vote and who I vote for is a private, individual right. A nonpartisan registration process is the gate keeper to a safe, fair and secure ballot box.
05/26/2020 03:37 PM	Ann Bingham	4308 Edgehill Court, RALEIGH, NC 27612	True	I am 67 years old and I have asthma. I am at high risk for Covid 19 complications. Therefore I need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also don't have two other adults living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure.
05/26/2020 03:38 PM	MR. ROBERT SYLVESTER	35 Kinglet Cir, Greensboro, NC 27455-1362	True	I AM A VUNERABLE VOTER TO COVID-9 BECAUSE I AM 75 YEARS OLD AND HAVE DIABETES. I NEED A SAFE WAY TO VOTE THAT PROTECTS ME THE VIRUS. VOTING IN PERSON IS RISKY. FINDING TWO PEOPLE TO VERIFY MY SIGNATURE IS ALSO RISKY. HOUSE BILL 1169 WOULD HELP PROTECT ME. IF THE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT ALLOW FOR A SAFER WAY TO VOTE, IT WILL DISFRANCHISE MY RIGHT TO VOTE.
05/26/2020 03:39 PM	Donna Kaye Donna Kaye	636 Weathergreen Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I am a registered voter in NC. I grew up in NC – I attended the first desegrgated class at Broughton HS. I benefited from the upgrade in public education; I participated in the first Governor's School. I registered to vote when I could at 21 – even though I was forced to take an illegal literacy test; I took it so that I could vote. I'm now 74. I have now retired back in NC and have voted in every election since I returned. NC taught me the value of citizenship and voting – in NC history, I learned that regarding the Civil War, NC was "the last to secede and the first to rejoin." Given my age and the health uncertainties for all citizens in NC, I want all of us to be able to vote safely. So I'm urging the legislature to adopt the bill recommendations of the Board of Elections – to make voting by mail available and as unbureaucratic as possible for all citizens. The facts from other states make it clear that voting by mail does NOT lead to voter fraud; ask California how they maintain security. And the facts show that voting by mail does not benefit one party over the other. I also would urge you not to include voter IDs in this process. The legitimacy of that law is still under review. If the courts uphold the law, it will automatically be part of the Nov election. Voting is a significant part of our democracy – please make it available to all citizens.
05/26/2020 03:39 PM	Dr. Courtney Caiola	508 Colony Woods Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	Please pass this legislation and also include the following: Extending voter registration deadlines

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05/26/2020 03:40 PM	Ms Anita Walker	3001 st Augustine Pl, Asheville, NC 28805	True	This seems so logical to do with NC cases rising at this point in time. Also, for vulnerable seniors, these steps are critically important!
05/26/2020 03:42 PM	Mr. Tom Murdock	435 Fenton PI, Charlotte, NC 28207-1917	True	We can't have a democracy without voters. Voters need reasonably easy access so that they are able to select the candidate they choose. In this crisis caused by Covid 19, our legislation needs to encourage voting. The uncertainty about the fall needs action now so people and BOEs are ready.
05/26/2020 03:43 PM	Please Select Charles Fillah	301 NE 42nd Street, Oak Island, North Carolina 28465	True	Thank you for caring enough to pass this bill to help protect our voting rights and civil liberties, while also helping us to protect our lives! No one should have to make a choice between voting and risking infection with another outbreak of COVID19. I personally will be voting by absentee ballot as I am protecting many others at high risk of mortality.
05/26/2020 03:43 PM	Elvira Basnight	907 Chalk Level Rd, Durham, north Carolina 27704	True	I am totally blind and need a way to safely and securely cast my vote. I live alone and hope not to be burdened with finding 2 witnesses or a notary while practicing social distancing should I need to use absentee voting. Making the rules related to this option known now is important in order to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of the rules. Ideally, an "accessible online absentee ballot" would allow me to submit my vote independently and privately. I would also be able to confirm my choices before submitting. I fully understand just how difficult things are for everyone at this time, I ask that the blind and visually impaired community not be ignored, forgotten or completely disregarded when decisions are made regarding the rapidly approaching 2020 election.
05/26/2020 03:44 PM		27701	True	I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted.
				I want to see dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.
				I want to see the online portal to request an absentee ballot completed much quicker and available to all voters. I also want a mechanism to check that my county BOE received my request beyond

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05/26/2020 03:44 PM	David Rossenthal	12 Moorefield Drive, Durham, NC 27705	True	While I applaud many of the provisions of this bill, I would urge two important changes. First, please remove any voter id requirements. This provision has already been struck down twice and means that the matter will be in court again wasting precious taxpayer dollars for no reason at all. Second, if absentee ballots cannot be dropped at a contactless location, then provide prepaid postage for their return. Note that Florida courts have just recently addressed economic penalties to voting as an illegal poll tax. While the cost of postage (and obtaining the stamps) may seem modest, it provides an unnecessary burden on older and poorer voters. Again, thank you for the many thoughtful positives in this bill.
05/26/2020 03:45 PM	Kori		True	It is imperative to have other ways to vote in North Carolina not only to keep people safe during this pandemic, but to also increase accessibility to people that may otherwise not be able to physically travel to a voting site. Drop box sites and vote by mail have been utilized in other states and have worked well. It's time for NC to use these tools to reduce voter suppression and increase voter turn out.
05/26/2020 03:45 PM	Mr Ben Conley	309 Garrou Ave SE, Valdese, NC 28690	True	Please help us pass vote by mail
05/26/2020 03:47 PM	Carol Braswell	1957 Great Ridge Pkwy, Chapel Hill , North Carolina 27516	True	Support safe voting! Pass this bill!
05/26/2020 03:47 PM	Mr. Frank McConnell	763 Cascade Lake Rd., Pisgah Forest, NC 28768	True	I am very much in favor of passing HB 1169 to ensure safer and more convenient means of ensuring that EVERY eligible voter in NC is able to vote in future elections. Along with the provisions currently in the bill, I would also encourage the following additions to the bill: Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Thank you for your consideration.
05/26/2020 03:47 PM	Ms Anita Obler	3603A St John's Ct, Wilmington, NC 28403	True	I am 79 years old and have voted in every election since I turned 21. This year, however, in light of the pandemic, I would rather have the choice to mail on my ballot. Oregon has been doing this successfully for several years. Please protect us and let us vote from home.
05/26/2020 03:47 PM	Ms. Joanna Fogle	42 Innisfree Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True	These added requirements for a photo ID is unnecessary and costly. And it has been shown to discriminate against minority voters in particular. The bill doesn't address barriers to voter registration such as extending mail-in and online deadlines for registration and providing for online registration more generally-not just limit it to DL and state ID holders The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules.

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				The bill needs to allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. The bill needs to provide prepaid postage for mail-in-ballots
/26/2020 03:47 PM	Mrs. Rebecca Robinson	8004 Elderson Ln, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	1. I don't know where I can find witnesses/ notary while practicing social distancing. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of the rules. 2. I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted. 3. I want to see dropbox sites set up so
			*	that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully. 4. I want to see the online portal to request an absentee ballot completed much quicker and available to all voters. I also want a mechanism to check that my county BOE received my request beyond just calling the BOE office.
				5. MAT teams: Section 2(b) – by August 1, SBOE and DHHS shall submit report to legislature and governor about how MAT teams can safely access a health facility, nursing home or rest home to help voters request, vote and return an absentee ballot. I would be very happy to participate in MAT for my county and the surrounding counties. Could you allow registered voters to get trained and do this work across county lines? Specifically for incarcerated voters, I want to be sure that their access is not erased if visitation is not an option. Could you expand the recruitment for MAT members and also allow MAT to participate in assisting voters while in jail?
26/2020 03:47 PM	Mr. Jerome Brown	1240 Somerset Rd, RALEIGH, NC 27610	True	i am in support of the HB1169 proposed legislature but i would like to see the following additions made to make this a very comprehensive piece of legislature for 2020: 1. Provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for all voters, 2. Give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have a safe in-person voting options, and 3. Extend voter registration deadlines due to the effects of the pandemic and to ensure that there will be plenty of time to cast a vote. This 2020 election must be protected and all efforts must be made so that citizens can vote without any obstacles placed in their way. Jerome Brown, Chairman, Wake County Voter Education Coalition 2020
26/2020 03:48 PM	mr James Sampson	203 Mill Creek Drive, Youngsville, North Carolina 27596	True	A person's physical health or transportation difficulties should not
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Set Susmitted	, and			interfere with their ability to vote. Vote by mail has proven to be secure and workable in other states - North Carolina should work toward truly universal suffrage.
05/26/2020 03:48 PM	Maggie Sullivan	328 Montibello , Mooresville , Nc 28117	True	Please pass this bill to allow your constituents to vote safely in November. Please do your job. Fair elections are the cornerstone of democracy.
05/26/2020 03:49 PM	Mrs. Laura Dewey	1002 Arbor Valley Ln, Apex, NC 27502	True	Please allow all citizens to vote by mail for the upcoming November election. People, including me, will not feel comfortable standing in line waiting to vote at a polling site.
05/26/2020 03:50 PM	Mrs Sharon Lewis	11 Brassie Ct, Candler, NC 28715	True	I support this good bill because it reduces the number of witness signatures I'd have to get, which will save me a lot of time and trouble. I really like it because it would help protect poll workers and us voters from Covid-19!! I wish the bill extended voter registration deadlines, and that would be an easy way to make it even better. Thank you.
05/26/2020 03:50 PM	Susan Alborell	117 Denise drive , Wilmington , Nc 28411	True	l am in an at risk category. I have voted in every election since I was 18. I'm soon to be 67.
				Please allow Vote-by-mail. Taxes, Social security - all manner of things get mailed. To not allow this is to impede voters.
05/26/2020 03:51 PM	Dr. Deborah Milkowski	573 Deer Run Rd, New Bern, NC 28562	True	HB1169 is a critical step towards making the election in November accessible and safe. This bill lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots which will allow voters to vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot. It will also make the process of requesting an absentee ballot easier. If passed, voters can request an absentee ballot by fax,
				email, phone or via an online portal. HB 1169 will also allow individual counties to assign poll workers where they are most needed to minimize poll worker shortages. It will also ensure that polling places have access to resources to keep their stations sanitized in order to keep the workers and public safe. While this is a good start, there are a few items that I would like to see included in this bill: 1. Voter registration guidelines should be extended
			*	Individual counties should have the flexibility to create early voting plans that will meet their populations needs and ensure safe, in-person voting This bill should provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
				I believe that these measures will ensure a safe and fair voting process for our citizens. I realize that many legislators are concerned about fraud. Certainly, we must have a process that is secure to minimize fraud. However, many other government

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05/26/2020 03:53 PM	Julie Shepherd	3204 Ringtail Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173	True	My opinion of this bill is that it is a step in the right direction to helping citizens request a ballot and cast a ballot safely from home if they choose to do so during this COVID-19 pandemic.
05/26/2020 03:55 PM	Ms Doris Sigl	126 Landsbury Drive, Durham, NC 27707	True	I oppose the photo ID requirement in this biil. Such IDs have repeatedly been struck down by courts as a deliberate attempt to constrain voter rights. These requirements are unconstitutional and undemocratic! I also want counties to have the right to determine schedules for early voting and for determining safe in-person voting.
05/26/2020 03:55 PM	DR. MELVA OKUN	108 HIGH ST, CARRBORO, NC 27510	Ťrue	AS AN EARLY ELECTION OFFICIAL, I BELIEVE THAT HB 1169 IS EXCELLENT AND WILL HELP MOVE US IN A DIRECTION OF HAVING FAIR ELECTIONS HERE IN STATE. EVERY AMERICAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT CITIZEN'S RIGHTS TO VOTE - AND FOR THEIR VOTE TO COUNT.
05/26/2020 03:56 PM	Robert Stewart	4526 Old Towne St., Wilmington, NC 28412	True	I suggest that the NCGA add postage paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE. Also, I am 72 years old and and need a way to safely vote from home. I also don't have two other adults living in my house. Therefore, I don't know where i can find witnesses/notary while practicing social distancing. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to to plan ahead and comply with all of them. Respectfully submitted,
05/26/2020 03:56 PM	Mrs Alice Stanford	417 Cedar Hill Lane, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	Please support H B 1169. It is vital that all voters be lower to exercise their constitutional right to vote without endangering their health. Your vote is important, and voters will consider your voting record in November.
05/26/2020 03:56 PM	Marcia Welsh	8712 DEERLAND GROVE DR, RALEIGH, NC 27615	True	I am a senior citizen who votes in every election. I do not want to have to make the choice between possible exposure to a dangerous virus and making my voice heard by voting. Please expand voting rights to ensure that all of us will be able to easily, safely, and comfortably will be able to cast our ballots in this vital election. We do not want a repeat of what has happened in other states as they subjected voters to long lines and spread this virus.
05/26/2020 03:57 PM	Mr. Gary Feimster	845 Graham Loop Rd, Mt. Ulla, NC 28125	True	Pass the bill!!
05/26/2020 03:57 PM	Dr Elizaveta Freinkman	102 Marble Falls Way, Cary, NC 27519	True	I strongly support this legislation. Due to COVID-19, we need to strengthen our mailin voting system and provide voters with more and easier alternatives to in-person voting.
05/26/2020 03:57 PM	George Fitzpatrick	7004 Lassens Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	I'm in favor of making the absentee ballot

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				I believe all eligible people should vote. It is a right and it should be a duty.	
				The laws and procedures should make it easier to cast ballots by mail. There does not seem to be case that it would lead to rampant fraud. We were told by election officials from both political parties that is has not been a problem.	
				In the future we should also consider evolving to a system using something similar to those used by the military and other government agencies where Common Access Cards can provide an electronic signature for verifying identification.	
				In the current environment, as a septuagenarian I and others may be at risk if we had to vote in person today. There is no guarantee that the situation will be any better in the fall. If that is the case we should be encouraging and simplifying voting by mail and setting up more early voting sites and times to help keep crowd sizes down.	
5/26/2020 03:57 PM	Mrs. Lee Lumpkin	3530 Carmel Road, Charlotte, NC 28226	True	I support this bill. We need to encourage North Carolinians to vote and make it possible for them to vote as easily as possible as we work through the Covid-19 pandemic.	
5/26/2020 03:57 PM	Dr. Sarah Bowen-Pasfield	900 Norris Street, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	Please allow mail-in voting for the general election in November 2020. We need to keep our community safe from COVID-19 and in-person voting still will not be safe in November (and won't be until a safe and effective vaccine is available). Please reference the increase in COVID cases directly attributed to the Wisconsin primary election in Spring 2020 as an example of what to avoid here in NC. The health of our citizens is monumentally	
				important. Please help us all stay safe. Thank you.	
5/26/2020 03:58 PM	Mr Drew Langsner	775 Black Pine Ridge Rd, MARSHALL, NC 28753	irue	I am in favor of HB 1169. There is no good reason that it should be difficult to register to vote, or to use a vote by-mail ballot. In a democracy citizens should be encouraged to vote. Especially this year, with covid 19 in our communities, it makes sense to be able to vote without the risk of exposure to the corona virus.	
5/26/2020 03:58 PM	Dr. Kavita Wissmann	111 Lawrence Tee Ln, Mooresville, NC 28117	True	I believe this bill is a good first step to making sure the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all voters. I support temporarily reducing the witness requirement for absentee ballot submissions from two witnesses to one and allowing absentee ballot requests to	

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05/26/2020 03:59 PM	Mr Michael Retchless	1718 James Street, Durham, NC 27707	True	I am 56 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I am single and still work. It is very hard for me to go to the polling place and get time off. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. Please come together to make mailing from home a safe, secure and viable solution to the COVID 19 Virus as well.
05/26/2020 03:59 PM	Ms. Kathy Bartlett	1427 Acadia St., Durham, NC 27701	True	I am 66 years old and have two parents in assisted living who are in their 90s. The current absentee system is way to complicated for seniors. It looks like it is designed to trip you up. We need to have only one signature needed, free postage and drop boxes. Please make voting from home EASY.
05/26/2020 04:01 PM	Oliver Bradley	227 Forest Rd, Raleigh, NC 27605	True	I think that the online portal to request an absentee ballot should be completed much sooner and be available to all voters. There should also be an online mechanism to check on the status of my absentee ballot request. This would be much more efficient for all concerned than calling the BOE office.
05/26/2020 04:02 PM	Dr Nancy Spann	77 Lambeth Dr, Asheville, NC 28803	True	Please support this bill. We need safe and secure elections in November.
05/26/2020 04:03 PM	Dr Dorothy Harper	1070 Christmas Pl, Greensboro, North Carolina 27410	True	I am concerned that not all interested voters will have an opportunity to complete the voting process safely and effectively in 2020. I recommend that early voting be extended, that more voting sites be established (to shorten lines), and that no-contact methods of handling absentee ballots be developed in time to educate the public about the processes involved. I am also concerned that Section 10 - A is included in the bill. I think requiring a voter ID is not constitutional.
05/26/2020 04:03 PM	Diane Ursano	324 Old Piedmont Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	Ensuring safe voting in November is an urgent responsibility of the NCGA. Our democracy depends on the sanctity of the ballot. And in this year of a lethal pandemic, your job is to ensure the vote and provide for the safety of the citizens of North Carolina. Your sacred duty is to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. You cannot fulfill that obligation without ensuring access to the vote. Given public health research, as many as 40% of your constituents have one or more comorbidity that leave them vulnerable to extreme illness or death from the Coronavirus. Many of those North Carolinians will want to vote. How many will be too afraid to go to the polls? It's only May, but the unconscionable lack of a Federal public health plan to test and trace the progress of the Coronavirus doesn't not provide reassurances that the pandemic will have run its course or been stamped out by Fall when Seasonal influenza returns. And there will be no vaccination by then.
05/26/2020 04:03 PM	Mrs Barbara Dillard	394 Stanley Drive, Henrico, NC 27842	True	I support thsi bill because I believe voting
				by mail should be an option and made as

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				easy as possible especially in this time of the COVID Crisis.
05/26/2020 04:04 PM	Mr. Walter Wood	304 Hedrick St, Beaufort, NC 28516-2085	True	This bill provides important changes during this period of pandemic. Please support it.
05/26/2020 04:05 PM	Ms, Kate Fellman	4 MISTY MORNING CT, DURHAM, NC 27712	True	I'm concerned that this legislation does not go further in addressing the need for ballot access and assistance to vulnerable populations such as seniors and residents of assisted living facilities and people who are currently incarcerated but eligible to vote. The absentee ballot request process has changed from prior years. What education and community outreach will the BOE be doing to ensure that anyone who is eligible has an absentee ballot request form and a registration form inhand if the citizen does not have internet access? I'm concerned that without face-to-face education on the form processes and procedures, voters will become overwhelmed or not provide all the necessary information to receive their
				ballot. Will the state support a robust communications and voter services outreach plan? Detention centers are not listed on the responsibilities of MAT teams. Current law is lacking in securing citizens right to vote from jail. Dropboxes in each county should be secured at all early voting sites and at the BOE office so voters can drop forms and maintain
187				distance. I'm also concerned that this bill does not include specifications of how third party groups can support voters.
05/26/2020 04:05 PM	Ms Marsha Munn	2800 Paddle Place, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615	True	To Whom It May Concern: I would like to see Early Voting more flexible and allow counties to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county (Wake), I would like to see more sites open. I know we are under budget constraints so making sure that my county BOE has flexibility to make a schedule that works for more voters is important. It would mean more voters could use EV and be more evenly distributed so no standing in lines.
				I suggest also that the General Assembly add funding for postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE so that all votes are counted.
				Dropbox sites are also a great idea so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.
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				much quicker and available to all voters AND a mechanism to check that my county BOE received my request beyond just calling the BOE office.
				The virus has been responsible for a lot of bad things but some good things in terms of our democracy could come out of this. Thank you for considering these ideas.
05/26/2020 04:07 PM	Dr Karen Oles	1144 Martin St, Winston-Salern, NC - North Carolina 27103	True	We must do everything we can to encourage citizens to exercise their right to vote if we wish to continue to be a democracy. There should be more voter registration opportunities. I request that the 25-day limit be extended and online voter registration should be allowed. Setting up
				roadblocks by mandating a photo ID that is onerous for many people, making people travel long distances to vote or making voting more complicated should be criminal. There is no voter fraud. But there is voter obstruction and repression. Many people cannot afford time away from work or home to stand in long lines. Others are unable to come to polls due to disabilities or illnesses. COVID-19 is making it unsafe for many of us to go to the polls. Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation. Give options for time and place. Other items: HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application. Require the one-witness requirement be clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
05/26/2020 04:07 PM	Mrs Gillian Roberts	607 S Camellia St, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	Thank you. During this extraordinary time, the legislature should be making it as easy as possible for North Carolinians to vote safely form home i.e. by mail. Including the requirement of an ID is politically motivated and just adds to an already difficult situation. Democracy means everyone gets a chance to vote. The government, local or national serves the people.
05/26/2020 04:08 PM	mrs m woolley	22 coilege st, asheville, nc 28801	True	We need a fair and just election system that does not ignore the laws and and the current pandemic we are facing. It would benefit all to have a vote by mail and extending voter registration deadlines. Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options. Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters.
05/26/2020 04:09 PM	Dr. Matthew Greenwolfe	1842 Forest Rd., Durham, NC 27705	True	I urge you to pass HB 1169 to help insure safe and fair elections throughout our state, even should there be a resurgence

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05/26/2020 04:11 PM	Ms. Pamela Young	340 Sandhills Cir, Pinehurst, NC 28374	True
05/26/2020 04:13 PM	Madhavi Krevat	2429 Castleburg Drive, Apex, NC 27523	True

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of the Covid19 pandemic in the fall. I have studied the issue, and studies show that provisions such as the lower signature requirement to enable more people to vote from home and procedures to ease absentee ballot requests do not privilege one political party or another. This makes sense, as the playing field is even and the party or candidate who can best motivate and convince voters still wins.

I also urge you to consider additional legislation to make it easier to find and train younger poll workers to keep as many polling stations open as possible, to provide funding for personal protective equipment for poll workers and sanitization at polling sights, secure and safe ballot boxes for dropping off absentee ballots, extending voter registration deadlines (as outreach is more difficult under current conditions), and giving counties flexibility to choose safer polling sites and take measure to keep voters and poll workers safe.

I support House Bill 1169 and ask that you all support it too for the health of your North Carolina voters. This bill would allow several provisions for health and safety during this difficult time of the Coronavirus to allow for fair elections. Voters could request absentee ballots more easily online, by phone, email or fax and more safely and vote from home more easily and safely. The bill gives more flexibility to assign necessary poll workers and provides sanitizing resources for their health and safety. Please consider supporting this bill so everyone can exercise their right to vote while preserving the health of the voters and the integrity of the electoral process to include everyone safely. Thank you.

The 15th, 19th, 24th and 26th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States all affected voting rights as did several Federal and State laws - in the simplest terms, persons who are citizens of the United States of America and are over the age of 18, no matter their race, color, economic status, or religious affiliation have a right to vote in this country. The right to vote is one of the most basic and fundamental right granted to a citizen of the United States of America. During this uncertain time of a global pandemic, voters should feel safe about voting in the upcoming election. If voters do not feel safe appearing in person at a polling site to vote, they should be able to request an absentee ballot. Therefore, the absentee ballot process should be as simple and convenient as possible. This bill will ensure that all citizens in North Carolina will be able to cast their in the manner that they feel most comfortable. Please enact

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05/26/2020 04:15 PM	Bettie Slusser	727 Gulfstream Drive, Kure Beach, NC 28449	True	I support absentee voting so that ALL citizens who legally qualify to vote can do so while protecting their health and without needing to stand in long lines which is physically impossible for some people.
05/26/2020 04:17 PM	Prof./Ms. Bland & Ann Cary Simpson	3100 Morrow Farm Ln, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516-9712	True	Tuesday, May 26th, 2020
		Calonia 2/310-9/12		To the Chair and Committee Members, NC State House Elections Committee:
				We are writing to express our strong support for HB 1169, particularly because it:
				a/ eases the signature requirement on absentee ballots while maintaining the integrity of those ballots; b/ makes asking for an absentee ballot easier for voters; c/ offers flexibility to counties as to assigning poll workers; and provides precinct sanitation resources for poll workers and voters.
				We hope you will consider additional provisions:
				1/ extending voter registration deadlines; 2/ allowing counties resources towards precinct safety in early-voting plans; and 3/ creating a system of secure drop-boxes for absentee-ballots.
				Thanking you for your consideration, we are,
				Sincerely,
				Bland & Ann Cary Simpson 3100 Morrow Farm Lane Chapel Hill, NC 27516
05/26/2020 04:18 PM	Executive Director Vicki Lee Parker	6113 Amber Bluffs Crescent, Raleigh, NC 27616	True	Dear: NC General Assembly Elections and Ethics Law Committee Members We are business leaders from numerous sectors and companies of all sizes. We serve millions of customers across the state and throughout the United States, thanks in part to our growing economy over the past years and our safe communities. Maintaining both require that North Carolina legislators and policymakers support policies that allow for safe voting in the 2020 election. First, we want to thank all the state representatives who worked together to draft HB1169. It contains a number of significant provisions that the North Carolina Business Council (NCBC) believes will allow voters to safely participate in the upcoming election. Namely approving the matching funds in order to receive federal funds from the
				CARES Act and HAVA (Help America Vote) Act, and reducing the witness requirement

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for absentee ballots to 1 witness instead of 2.

While we truly appreciate and applaud the effort that went into drafting this bill, NCBC is concerned that it doesn't go quite far enough. NCBC urges the Elections and Ethics Law to consider the following additional recommendations.

- Grant NCSBE more time to count absentee ballots.
- Since the NCSBE anticipates a surge in ballots near the Election Day deadline, they requested more time to process them. NCBC agrees with the NCSBE and requests that the GA includes NCSBE requests for an additional 4 days to count the ballots and to eliminate the deadline for ballots received on the Saturday before the election.
- 2. Remove the following two provisions from the proposed bill, NCBC is concerned that the following provision is outside the scope of this bill and should be removed and addressed separately at a later time.
- 1. To require a photo ID for those voting in person.

As we begin the gradual reopening of our economy, many businesses and their employees are heading back to work. With all the efforts we've made to curtail Covid-19 infections, we must safeguard our progress both for the health of our people and the health of our economy. Businesses, their employees, and communities can flourish when they exercise their right to vote. But only if they can do so safely. NCBC trusts that the NCGA will consider our concerns and revise HB1169 accordingly. Thank you all for your hard work during these challenging times and stay safe.

Sincerely, Vicki Parker, North Carolina Business Council, Raleigh, vlparker@ncbusinesscouncil.org Bill Graham, Renaissance Wilmington Foundation, Wilmington, 28401 bill.rwf@gmail.com Michael Sweeney, Triangle Nonprofit & Volunteer Leadership Center, Apex, 27539 mike@thevolunteercenter.org William Lucas, First Chronicles Community Church Daycare, Durham, 27701 wlucas6@nc.rr.com Erin Gallagher, NCBC, Raleigh, 27601 erin.minke.gallagher6@gmail.com Drew Becker, Realization Press, Willow Spring, 27592 drewbecker11@gmail.com Eric Kelly III. Black Business Expo USA, Durham, 27701 erickelly45@gmail.com Lisa Bartell, Lisa Bartell Fine Art, Durham, NC, USA, 27713

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05/26/2020 04:19 PM	Joan Lloyd	119 Twisted Oak Place, Durham, NC 27705	True	katie@katiegailes.com This bill leaves out all the important parts and spends the rest of its time punishing people. Where is the compassionate, even the reasonable, effort to insure all people who want to vote, can vote? This is just misguided treachery to the people's cause. DO YOUR JOB. Make it easy to vote. Make it easy to to vote. Make it easy to to the people's cause. The people's cause. The people's cause of the people's cause. The people is cause. The people is cause. The people is cause. The people is the
05/26/2020 04:20 PM	Mrs Patricia Likely	4518 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, North Carolina 27834	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or imperson in the upcoming 2020 elections. In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like: allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and
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					expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections.
					As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for

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Mrs Nancy Hardin

439 N Serenity Hill Circle, Chapel Hill, NC True

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Elizabeth Searles-Bohs

5001 Murphy School Rd, Durham, NC

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Thank you.

Safe and secure election process is essential to our republic. The coronavirus pandemic has alerted us to the need for change in our procedures.

North Carolina voters this month?

Our commitment to voter access has never been tested as severely as this year. We need rules to make it clear and easy to access multiple voting modes. And we need funding to allow BOEs to carry these out - and then pivot when we get thrown another curve ball.

Ideas that make sense to me: More access to Early Voting with goal of diminishing lines and close contact Alternatives to notarizing and two adult signatures for Absentee Ballots if voters cannot safely acquire these signatures Postage-paid envelopes for return of absentee ballots Drop boxes to avoid dependence on USPS and save costs if we have postage paid return envelopes Online system for requesting an absentee ballot and tracking whether it has been sent and whether it has been received back at BOE A plan and active support for getting help to those in facilities that are currently closed off - nursing homes, my parents' retirement community, jails

We must make decisions about the rules and options as soon as possible so the information can be disseminated early. And the funding has to be in place to carry out these plans.

Thank you for working on this. Voting access is essential to our democracy and to our confidence in our governmental systems - now more than ever. Our democracy feels fragile right now. We must strengthen it and knowing that all voices are heard at the ballot box is more critical than ever.

Please ensure that all North Carolinians can vote by mail in November. Thank you.

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05/26/2020 04:26 PM	Ms Nancy Couts	6 Timberlyne Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	Thanks for the good start to this bill! Please continue to expand it by making voter registration easier for those without drivers licenses, increase the ease of voting by written ballot, and be creative and flexible in ensuring the safety of all during in person voting. We must all adapt to the changes needed in response to this pandemic and ensure ease and safety of voting to ensure the strength of our democracy. Thank you for your thoughtful, courageous consideration.
05/26/2020 04:27 PM	Mr Kenneth Byrd	3300 Robin Hood Dr, Greensboro , NC 27408	False	I think this bill is a considerable improvement to making voting accessible in current times of social distancing. Especially, the requirement for only 1
			*	witness instead of 2 for mail-in ballots. More time for early voter registration would be an improvement also,
05/26/2020 04:27 PM	Rae Fulton	7265 Seashell Insw 103, ocean Isle Beach , nc 28469	True	I am encouraging the committ3 to allow for every registered NC voter to vote by mail. I am 67 yrs old, have diabetes and muscular dystrophy. Because of COVID 19, my husband had chosen not to work for the past 2 months, so as not to potentially bring the virtue into our home. we only go outside our home for groceries and prescriptions. We want to have the right to vote while continuing to make the choices we feel are safe for us
15/26/2020 04:28 PM	Cathy Buckley	710 Independence Place 701, Raleigh, NC 27603	True	I appreciate everything this bill would do to make it safer for me to vote, as I am in a vulnerable group for the coronavirus. As I intend to physically distance whenever possible, eliminating the 2-witness requirement is much appreciated, as well as making it easier for me to request an absentee ballot. Please do whatever you can to increase flexibility and to make it easier for all of us to safely exercise our hard-won right to vote.
05/26/2020 04:28 PM	Mr Matthew Krevat	2429 Castleburg Drive, Apex, NC 27523	True	I have missed voting in one election since I made North Carolina my permanent residence in 1988. My father-in-law was taken to the hospital the day before Election Day and we had to drive to Virginia to be with him. After that I started absentee voting for major elections to be sure my vote was cast, and still showed up for every municipal election in person, until Early Voting made absentee voting unnecessary. Now, as I look at absentee voting in a time of pandemic, it is more complicated than it was decades ago. That makes no sense. Voting is our most fundamental right and responsibility. Attempts to make it harder to vote are some of the most embarrassing moments in our history. Pass HB1169 and ensure that all North Carolinian citizens who are eligible to vote, can vote: Easily. Safely. Remotely if necessary. There is a word for someone who wants to suppress the vote, but it isn't patriotic.

Date Submitted Address Answer to Question Comments 05/26/2020 04:29 PM Madhavi Krevat 2429 Castleburg Drive, Apex, NC 27523 The 15th, 19th, 24th and 26th True Amendments to the Constitution of the United States all affected voting rights as did several Federal and State laws - in the simplest terms, persons who are citizens of the United States of America and are over the age of 18, no matter their race, color, economic status, or religious affiliation have a right to vote in this country. The right to vote is one of the most basic and fundamental right granted to a citizen of the United States of America. During this uncertain time of a global pandemic, voters should feel safe about voting in the upcoming election. If voters do not feel safe appearing in person at a polling site to vote, they should be able to request an absentee ballot. Therefore, the absentee ballot process should be as simple and convenient as possible. This bill will ensure that all citizens in North Carolina will be able to cast their ballots in the manner that they feel most comfortable. However, more is needed. Mail-in and online deadlines need to be extended. Voters should be able to use alternate IDs like a utility bill or bank statement. Counties should have the flexibility to plan their early voting based on the needs of their citizens. Please enact this bill, keeping in mind the needs of not just your constituents, but all of the registered voters in North Carolina. I am a North Carolina resident and a 2408 Englewood Avenue, Durham, USA 05/26/2020 04:32 PM Ms. Eleanor Wertman public health professional working for 27705 UNC Health. I am witnessing firsthand the damage that coronavirus is causing to local communities and am terrified that without adequate electoral protections, citizens will be forced to choose between exercising their right to vote and protecting their health. I write to urge the legislature to take concrete steps to ensure everyone can safely exercise their right to vote this fall. Key steps to take include: - Creating secure dropbox locations for voters to drop off their completed mail-in ballots in case the postal system is overwhelmed by the volume of absentee - Improving the process for voters to verify their absentee ballot request was received (i.e. offering an online portal in addition to directing people to call their local BOE). - Deliberately focusing on recruiting and training younger election workers to protect higher-risk, older individuals from possible coronavirus exposure at the polls. - Granting counties flexibility to offer more early voting sites that are open for shorter hours. Allowing counties to offer as many early voting sites as possible during peak early voting hours will help avoid congestion at the polls without overtaxing already-stretched county budgets.

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05/26/2020 04:32 PM	Mr. Don Bobo	5410 Reserve Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28409	True
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05/26/2020 04:33 PM	ms, glenda copeland	804 Pelican Lane, Clemmons, North	True
05/26/2020 04:33 PM	Patrick Sweeney	Carolina 27012 8307 Chimneycap Dr., Raleigh, North Carolina 27613	True

We must act NOW to ensure every citizen is able to safely exercise their right to vote this fall. Thank you for your attention to this urgent public health matter.

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As a 71 year old and a cancer survivor, I support HB 1169. My wife is 70 and has an autoimmune disorder as well as also being a cancer survivor. We have both submitted applications for absentee ballots. An additional benefit for everyone, that submits an absentee ballot application, would be to confirm on-line that their application has been received. Currently, you have to call your local Board of Elections for this confirmation. I worked as a volunteer poll official during the most recent primary authorizing the voter to receive a ballot. Due to COVID-19, I am uncertain about volunteering again in November will be in my wife's nor my best interest. It is imperative that we follow the science and adhere to the current direction of staying at home. Please vote to implement HB 1169.

Please expand and protect voting rights including mail-in ballots.

House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:

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allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fastapproaching 2020 elections.

As a North Carolina voter, can I count on

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				you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
05/26/2020 04:33 PM	James Fisher	2709 Saint Andrews Ct, Jamestown, NC 27282-8658	True	I believe it is important to lower barriers to voting. Voting fraud has not been a problem in the past but thought should still be given to minimizing the potential for fraud. It is a trade-off If 1,000 more people are allowed to vote and there is 1 vote that is fraudulent, I think that is a fair price to pay for the other 999 to have their votes counted. Where the ratio threshold is that warrants further restrictions is a matter of opinion. However, there is little evidence that would indicate we are anywhere near a concerning threshold.
05/26/2020 04:34 PM	Matthew Robinson	8004 Elderson Lane, RALEIGH, NC 27612	Träe	I suggest making Early Voting more flexible and allowing countries to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county, I want to see more sites open for fewer/highest-use hours. I know my county is under budget constraints so making sure that my county BOE has flexibility to make a schedule that works for more voters means that we can have more voters use EV but more evenly distributed and not standing in long lines.
				Specifically for incarcerated voters, I want to be sure that their access is not erased if visitation is not an option. Could you expand the recruitment for MAT members and also allow MAT to participate in assisting voters while in jail.
05/26/2020 04:36 PM	Phil Fonville		True	Partly because of the current pandemic and related uncertainties, I urge you to go beyond the provisions in HB1169 by: * mandating a minimum number of polling places per county based on population; * expanding the time deadlines for voter registration and early voting; * allowing counties to tailor early voting provisions to the needs their residents; * clarifying what a voter who requests an absentee ballot must do or not do before voting in person at a polling place.
				And because of the many changes in election laws in recent years, HB1169 must ensure equal access to the ballot by all citizens.
				Respectfully,
05/26/2020 04:37 PM	Deborah Steiner	10102 Mountain Apple Drive, Mint Hill, NC 28227	C True	phil fonville I am writing to request that this bill be passed to assure all NC voters the equal opportunity to vote in our upcoming November election. As for me, I have sent in an absentee ballot request because I don't know if it will be safe for me to go vote in person this fall. I have underlying health issues that put me in a high risk category for exposure to others who are

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05/26/2020 04:37 PM	Lucy Parks	Charlotte, North Carolina 28213	True	Thank you for listening. House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:
s				With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.
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				you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
05/04/0000 04:05 5:::				Thank you.
05/26/2020 04:38 PM	Ms. Barbara Sullivan	107 S. Fourth St, WILMINGTON, NC 28401	True	I am in favor of this bill to make voting safer and more accessible in the 2020 election, in view of our present covid pandemic. I thank those who worked in a bipartisan manner to make this bill possible.
05/26/2020 04:39 PM	Ms Jill Castelli	50 Red Maple Dr., Weaverville, North Carolina 28787	True	In a democracy, there should be no obstacles, to voting! Especially during this
				pandemic, citing by mail should be easy

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05/26/2020 04:42 PM	Ms MaryNelle Smith	118 West Avondale Drive, Greensboro, United States	True	I am a 72 year old poll worker who will probably not be able to serve this November (unless a vaccine comes along beforehand). PLEASE allow Absentee ballots to require only one witness, since so many of us live alone or only have a spouse sheltering with us. Also, since there will doubtless need to be regular polls open on November 3rd, begin training less at-risk poll workers asapsurely there are many without jobs now who would welcome the money?
05/26/2020 04:42 PM	1949 Elizabeth Heafield	179 Skyview Circle, Asheville, North Carolina 28804	True	Lower the signature requirements on absentee ballots so no witnesses required—coronavirus makes very difficult for person living alone to have witness. Why do the voting machine vendors refuse to allow computer science professors (son is computer science professor) to test before elections the voting machines to see if the machines can and have been hacked? Want flexibility for counties to assign poll workers so can address potential poll worker shortages and to create early voting plans for safety of in-person voting.
05/26/2020 04:42 PM	Mrs Betsy Bullen	127 South Fields Circle, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	I don't see where having a voter ID added to the bill in question will, in any way, improve it. It would, in fact, slow it down, and we need that bill to pass NOW. Please remove the Voter ID requirement from HB 1169. ALL voters must have access to voting; that is in the Constitution.
05/26/2020 04:46 PM	Dr Jill Fegley —	206 Bartlett Circle, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	I support HB 1169 - Elections 2020. This bill will ensure that the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all NC voters. I would encourage the House to consider extending the voter registration deadline and providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes so that voters can drop off their ballot without compromising their health and safety. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important piece of legislation.
05/26/2020 04:47 PM	Mr Robert Sullivan	750 Weaver Dairy Rd Apt 223, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I support House Bill 1169, and request that you consider the following additions: - Extend voter registration deadlines, - Give flexibility to counties when creating early voting plans to enhance safe inperson voting options - Provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 04:47 PM	Larry D McKeel	3559 Hamstead Ct, Durham, NC 27707	_True	Dear House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in- person in the upcoming 2020 elections. In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-

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				As a North Carolina voter, please support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month,
				Thank you for your service to our state and your consideration of these comments.
05/26/2020 04:47 PM	Ms. Patricia Long	1101 Esher Ct, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	Sincerely, L. Dale McKeel, Durham NC For the sake of our democracy, it is imperative that voting in the fall election be offered to every voter in the safest possible way. Given that the medical experts anticipate a resurgence of the coronavirus in the fall, voting by mail may be the only safe method. HB 1169 makes some important changes that will assure wider participation in the election. Every citizen's right to vote must be protected. Please pass this important bill.
05/26/2020 04:48 PM	Ms. Joan Walsh	1821 Atterbury Lane, Durham, NC 27712, Durham, NC 27712	True	I am 75 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. Also, I have only one other adult living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill to make mail voting easier, safer, and more secure. In addition, I suggest that the NCGA provide funds for postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots are received by their respective BOE. It would also be very helpful to set up drop-boxes for voters to securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.
05/26/2020 04:48 PM	Ms. Suzanne Adams	5043 Morrowick Rd, Charlotte, NC 28226	True	Speaking as a passionate voter who is 84
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05/26/2020 04:50 PM	Mr James Selkirk	30119 Settle, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	them. VOTE FOR HOUSE BILL 1169! We're watching, we voters! This is an extremely important bill since it strives to insure that the entire state will be able to cast a ballot. This bill lends great help in not allowing the coronavirus to hinder people from seeing that their vote is counted. The addition of a statement requiring a voter ID attempts to pass the most injurious form of voter suppression and strikes at the heart fairness to all. This requirement must be
05/26/2020 04:51 PM	Mary Patterson	1816 Village Brook Dr F, Charlotte, NC 28210	True	struck from this bill immediately. Please add to the HB1169: Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 04:51 PM	I support HB 1169 Ruby Coughenour	2705 St John's Place, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-3800	True	This bill makes it easier to use an absentee ballot, which helps keep voters safe. I also support letting local county boards choose their early voting schedule.
05/26/2020 04:51 PM	Linda Brown	214 N. Boundary St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	I suggest making Early Voting more flexible and allowing counties to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county, I want to see more sites open for highest-use hours. I know my county is under budget constraints so making sure that my county BOE has flexibility to make a schedule that works for more voters means that we can have more voters use EV but more evenly distributed and not standing in long lines. Many voters will likely chose to vote by absentee ballot due to the uncertainty of COVID-19. I would like to see the General Assembly add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all absentee ballots make it back to BOE, so that all votes are included and counted.
05/26/2020 04:51 PM	Ms. Susan B. McClanahan	109 Longwood Dr., Chapel Hill, NC 27514	True	Dear Representatives on the House Elections and Ethics Committee, I am being haunted by the visions of people standing in long lines wearing face masks as they voted in the midst of the coronavirus epidemic during the April 7, 2020 Michigan election. The vote was so important to each one of those voters, that they risked their health in order to vote. I pray that NO ONE in North Carolina needs to make that horrible choice in November 2020. In the current First Edition of HB 1169, I am thankful that you have:

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05/26/2020 04:59 PM	HOuse Bill 1169 Venetia Zachritz	22 Forest View Dr, Asheville, NC 28804 True
05/26/2020 05:00 PM	Amy Altieri	210 N. Church Street 1512, Charlotte, Nc True 28202
05/26/2020 05:01 PM	Marla Laubisch	8 Glen Garnock Circle, RALEIGH, NC True 27613
05/26/2020 05:01 PM	Mr Hugh Giblin	4136 Trevor Circle, Durham, NC 27705 True
05/26/2020 05:01 PM	Ms Wendy Tregay	311 Gresham Avenue, Durham, NC 27704 True
05/26/2020 05:02 PM	Ms. Kelly Hofstatter	1816 Park Rd, Charlotte, NC 28203-5202 True

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As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?

Thank you.

I believe HB 1169 is a good start to better voting in NC. An absentee ballot should be made easier to use. I am of an age where it is difficult to stand in line and drive up is not my cup of tea.

Please support this bill. It is necessary and needed during this unprecedented time.

I am very concerned about voting at the pools in the face of a pandemic. If there is insufficient access to mail in voting there will be large crowds that I am not comfortable with.

Please pass this bill. We don't know what circumstances will be in effect at election time due to the coronavirus and we cannot make people choose between voting and endangering their health or life. If this is for mailing ballots and absentee

If this is for mailing ballots and absente voting pass it.

Please pass this bill. I would also like to see secure ballot dropboxes. Thank you.

Thank you so much for working in a bipartisan manner on HB1169 for fair and safe elections. It is imperative that we have voting laws that allow NC voters to feel safe in the process and to also feel that the elections are secure. I agree with the requirement of just one signature for an absentee ballot and being able to request an absentee ballot by email/fax/phone, Also positive is flexibility for

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				counties to assign poll workers and funds for providing sanitation products to precincts. I strongly encourage consideration of ballot drop boxes so voters feel sure that their ballot made it to the election board especially since President Trump claimed "mailboxes will be robbed." This just seems like an easy straight forward add that would put many voters minds at ease. So appreciate the ability to comment.
15/26/2020 05:04 PM	Dr. John Mark Cline	126 W. Banner Ave., Winston Salem, NC 27127	True	Thanks for working in a bipartisan way to help ensure voting access for all North Carolinians. Regarding universal voting by mail, I don't understand the rationale for banning it. There's next to no objective evidence of voter fraud by mail-in voting, and it helps older and confined people to vote safely. It seems to be less prone to fraud than the in-person ballot box, and might help to fix problems such as NC voters faced in the 9th congressional district.
J5/26/2020 05:05 PM	Ms. Jinny Batterson	123 Windward Ct., Cary, NC 27513	True	I am writing to urge you to make it easier for voters to submit ballots by mail for the 2020 general election. I also urge you to increase funding for election processes in all areas of North Carolina, perhaps using some of the federal assistance money allocated for states. Due to the covid-19 pandemic, changes in voting procedures in most localities will be crucial to having an orderly election this autumn whose results will be accepted. During the 2020 primary season, I served as an election official, but am hesitant to sign up for the fall. I am an older worker with some underlying health risks. I do not want to have to choose between serving the public and staying healthy. Please take proactive measures to insure that we can hold free, fair, and safe elections for anyone eligible to vote. Thank you!
5/26/2020 05:09 PM	Mrs. Jeanne Murray	4007 Kildrummy Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27705	True	I want to see dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.
5/26/2020 05:10 PM	Rev Susan Warren	656 Sand Hill Road, Asheville, NC 28806	True	The bill feels quite comprehensive. Glad to know it is a non-partisan bill. Following are a few suggestions: 1. It feels important to keep voter registration open as long as possible, and close it just before election day. 2. Have easy access to absentee ballots without the need to have 2 other people sign with you. 3. Provide secure, easy to access around the city, SECURE ballot drop boxers for absentee voters. 4. And since the terrain and needs of the voters in the many different counties in NC varies, it feels wise and important to

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05/24/2020 05:11 554	Mr. Arthur Cirth	1011 Emorald Pau Dr. Caliabura NO 00346	Truo	allow the people in the counties where they live to create their own early voting and in-person voting options. You must pass this bill.
05/26/2020 05:11 PM 05/26/2020 05:12 PM	Mr. Arthur Firth Ms. Taylor Libby	1011 Emerald Bay Dr, Salisbury, NC 28146 616 Windsong Ln, Durham, NC 27713	True	I live alone and don't know where I can find witnesses/notary while practicing social distancing. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of the rules.
05/26/2020 05:15 PM	Christine Sweetman	Cary, NC 27519	True	North Carolina needs to allow absentee, mail in voting. It needs to be without reason, and without witness signatures. There should be NOTHING that stands in the way of registered voters voicing their say. It should be seamless and simple. It should be offered to all voters, without even having to ask. Other states are sending out requests for ballots so voters can reply easily to receive a ballot. North Carolina needs to offer the same for its voters. Our present system can barely handle all the voters that have to wait in line normally, and now we have a pandemic which will have to change the logistics regardless of mail in votes. Mail in votes just make sense, and make it safer and easier, for the voter, and the counting!
05/26/2020 05:15 PM	Dr. Stephen Fegley	206 Bartlett Circle, Hillsborough , NC 27278	True	I support the intent of House Bill 1169 to make the upcoming elections safer in the presence of COVID-19. Relaxing the witness requirement for mail-in ballots (which could have been forged anyways), making the procedure for requesting mail-in ballots easier and more efficient, allowing flexibility for staffing polling stations, and providing funds for polling station cleaning and safety all strike me as reasonable actions to enhance voting and social safety without compromising electoral integrity.
05/26/2020 05:16 PM	Mr. Paul Weichselbaum	910 S Park Pl, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791	True	The impetus for any bill concerning voting in North Carolina must be focused on 2 concerns: 1) providing for the enfranchisement of every eligible voter, rather than placing obstacles to registration and voting; and 2) taking into account the COVID-19 pandemic, which appears likely to undermine eligible voters' safety at polling places this November. HB 1169 fails on both counts. This bill retains obstacles such as requiring a witness for absentee voting, fails to even address early voting, and adds unnecessary and potentially confusing photo voter ID language already blocked by two separate courts. Other parts of the bill are improvements on current policies, and it is essential that federal relief funds be provided to the counties. To improve the proposal it should allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by

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				allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
5/26/2020 05:17 PM	Mx. Cole Parke	601 Oakwood Ave, Durham, NC 27701	True	I want to see dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states (including Washington, where I previously lived), and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.
5/26/2020 05:20 PM	Gail Woods	42 Summersweet Lane, Chapel Hill , NC 27516	True	Whether using absentee ballots that can be dropped off/drive through/walk up outdoor NC Citizens should be allow to return their ballot by mail or dropping their ballot in a monitored drop box at Community Colleges, schools or other State owned County owned buildings with large parking lots. Walk through from outdoor through gyms to pick up ballot then exit to complete in covered sidewalk parking garages before returning ballot to a monitored ballot box. Face masks, face shields and gloves should be provide for all poll workers.
5/26/2020 05:21 PM	Dr. Kathryn Pollak	2016 Woodrow Street, Durham, NC 27705	True	I am worried about every citizen's right to vote. We need to be able to vote safely. Many cannot vote by mail if they need a witness. We need a way to do these elections safely that protects our right to vote and also protects our health.
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5/26/2020 05:23 PM	NA marty belin	2618 Augusta Dr., Durham, NC 27707	True	I am 70, have MS and need to do an absentee ballot but I do not have two people in my house who can be witnesses for and absentee ballot. I hope the legislature can come together and make voting safe and secure for all of us. I know that steps have to be taken NOW so that counties are ready in the fall.
5/26/2020 05:25 PM	Mrs. Rosemary Lardner	721 Shelley Road, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	I strongly support the bipartisan elections bill HB1169 to improve our fall elections.
5/26/2020 05:26 PM	2526381124 linda klopf	103 randomwood lane, new bern, nc 28462	True	I very strongly support this bill, it is long over due and is essential during this time of crisis for the safety of the people of NC.
5/26/2020 05:29 PM	Dr. Kenneth Friedman	409 Longleaf Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-3036	True	It is essential to enable fair elections in the fall, and this bill is a significant step in that direction. All eligible voters should be able to cast ballots by mail or in person. I support key provisions, such as lowering the number of witnesses needed to cast valid mail-in ballots to 1, providing resources for sanitizers so that poll

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	**			workers and voters alike will be able to work in and visit polling places safely. HB 1169 is also worthwhile for its provisions mandating the flexibility for counties to better address potential poll worker shortages.
				The bill is a solid first step, and I hope the General Assembly will not only pass the bill, but will also consider future legislation that will extend voter registration deadlines, allow counties to be flexible when establishing early voting plans to ensure safe in-person voting options, and enable secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. I also encourage the General Assembly to some day consider making Election Day a state holiday. Toss Columbus Day to keep it neutral from an economic standpoint.
				I support HB 1169 as a means to provide confidence in our elections, and to ensure unfettered access for registered voters to participate in fair elections. It is essential that candidates for elected office in North Carolina compete based on their ideas for improving the lives of everyone in the state, rather than adhering to antiquated or erroneous notions of proper voting procedures.
05/26/2020 05:30 PM	Ms. Linda Smith	1528 Peace Lane, Wilmington , NC 28412	True	We need to make elections safer and accessible for everyone and especially so for those who are at higher risk for Covid 19. Please pass this legislation.
05/26/2020 05:31 PM	Karen Garloch	10044 Avon Farm Lane, Charlotte, North Carolina 28269	True	I'm concerned about this year's election because of the coronavirus and the social distancing we all need to practice. I'm 69 and healthy but I am not taking chances so I have applied for an absentee ballot. I implore you to make this election as open as possible and as safe as possible. And stop playing politics with our right to vote.
05/26/2020 05:33 PM	Ms Melanie Lane	1917 Castleburg dr, Apex, NC 27523	True	I commend you guys for making some Headway on a common sense bill to deal with election needs this coming year. I would ask that you not add a poison pill of voter id language that has been thrown out multiple times already. Make voting matter by seeking more people to vote not fewer and you save our republican. Now is the time to do this.
05/26/2020 05:33 PM	Ms Linda Murchison	418 S Front St, Wilmington, NC 28401	True	I am in favor of this bill. Please pass it!!!!
05/26/2020 05:34 PM	Elizabeth Glatstein	164 Skyview Circle, Asheville, NC 28804-2762	True	I believe this bill is an important first step to making sure the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all voters.
05/26/2020 05:35 PM	Lee Niegelsky	140 W. Franklin St. Unit 427, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	We truly are facing a set of circumstances surrounding the upcoming election that are unprecedented in our lifetimes. Health risks and job losses/economic instability are going to impact the viability of inperson voting for substantial percentages of our citizenry. Therefore, the legislature needs to enact election guidelines that will enable EVERY qualified citizen who wishes to vote to have unencumbered access to

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			29	the ballot box. This requires innovative and improved access to mail-in ballots, early voting polling place flexibility, and broad support for polling place staffing needs impacted by the pandemic. In short, the legislature needs to insure that, during this unique health and economic crisis, each citizen's fundamental right to vote is preserved. To do any less would be a basic failure of our democracy.
05/26/2020 05:35 PM	Mr Robert Thomason	2129 Queens Rd W, Charlotte, NC 28207	True	The upcoming elections could be a turning point in the US for better or worse. North Carolina needs to be a leader in ensuring the former outcome and not the latter. The virus most assuredly will keep thousands of vulnerable North Carolinians away from the polls. We simply must take special action to make it easy for them to participate in our democracy this fall. I urge our leaders to take action NOW to streamline a vote-by-mail process. If we don't do so, no matter who wins, the election will be deemed illegitimate - and it will be. This will exacerbate our current division which is already just a degree or two shy of the boiling point. People are already bringing military weapons into our state capitols. What do you think will be the next step for them? Our leaders need to answer the call of history while there is still time.
05/26/2020 05:38 PM	Mr Donald Smith	4104 Stranaver Place, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	My wife and I are both over 65 and would prefer to vote by mail if possible.
05/26/2020 05:40 PM	Katie Moore	1314 Hill St Apt D, Durham, NC 27707	True	I am a resident of Durham County, currently living with a family member who is at higher risk for COVID-19 complications. We are doing everything in our power to limit exposure to the virus and will continue to exercise caution for quite some time. I am urging the NCGA to make voting this November as easy, accessible and safe for us and all North Carolinians including adding postage-paid envelopes, setting up dropboxes where voters can safely return their ballots, and making sure that instructions are clear, understandable and available in multiple languages.
				MAT teams: Section 2(b) – by August 1, SBOE and DHHS shall submit report to legislature and governor about how MAT teams can safely access a health facility, nursing home or rest home to help voters request, vote and return an absentee ballot. I would be very happy to participate in MAT for my county and the surrounding counties. Could you allow registered voters to get trained and do this work across county lines?
				Specifically for incarcerated voters, I want to be sure that their access is not erased if visitation is not an option. Could you expand the recruitment for MAT members and also allow MAT to participate in assisting voters while in jail.

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05/26/2020 05:41 PM	Ms Nancy Jennings	839 Thornton Pl, Hendersonville, NC 28791	True	This bill references a Voter ID requirement which has been enjoined by the courts and it calls for spaces for two witness signatures although only requires one witness on an absentee ballot. Both of these could serve to confuse our state's voters. I think it's important to make instructions clear and keep confusion off our ballots.
05/26/2020 05:43 PM	Mrs. Susan Smith	216 Lucky Ribbon Lane, Holly Springs, NC 27540	Trừe	Please pass this bill. My husband and I are in our 70s and both of us have chronic health conditions that make us high risk for the virus. Please make voting by absentee ballot as accessible as possible.
05/26/2020 05:43 PM	Mr Joseph Oldham	3729 N Lakeshore Dr, Clemmons, NC 27012	True	I am 60, with underlying conditions that make my Covid risk much greater. No one should have to risk their life to vote. Ensuring every citizen can reasonably feel safe and able to cast theur ballot is the most important thing the NCGA can do. We need a generous vote by mail option. We don't need any sneaky obstruction snuck in.
05/26/2020 05:45 PM	Lindsey McCoy	5800 Perennial lane, Wilmington , NC 28403	True	With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.
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5/26/2020 05:45 PM	Ms Emily Wilkins	611 Ruby St., Durham, NC 27704	True	I urge you to expand HB 1169 to clarify voter ID information for voting by mail. In clear and simple language, assure that each eligible voter may cast a ballot for free, regardless of their zipcode, last name, age, appearance, ability or party affiliation. I am a pollworker in Durham County, and I am willing to put my life on the line for
			•	voters. But I should not have to. Nor should any voter fear it necessary to risk contracting this deadly virus to vote in person. I take the oath of impartiality very seriously and expect you to insure safe, free and fair elections.
				Thank you, Emily Wilkins
5/26/2020 05:45 PM	Mr Tom Atherton	32 Spears, Asheville, NC 28801	True	We need to ensure that the election provides ample opportunities for everyone to vote fairly and without undue burden to health, work and income, mobility and more. Some things that should be added to this bill to that end include the following: Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters Also we need to pass the measures already in the bill that address issues with the current election process. Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, ernail or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely Thank you for making sure our election is a fair and equal opportunity to participate in our elections. Fair elections are a fundamental cornerstone of our democracy and there is ample evidence of voter suppression efforts in our great state in the very recent past and going back many years to slavery. So the job in building our democracy is not yet complete and further measures can and should be implimented to keep everyone safe and involved in a process that works for everyone in NC. Thank you for your
5/26/2020 05:48 PM	Ms. Ann Stone	337 Woodsong Trl, Boone, North Caroli	na True	efforts toward this crucial goalTom A. Safe and fair elections are necessary!
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05/26/2020 05:48 PM	Ms. Sharon Burlingame	28607-8552 620 Rutledge Dr., Hendersonville, NC 28739	True	1. Absentee ballot envelopes should reflect that only ONE WITNESS is needed. 2. Omit the in-person Voter ID requirement, in that the courts have already found that this cannot be required, and in that it is too late to conduct voter education concerning Voter ID at this time, and in that this will confuse voters as the requirement is tossed back and forth. 3. Extend Voter Registration opportunity as long as possible.
05/26/2020 05:49 PM	Mr Donald Webster	14230 Nc Highway 801, Mt Ulla, NC 28125-7721	True	Please consider mail in ballots for our NC elections in November. We need to ensure a fair and healthy election for voters and poll workers
05/26/2020 05:51 PM	Dr. Michael Babyak	3100 Cool Spring Dr., Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514	True	I fully support vote my mail, Speaking for myself and others over 60 and with medical conditions that may confer high risk if infected with COVID19, it is in the people's interest to make vote by mail universal and easily performed. Anything less can be seen only as a blatant attempt to suppress the will of the people.
05/26/2020 05:51 PM	Ms Ellen Peric	1095 Wheeler Smith Rd, Lawsonville, NC 27022	True	I am a poll worker and would like to see every possible way to vote made easier. We should encourage and educate the public on absentee voting. For social distancing - we should have more early voting sites and more hours open so there is no crowding. This pandemic will not magically disappear this fall.
05/26/2020 05:53 PM	Ms Shannon Teel	4833 Autumn Leaf Lane, Charlotte, NC 28277	True	Please support House Bill 1169. Thank you!
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05/26/2020 05:54 PM	Mrs. PATRICIA MONTEE	5735 Mantario Drive, CHARLOTTE, NC 28269	True	I would urge that House Bill 1169 be expanded, I am one of those elderly who cannot risk exposure in this Pandemic. Wisconsin's voting problems should be an urgent call for North Carolina to ensure our voters' safety. Please ensure that absentee ballots are readily available, and can be requested by phone, e-mail, or online. Drop the restrictions that a majority of poll workers must come from the precinct where they serve. This will surely be one more impediment for those workers who are public spirited enough to show up, and they should be supplied masks and gloves. Please expand voter registration time—this virus threat will
				likely still be complicating everyone's time use and mobility. Most important for those like me who want to vote by mail that there are clearly stated places (or ample secure drop box locations) to send our ballots. Thank you.
05/26/2020 05:56 PM	Ms J. Goguen	20010 Grier, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	I strongly support the above-referenced proposed legislation which would hopefully serve as a first step to responding to the current Covid crisis and protecting the integrity of our elections.
05/26/2020 05:57 PM	Mrs. Tia Hall	306 Gray Ave, Durham, NC 27701	True	Expand HB 1169 to allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and

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people who do not have a stamp to mail a request and do not want to enter a post office (because of COVID) to buy one (or have no transportation to get there). People should be allowed to request a ballot by email. Again this is an accepted practice in many states. In addition, they should receive a pre-stamped or metered envelope to return their ballot; otherwise, this could be considered a poll tax, requiring people to buy a stamp in order to vote. We need to be moving to universal vote by mail. Our current system makes it too hard for many to access the processstudents, low-income citizens, the disabled, the elderly, and more. This is a bi-partisan issue. Please support changes to election law. Jennifer Roberts, former mayor of Charlotte.

Personally, I live alone and don't have a car. Trying to find witnesses/notary within reasonable walking distance, while practicing social distancing is going to be difficult. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of the rules. I would be thrilled to see a bipartisan bill that will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. I want to fulfill my civic duty and right to vote while not risking my own life and the lives of others. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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- · I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted.
- · I want to see dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox sites have worked well in other states, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.
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05/26/2020 06:10 PM	Mrs. Stacy Staggs	11416 Abernathy Rd, Charlotte, North Carolina 28216	True	As an active voter and concerned citizen in NC, I support the passage of HB1169 to expand access and simplify the process for eligible, regsitered voters to cadt their ballots safely for the November 2020 election.
05/26/2020 06:10 PM	Ms. Marilynn Davis	4304 Winforde Road, Wilmington , NC 28412	Trúe	Please allow more options for voting. Especially during this time of COVID19. I have been fearful of this virus and have restricted my movement. I have been working from home since mid-March and really only leaving home with a mask and gloves for necessities.
05/26/2020 06:11 PM	Mr George Elam	12 Scenic View Dr , Weaverville , NC 28787	True	To make a good bill better, I suggest you consider authorizing secure drop boxes for voter to deposit ballots. This would save money on postage for the voter and the local BOE if it was required to pay for insufficient postage since the postal service has a policy of not returning ballots for insufficient or no postage. Another benefit is the voter would not have to go out and stand in line at the post office to buy the proper postage. Reducing personal exposure.
05/26/2020 06:12 PM	Thaddaeus Edwards	1307 Lancaster St Apt B, Durham, NC 27701	True	Granting NC voters the ability to cast votes by mail is an idea whose time is long overdue. YES to voting by mail!
05/26/2020 06:13 PM	Community Engagement Dir. Grace Marsh	5808 solitude way, Durham, Nc 27713	True	I strongly support HB 1169.
05/26/2020 06:14 PM	john skemp	590 wool branch rd, MARSHALL, NC 28753-6520	True	Democracy is our (US) most important contribution to the modern world. Please pass this so we can have the free and fair election we are entitled to. JS
05/26/2020 06:15 PM	Dr. Carol Clark	53 Laughing Fox Cir, Burnsville, NC 28714-6698	True	While HB 1169 provisions would make it easier for some to cast a ballot during the pandemic, it excludes some key bipartisar recommendations and adds unnecessary and potentially-confusing photo voter ID language already blocked by two separate courts.
è				To remedy these shortcomings, I urge the committee to support amendments that would: 1) allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, 2) broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and 3) expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
				Thank you for your consideration.
05/26/2020 06:17 PM	Dr. James Rice	4224 Laurel Ridge Dr, Raleigh, NC 27612-5425	True	I strongly support all the provisions in House Bill 1169. The Coronavirus pandemic is posing unprecedented

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				challenges for millions of citizens across North Carolina, and the pandemic is not going to magically disappear by November. We must take steps now to assure that North Carolinians can vote safely this November, regardless of what is happening then with the pandemic. Even if there is not a surge going on, things will not be "normal", and the risks will remain high for older citizens and those with underlying risk factors. So the need for the proposed changes is urgent.
				In addition I encourage you to also extend voter registration deadlines. People have a lot more challenges to deal with just to get through daily life right now, so having a wider window for voter registration is important. Please also give flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe inperson voting options. And it would be helpful to provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Thank you.
05/26/2020 06:17 PM	Dr. Robert Lane	201 Cumberland Ave., Asheville, NC 28801	True	Please do all you can to make it easier and safer to vote. Please do all to encourage absentee voting and give flexibility to counties to set times for early voting. Please allow poll workers to work in counties other than their own. PLEASE provide return postage for absentee ballots and minimize requirements that could invalidate absentee ballots. Thanks!
05/26/2020 06:18 PM	Ms, Toni Dewey	3209 Dalton Ct, Wilmington, NC 28405	True	I support this bill, at this time voting by mail may be the only safe way to cast our ballots.
05/26/2020 06:21 PM	Jennifer Blair	5300 Blakeley Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613	True	I am in favor of allowing for mailing in votes this election year.
05/26/2020 06:24 PM	Ms Diana Gray	2310 Ardmore Terrace Apt A, Winston- Salem, NC 27103	True	Easing the witness requirements and streamlining the NC absentee ballot are critical actions needed to ensure successful mail in voting this November. It is the only way voters can safely exercise their franchise!
05/26/2020 06:30 PM	Douglas Furness	900 Johns Orchard Lane, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	During this time of the virus, I would certainly allow absentee voting. Especially, since there will not be a vaccine until late this year at best.
				People should not need to risk their lives to vote.
05/26/2020 06:30 PM	Election Bill Kevin Daniels	1004 Skywatch Ln , Monroe, NC 28112	True	Please add free postage for absentee ballots and making election day a state holiday. Thank you!
05/26/2020 06:36 PM	Mr. Todd Herman	800 Quail Ridge Ct., Greensboro, NC 27455	True	Please build upon what is already in this Bill by including more common-sense ideas to improve access to voting and to protect citizens in the November elections, especially since we do not know how COVID-19 will impact voting 5
				months from now.

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05/26/2020 06:37 PM	Miss Bryant Holsenbeck	Carolina 28079 2007 Pershing St, Durham, NC 27705	True	I have just turned 70 and I live alone.yl desperate want a way to feel safe while voting. therefore a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also don't have two other adults living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. I live alone and don't know where I can find witnesses/ notary while practicing social distance. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of them. thank you for your work on helping to make voting safe
05/26/2020 06:39 PM	Ms. Carol Perine	11 Wakefield Drive Apt. #2113, Asheville, NC 28803	True	for all of us. I endorse this bill and would appreciate my legislators approving it. I would not be disappointed if they added even more items to protect our elections.
05/26/2020 06:41 PM	ms Barbra Roberman	2015 Wilson St, Durham, North Carolina 27705-3223	True	I believe this bill is an important first step to making sure the November election is fair, safe and accessible to all voters.
05/26/2020 06:45 PM	Mr. Christopher Benz	1406 Milton Rd Suite 116, Durham, North Carolina 27712-1525	True	For the sake of our collective health, please make voting remotely a viable option.
05/26/2020 06:45 PM	Joe Melliere		True	Please include funding for and mandate postage-paid return envelopes with every absentee ballot to ensure more registered voters who do not want to risk their health or can't vote in person are able to vote regardless of income/access to postage. In addition, I would like to see a legislative commitment to recruiting and training younger poll workers to ensure no polling places nor early voting sites/hours need to be taken away due to a lack of poll workers. As most poll workers are elderly, I foresee many of them choosing to stay home since they are a high risk population and fear that this will result in widespread disenfranchisement due to a lack of available and trained poll workers.
05/26/2020 06:46 PM	Frances Scarlett	8538 Jadewood Dr, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	I think citizens should be able to exercise their constitutional rights by having voting access in a variety of ways since we have an unprecedented situation with COVID.
05/26/2020 06:48 PM	Henry Stanley	104 Fox Run, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	In this unprecedented time, it becomes more necessary than ever to ensure that all citizens of the united states have an equal and inalienable ability to cast a vote for the presidency, while also remaining safe from potential contagion. Traditional and archaic methods of voting are not an option, and neither is apathetic suppression. Please allow the voices of the people to be heard; a segue into the modern era of voting is long overdue.
05/26/2020 06:48 PM	Barbara Wedehase	5217 Niagra Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common

 05/26/2020 06:48 PM
 William Veazey
 108 Racquet Lane, Statesville, NC 28625
 True

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 Dr. Judith Hartsook
 1880 Brookwood Ave. 422, Burllington, NC 27215
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sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.

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In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:

allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines. broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fastapproaching 2020 elections.

As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?

Thank you.

Please make absentee voting easier for us older generation, not the best eyesight, not the best health. Some of us are not quit ready to go out in the uncaring public.

I understand that the legislature is looking at simplifying voting by mail by requiring only one witness. I think that is an excellent idea. I urge you to press for state wide mail in balloting with no application needed. Mail it out to all eligible voters prior to the election. I feel this is urgently needed for a free and fair election in the Fall. I know this will be very expensive but the stakes are high. Postage paid return envelopes would also help to ensure a robust turnout for all voters. The Covid Virus could seriously threaten the integrity of the coming election. All citizens should be assured of the ability to vote without having to expose themselves to the virus. I strongly believe that the integrity of our Democracy is at stake here. We must plan ahead due to the volatility of the situation with the Virus.

Thank you for your consideration and I would appreciate a response to this

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				Sincerely,
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				Judith E. Hartsook, Ph.D.
26/2020 06:50 PM	Ms. April Strickland	1103 Dover Rd., Greensboro , NC 27408	True	Retired Psychologist Voting is a right and a responsibility. All of us are entitled to that right, regardless of our race, creed, color or our life opportunities. We are all equally valuable participants. Please pass HB1169 to facilitate voting which will enrich all of our lives, especially now more than ever!
26/2020 06:52 PM	Mrs. Patricia Eisenach	622 Arbor Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27104	True	I am in the high risk category of the COVII pandemic due to my age, and I do not fee that it will be safe to vote in person in the November election. Please make it easier for everyone to vote by absentee mail-in ballot. The absentee request form should be able to be completed and sent online instead of having to print out and mail. The instructions should be clearly written I do not have 2 people who live in my home who could be witnesses, so the witness requirement should be reduced to one witness. The ballot return envelopes should be postage paid. Thank you for giving everyone the opportunity to vote in a safe and secure manner.
'26/2020 06:53 PM	Susan Patterson	209 s 5th ave, Wilmington, NC 28401	True	This needs to be put in place at this time with worry over Covid-19 Please consider the passage of this bill
/26/2020 06:56 PM	Mrs. Martha Rule	3527 Daisy Ln. , Wake Forest, NC 27587	True	I have been voting by mail for a number of years due to poor vision and the inability to drive to a polling place. However I am now greatly concerned about the safety of mail in ballots because I have seen on the news via television and Internet how mare ballots don't get counted. I take the privilege of voting very seriously and I'm very concerned about my vote being counted. I hope someone will come up with a very safe way for all ballots to be counted properly and honestly. In addition I am concerned for my fellow low vision and or blind friends who find it very challenging to vote whether it be by mail or by in person. Some cannot get to a polling place, some go to the polling place but find very little assistance available. I appreciate the opportunity to express myself and hope that all opinions and thoughts will be taken seriously in order thelp those who cannot always do

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05/26/2020 06:56 PM	Ms Rosanne Dixon	210 North Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202	True	something for themselves. It is so important to keep voters safe and to avoid another onslaught of Covid-19 cases. Not only needless loss of life, but a ravaged economy would follow. Lets do u mail in voting to uphold our Democracy and no less keep our country on stable footing.
05/26/2020 06:58 PM	Emily Parrott	610 windmill street, walnut cove, NC 27052	True	Vote NO to this bill! House Bill 1169 is nothing more than voter suppression disguised as voter protection. The right to vote is guaranteed in the Constitution. We need more access for all to vote not more restrictions. NC is the most gerrymandered state in the union. Voting no to this bill will avoid a lengthy and costly court battle that will only end with the federal courts finding it is illegal.
05/26/2020 06:58 PM	Michelle Bush	1410 Falling Star Way, Durham, NC 27704	True	It should be easier for visually impaired people to vote, especially via ABSENTEE BALLOT! All underhanded attempts to stop ethenic or other groups from voting should be stopped. There should be more training and information surrounding the voting process.
05/26/2020 07:00 PM	MS Sandra Belcher	1880 Brookwood Ave. 422, Burlington, NC 27215	True	I appreciate the changes you are considering but you haven't gone far enough. A Mail In Ballot should be universally available to all North Carolina Registered Voters with out needing to request it. There is considerable evidence that Mail in Ballots increase the number of citizens participating in an election. In a Democracy that is a very good thing.
05/26/2020 07:00 PM	MS LAURIE FOX	1408 ALABAMA AVE, DURHAM, NC 27705	True	PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1169 TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND VOTING IN NC
05/26/2020 07:00 PM	Ms Deborah Gooch	107 Shady Falls Rd, Deep Gap, NC 28618	True	Please protect our right to voteand stay healthy. Vote for House bill 1169.
05/26/2020 07:02 PM	Mr. Francis Cappella	3209 Dalton Court, Wilmington, North Carolina 28405	True	l Agree
05/26/2020 07:02 PM	Ms Linda Alfredson	21 Red Oak Rd, Asheville, NC 28804	True	Please pass this bill. Voting is so important, especially this year. Everyone needs to be able to vote. Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely We also need: Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options

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				Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/26/2020 07:05 PM	Ms. Betty Gatano	2213 Dahlgreen Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I am in the high risk category for Covid19 and am very apprehensive about voting in person in November. I support this bill, which allows easier access to absentee ballads. Please pass this bill
05/26/2020 07:07 PM	Kimberly Ratliff	9430 Greenbank Ct, Charlotte, NC 28214	True	As drafted, House Bill 1169 would relax some poll worker recruitment requirements, reduce vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and provide a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties. While HB1169's common-sense proposals would make it easier for some to cast a ballot amid the pandemic, it ignores other key bipartisan recommendations provided months ago that would protect even more voters, including at-risk Black and Brown communities. Amendments to HB1169 are immediately needed in the House Elections and Ethics Committee to expand
				voter protections, and ensure this vital legislation does more to keep all of our state's voters safe during the 2020 elections.
05/26/2020 07:09 PM	Ms Virginia Wright-Frierson	1619 Princess St., Wilmington, NC 28401	True	Please please please, Make it easier and safer for us to vote in this important election coming up
05/26/2020 07:10 PM	Lynn York	764 Utopia Drive, Cullowhee, NC 28723	True	Please continue to make it possible for me to vote by mail. I live in a rural area and am 78 years old and voting by mail is the only way! can vote. My grandmother fought for my right, as a woman, to vote, and my ancestors and immediate family fought and died to protect our democracy. We must be able to choose our leaders and the only way we can adequately express our convictions is through the vote. I need to vote by mail. Do not deny me that right.
05/26/2020 07:13 PM	Shannon Robinson	21 Joci Ct, Durham , NC 27704	True	I am worried about a second wave of COVID-19 happening in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of the rules. I also have several friends in Durham County who live alone and are high-risk because of their immune systems being weak due to illness. I am not sure they will be able to understand the need for witnesses/notary while practicing social distancing and staying isolated at home.
05/26/2020 07:15 PM	Lynn Bernstein		True	Dear Legislators,
				My name is Lynn Bernstein and I live in Cary, NC. My field of work is in aerospace engineering, specifically in systems integration & test. I have worked full-time on election integrity, security, and transparency for nearly 4 years. Recently, I founded Transparent Elections NC, a grassroots volunteer group seeking to advance evidence-based elections through a transparent, trackable and publicly verified process.

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I regularly attend state and county boe meetings, canvasses, and audits. Frequently, I am the only member of the public in attendance. For the 2020 primary election, I was an official observer for the Wake Dem party and my troubling observations have only bolstered my passion for improving the election process in NC. Unfortunately, my observations do not include my county's process on election night because the ED would not allow the public to enter the building despite there being a quorum of the board present on election night.

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Democracy depends on candidates and citizens trusting in the integrity of the democratic electoral process. It is up to all election officials to conduct evidence based elections and the state should require a transparent, trackable, and publicly verified process.

A Meredith College poll conducted in February 2020 showed that only 27.9% of registered NC voters said they were "very confident" that "the voting processes in North Carolina will produce accurate results." News stories questioning the voting process and highlighting attempted election fraud by voters, officials, and foreign entities are a daily occurrence.

Our lawmakers understood the necessity for public oversight, which is clearly and purposefully written into NC law. GS 163-182.2(a) (3) "Any member of the public wishing to witness the vote count at any level shall be allowed to do so."

Each recommendation below is in response to continued ill-advised practices that NC counties engage in most recently during the 2020 Primary Election. Many of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) recommended best practices are not followed by counties and should be explicitly mandated by NC law. A failure to mandate adherence puts the state and counties in legal jeopardy - as candidates could convincingly claim that there was ample opportunity for fraud.

Sources

Meredith College Poll: The 2020 NC Primary Registered Voters in North Carolina Date 2/16-24/2020 https:// www.meredith.edu/assets/images/ content/ Final_Meredith_College_Poll_Report_Febr uary_2020.pdf

Department of Justice, May 21, 2020 "Former Philadelphia Judge of Elections Date Submitted Name Address

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Convicted of Conspiring to Violate Civil Rights and Bribery' https:// www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-philadelphia-judge-elections-convicted-conspiring-violate-civil-rights-and-bribery

Election Assistance Commission: 6 TIPS For Conducting Election Audits https:// www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/ eac_assets/1/6/ EAC_6TipsForConductingElectionAudits_5 08_HiRes.pdf

National Conference of State Legislators: Election Security: State Policies 8/2/2019 https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/election-security-state-policies.aspx

Recommended Changes to current NC Election Law

- All county Board of Elections shall post meeting minutes on their county boe website so the public may stay informed of public business. Minutes shall include public comments as part of the record.
- Public shall be notified of the date/time of all pre-election acceptance and logic & accuracy testing of voting equipment.
 Public shall be allowed to observe testing and receive copies of test plans, test reports and log files of all pre-election testing.
- 3. All boxes of ballots and precinct scanner (usb) removable media picked up by the chief judge prior to the election shall have serial numbered tamper evident seals affixed to them. Serial numbered tamper evident seals shall be verified and recorded by a bi-partisan precinct team at pre-election pick-up of election materials, again at the precinct on the morning of the election prior to polls opening, and again as part of poll closing procedures.
- 4. Precinct chief judges shall boot up precinct scanners and print zero tapes no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the polls opening. Boot up and zero tape printing procedures shall be conducted in the presence of a bi-partisan team of precinct judges.
- 5. When ballots are removed from the precinct scanner bin, they shall be immediately placed in a container and a serial numbered tamper evident seal shall be signed, and affixed to the container; the serial number shall be logged into chain-of-custody records by a bi-partisan team consisting of the chief judge and two precinct judges.
- 6. The chief judge shall publicly post a precinct poll tape at the close of polls

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Wendell Patterson 209 south 5th Ave, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 True

Ms EmilyCox Cox 11 Streamley Ct, Durham, NC 27705 True

(currently this is optional). The entire poll tape(s) shall be publicly viewable from outside of the precinct polling location for at least 24 hours (outward facing window). At the county BOE on election night, the public shall be allowed to view and document totals of any precinct poll tapes that were not posted at the close of polls at a precinct.

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- 7. Early voting tape totals and absentee ballot tape totals shall not be totaled and printed until the close of polls on election night.
- 8. There shall be bi-partisan chain of custody of all election materials transported back to the county on election night. For counties that bring election materials to transport vans throughout the county, they must sign over materials to another bi-partisan team who will transport the materials to the BOE.
- 9. The public shall be allowed to observe election materials being returned and inventoried at the BOE. Comparison of uploaded precinct totals to poll tapes shall be conducted on election night in full view of the public. This is a critical step in the vote counting/aggregation process.
- 10. Absentee, provisional, overseas absentee, military ballots, and replicated absentee email ballots shall be approved/ not approved by the board in public view, at which time the approved ballot envelopes are to be opened, and ballots scanned in a continually observable process within full view of the board and public.

Thank you for your consideration of these no/low cost recommendations that are in the best interest of the state. These recommendations would help protect counties, secure the chain of custody of critical election materials, and assure citizens that their votes will be counted as intended.

Respectfully yours,

Lynn Bernstein Cary resident and voter Founder, Transparent Elections NC Mail in voting, absolutely

My parents live in an elder care facility and my kids are college students, we are all concerned about getting easy access to voting without endangering anyone with Covid-19 exposure. We also cannot afford the confusion or burden of new Identification or "witness" issues. We would request that vote by mail be made as simple as possible. And every effort to

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05/26/2020 07:20 PM	Ms Judy Francis	1002 Bradbury Ct, Leland, NC 28451	True	I support House Bill #1169 of Election 2020, making voting safer amid the COVID 19 Pandemic.
05/26/2020 07:20 PM	Ms Beth Ligouri	4841 Sir Duncan Way, Raleigh , NC 27612	True	Please enable all registered voters to cast their ballots in the November election by increasing early voting and mail in voting. I have been a poll worker in previous elections/and am very concerned about the average age of election judges. At 56, i am one of the youngest and know that my colleagues cannot put themselves at great risk of Covid 19. To have robust early voting, the Board of Elections will have to recruit many more YOUNGER poll workers. This is just one of the obstacles the Boards of Elections need to overcome. Money and time need to be provided NOW so they can guarantee a safe and fair election. Please fund them NOW!
05/26/2020 07:21 PM	Dr. Sara Draper	416 Frank Circle, Thomasville, NC 27360	True	Please pass this bill. The current pandemic requires some actions that will make it easier for voters to cast their ballots without fear of infection.
05/26/2020 07:23 PM	Dr. Janie Canty-Mitchell	1303 Shenandoah Street, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	Section 3. (a), item 3 requires two witnesses for absentee ballots. This places an undue burden on seniors or disabled persons living alone or with only a spouse or caregiver, especially if they live in rural areas. We should not have to drive to someone's house to have 2 people witness our signature, or have someone come to our house to witness signatures for an absentee ballot. Why make absentee voting so difficult for seniors? Item 3 should be removed.
05/26/2020 07:26 PM	Susan Hartley	147 Spring Cove Dr, Cary, NC 27511	True	Fully support all aspects of Bill 1169! YES!!!!!!!!
05/26/2020 07:26 PM	Dr. Margaret Sowerwine	2736 pleasant hill rd, Rocky Mount , NC 27801	True	As a member of the Edgecombe County Board of Elections I urge you to support this Carefully thoughtout measure. Otherwise the November Election may be total chaos.
05/26/2020 07:28 PM	MARK STAMM	4841 SIR DUNCAN WAY, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members: In the midst of a pandemic, House Bill 1169 must include provisions that make voting safer and easier than ever – either by mail or in-person. HB 1169 must address the financial needs counties will face in providing for safe polling environments for as many voters as possible. Please reduce the requirements for vot-by-mail witnesses, and extend deadlines for voter registration, accepting more IDs (like pay stubs, bank statements, utility bills, etc.). In addition, allow county officials to use their judgement and make voting safe for their residents as suits their community

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				needs through relaxed requirements for poll workers and gaining access to Federal matching funds.
				I sincerely hope that the committee will keep the safety of North Carolinians as they exercise their right to vote in this most challenging health crisis.
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/26/2020 07:30 PM	Ms Barbara Thomas	202 Neuse Avenue, Morehead City, NC 28557	True	Thank you. None of us knows what the situation will be in October and November related to Covid 19. The right to vote is our most sacred right in this country and we need to prepare now for the possibility that voters won't feel safe going to the polls this fall. I am 73 years old and live with just my husband – I do not have two witnesses to sign an absentee ballot. Please pass bipartisan legislation that will make it easy
				for us to vote by mail and not have to choose between voting and our health. There is no significant fraud associated with voting by mail.
5/26/2020 07:32 PM	Mr Joseph Louis Mazzitelli	7303 Calibre Park Dr Apt 105 Apt 105, Durham, NC 27707	True	Vote by mail is a safe and easy way to increase voter participation. As a democracy, we are obligated to endeavor to have all citizens participating in our government; that means all citizens should be able to vote easily and safely.
5/26/2020 07:33 PM	Ms Janet Palmer	5326 Silabert Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205	True	We need this bill to assure equitable access to the ballot.
26/2020 07:35 PM	Make this happen! Elliotte Lawing	705-61 Keystone Park Dr , Morrisville , NC 27560	True	Request for Comments:
				Points you may want to consider in your comments: • ensure access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, –This is important!!
/26/2020 07:35 PM	Ms. Elli Klein	527 Old Maccumber Station Road 232, Wilmington, NC 28405	True	Please truly represent the people of NC and support fair and safe elections in 2020.
/26/2020 07:37 PM	Joseph Jordan	800 lockland ave b, winston-salem, nc 27103	True	I grew up in Oregon, and have voted by mail in many elections. Bringing this process to North Carolina for 2020 is not only critical for the health and safety of North Carolinians, it should be made permanent for the future. Voting is critical to democracy, and should be as easy as possible for all citizens. In my home state, participation is high, and the electorate is informed and engaged in a way it would not otherwise be. North Carolina would benefit enormously from a similar system.
/26/2020 07:38 PM	Ms. Debra Broido	1849 Hunters Forest Dr, Winston Salem, NC 27103-6632	True	Please support this bill. We need it for the elections. NC makes it too hard to vote Absentee.
/26/2020 07:38 PM	mr Dennis Burns	7521 Rainwater Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	As a former medical products exec at J&J Biotech and Vicks Products over 70, I expect COVID-19 to still be a problem in the fall so I strongly support the easier VOTE at Home proposals in Bill 1169. I also believe that more county BOE funds will be needed and looser specifications

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05/26/2020 07:43 PM	Tim Pinnick	2133 E Lake Shore Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401	True	This is an important bill and I am very glad to see this issue addressed. EVERYONE deserves the right to vote with minimal encumbrances. Recently I assisted my 101 year old aunt get through the mail-in voting process in Illinois when the undertaking became muddled due to a procedural change. It was very distressing and put needless stress on her; thankfully we got it resolved at virtually the last minute.
				Thank you for making the exercise of the franchise easier in North Carolina!
05/26/2020 07:43 PM	Mrs Anne Campbell	9923 Legolas Ln, Charlotte, North Carolina 28269	True	re: House Bill 1169. Please do everything in your power to protect our elections and our democracy. With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.
05/26/2020 07:44 PM	Ms Audra Killingsworth	983 Tender Drive, Apex, NC 27502	True	I support only having one witness for the mail-in ballot.
05/26/2020 07:46 PM	Carlee Paddock	60 Pinnacle Point, Asheville, North Carolina 28805	True	Allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, Broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck) Expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. PLEASE! THANK YOU.
05/26/2020 07:49 PM	Jim Barton	PO box 768, Asheville, NC 28802	True	We need to make it easier for people to vote, not harder.
05/26/2020 07:52 PM	Mr Kevan Woodson	8407 Larkmead Forest Dr, Charlotte, NC 28269	True	I suggest making Early Voting more flexible and allowing counties to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county, I want to see more sites open for fewer/highest-use hours, I know my county is under budget constraints so making sure that my county BOE has the flexibility to make a schedule that works for more voters means that we can have more voters use EV but more evenly distributed and not standing in long lines.
				I suggest that NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to ensure that all ballots make it back to BOE, making sure that votes are counted.
				I want to see dropbox sites set up so that voters can securely drop off a completed ballot in case the mail systems are overwhelmed or not able to timely deliver ballots to BOE by election day. Dropbox

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				sites have worked well in other states, and I believe it is time for NC to use this tool to expand the ways for voters to use absentee ballots successfully.
05/26/2020 07:56 PM	Ms. Susan Roscher	1324 Edenhouse Ct., Leland, NC 28451	True	Please support House Bill 1169 in order for more citizens to vote in our elections during this pandemic, which will likely be with us for a long time. As a 70 year old with diabetes, I want to ensure that I will be able to vote in our elections without further risking my health. I also believe that more citizens will be able to cast their ballots more easily by mail if they are unable, during regular voting hours, to get child care, get off from work, or if theyhave other family obligations and/or disabilities. Thank you for serious consideration in this vitally important matter.
05/26/2020 07:58 PM	Mr. John Balla	7353 Newport Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27613	True	I respectfully request that legislators pass House Bill 1169 as drafted to simplify the process for submitting absentee ballots and enabling access to resources made available to accommodate the unusual circumstances of the COVID-19 outbreak. Until there is a vaccine, widely available testing and contact tracing, there are many individuals who might not and should not participate in in-person voting. In addition, the existing process is too complex and cumbersome as it is, which I've experienced through my two collegaged childrens' experiences in trying to vote from their respective universities in the 2018 midterm election. Thank you for recording my comment.
05/26/2020 07:59 PM	Dr. Meggan Moorhead	2102 Sprunt Ave, Durham, NC 27705	True	I am in support of HB1169 giving the greatest number of North Carolinians ease and accessibility of casting their vote! Studies are showing that this favors neither party! I am a senior citizen with underlying health conditions. I will be the last one to consider ending quaramtine! Please help us be able to vote easily!
05/26/2020 08:00 PM	Nan Friedman	25 hawfields dr, Pittsboro, Nc 27312	True	Hello I'd like to ask that some things be added to this bill to further protect the voters and their votes in the 2020 election. Please extend the deadlines for mail in and online requests for ballots. Please give the power to the counties to set up voting plans so they can best set it up to prevent long lines and crowding. Please eliminate confusing language about photo ID and also accept HAVA act ID such as utility bills on absentee ballot requests. Thank you for allowing input. I hope our NC legislators will do as much as possible to make it easy and safe for people to vote. We should do all we can to help voters exercise their right to have their voice heard, without having to risk getting sick from Covid19. Thanks
05/26/2020 08:00 PM	Ms. Stephanie Biziewski	312 Covewood Trail, Asheville, NC 28805	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:

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				With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.
				In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:
				allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections. As a North Carolina voter, I am counting on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month.
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 08:00 PM	Dr Herb Lamb	48 Rosewood Lane, Marshall, NC 28753	True	Do this please as soon as possible. The people of NC are hurting!! Thank you ??
05/26/2020 08:01 PM	Mr Brian Beauregard	7271 SCHOONERS CT. SW, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469	True	Good Day! YOU have an opportunity to either SUPPORT our democratic election process, or to further erode participation I urge ALL members to be aware that HISTORY in these times will have a microscope on YOUR actions and votes. I request you stand with not only our Constitution, but also our Bill of Rights. DO THE RIGHT THING!
05/26/2020 08:02 PM	Neil Brown	849 Sandburg Terrace, Hendersonville, NC 28791	True	HB1169 contains a series of common- sense reforms for voting in NC. While it does not go sufficiently far in removing legislated impediments to registering and voting, it IS several steps forward. I encourage the NCGA to approve this bill in time for the 2020 elections. Thank you.
05/26/2020 08:05 PM	Mrs Mary Stone	500 Audubon Dr., Oriental,, NC 28571	True	I believe all NC voters should be allowed to vote by mail.
05/26/2020 08:05 PM	Leslie Maxwell	146 Chateau Road, Durham, NC 27704	True	Please allow mail-in voting in 2020 (and in the future). This is essential for the safety and health of voters in NC, as well as for the NC citizens who work on election day

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	3			to make sure our elections run well. Workers/volunteers at polling precincts should not risk their health, either.
15/26/2020 08:06 PM	Mr. John Coyle	1428 Ebrington Lane, Leland, Nc 28451	True	I believe strongly this bill should be passed. It will assure safe and fair elections, something we all want. Sincerely,
				John Coyle, MS Ed
5/26/2020 08:07 PM			True	I think that voting should not only be safe but it should be accessible to all. Blind people need to be able to submit an absentee ballot without getting sighted assistance to vote.
15/26/2020 08:08 PM	Mrs. Jessica Laura Thompson Eustice	3523 N. Roxboro St. Apt. 8-C, Durham, NC 27701		I am strongly in favor of House Bill 1169 because it will help the citizens of North Carolina better exercise their patriotic responsibility to contribute to the future direction of our state and our country. This is especially urgent inlight of the several crises we are facing including the COVID19 pandemic, the inordinate number of black and brown people who are dying due to COVID19, the poor leadership our nation is experiencing during this pandemic, and the epidemic of White Nationalist Terrorism ocurring without rebuke from our national administration.
5/26/2020 08:08 PM	Heather Mckenzie	620 Penncross Dr, Raleigh , Nc 27610	True	I support this bill and thank you for your bipartisan efforts to find solutions to our current crisis. It would also be great to include other measures like: Extending voter registration deadlines, giving flexibility to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure everyone has safe in-person voting options, and providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. Thank you!
5/26/2020 08:09 PM	Susan Knapp	38 S. Kaufman Stone Way , Candler , North Carolina 28715	True	This is our chance to do what's right, allowing for Americans to vote —Safely — during a pandemic
5/26/2020 08:12 PM	Mrs. Barbara Rini	207 Newberry Street, Jamestown, NC 27282	True	allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, *broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and *expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. Thank you for your attention to this request. We know there are too many people at risk for infection when gathered together in one place.
5/26/2020 08:14 PM	Robin Hamilton-Brooks	809 Barbara Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606	True	I support legislation that will make voting more easily accessible to registered voters in the future but especially during this COVID-19 crisis.
5/26/2020 08:17 PM	Mrs. Annette Tenny	1097 N Stokes School Rd, Danbury, NC 27016-7234	True	Here are a few additional steps we need to take: allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA

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	9			IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. Every eligible voter deserves to be able to vote safely. THIS should be nonnegotiable. Safely and easily. Every Voter.
05/26/2020 08:18 PM	Dr. Joti Sekhon	20050 Fountain, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27517	True	ALL legal voters must be able to safely vote in the 2020 elections. Important provisions for safe in-person voting and voting by mail are critical and must be addressed immediately. Inserting a requirement for Voter Identification at the poles has NOTHING to do with responding to this pandemic. The inclusion of this controversial provision will only delay what should be a non-partisan response to our unusual times. The requirement for VOTER ID should immediately be REMOVED from this bill.
05/26/2020 08:18 PM	Mrs Linda Levy	7058 Burlwood Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211	True	Wile HB 1169 has some very good provisions regarding absentee voting, I don't understand why the requirement that a voter show a government issued photo ID is re-introduced. This was thrown out by the courts. Re-introducing this requirement is an attempt to override the court's ruling. During this time of COVID 19 it is absolutely ridiculous to re-introduce this requirement. People don't need to take an extra step and see additional people to vote. Remove this requirement from HB 1169.
05/26/2020 08:21 PM	Mr. John Allis	2905 Glen Burnie Dr, Raleigh, NC 27607	True	I am in full support of this bill which will lower the signature requirement on an absentee ballot, make requesting a ballot easier, allow counties the flexibility to assign poll workers on a county-wide basis, and provide for sanitation of polling places. I would urge inclusion of a provision to provide secure absentee ballot drop boxes as well. All these provisions will make it safer for voters, especially older voters, to cast their ballots without risking exposure to the COVID-19 virus.
05/26/2020 08:22 PM	Dr. Louis Gadol	1404 Country Club Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27712	True	Please support HB 1169, including the proposed additions, Thanks!
05/26/2020 08:25 PM	Mrs Elizabeth Arnold	16108 Morehead, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:
				With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.
				In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote- by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to

our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:

allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fastapproaching 2020 elections.

As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?

Thank you. Beth Arnold

I have personal concerns. Usually I vote in person, Early Voting. Will it be safe for me? Will the lines be long if there aren't enough poll workers? Maybe I should vote by absentee ballot, but with up to 40% of people expected to choose this option, will there be enough resources to get me a ballot on time and to process the ballot when I mail it back in? Will the USPS deliver my return for the cost of one Forever Stamp? I am thinking about being a poll worker - most poll workers are over 75 and won't want to do it in November - but will it be safe? I'm healthy, but over 65. So... this translates into my asks for this bill: (1) Allocate resources to all counties to make polling places safe and ensure there are enough safe polling places (sanitized, one pen per voter, etc.), (2) Make sure there is money for public education - mailings, TV and social media outreach, (3) Make sure that absentee ballots are accessible to everyone. (4) expand early voting schedules to accommodate social distancing and sanitation; (5) expand voter registration options to replace all the face to face registration that has occurred in the past. Let's make sure our election runs smoothly. Changes are needed - we don't know what the pandemic will look like in the fall, but it's not likely to be completely gone. Let's protect the election by protecting voters and making it possible for everyone to vot.

No voter ID should be required Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration

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Ms. MARILYN HARTMAN

2517 Perkins Rd, Durham, North Carolina True 27705-1018

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			•	Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe inperson voting. Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
5/26/2020 08:32 PM	Mrs. Carolyn Hines	708 Nottingham Rd, GREENSBORO, NC 27408	True	I'm a lifelong NC resident who's been voting since I registered in 1967. Now I'm 74 years old and have the additional medical risk of having asthma. I hope to vote in person as I usually have, but I want to have the option to vote absentee if there's a second wave of the virus as scientists predict. And I want absentee ballot voting to be safe and effective for others as well. Please create postage-paid envelopes to make sure absentee ballots & requests get back to the BOE safely and promptly. In case the USPS is overwhelmed, I'd like dropbox sites set up as they are in other states. I also want to be sure that incarcerated voters still have access if visitation is not an option. And I think NC needs to recruit more, and younger, poll workers in case there's a shortage. I hope you'll take this opportunity to use these ways to improve voting access in North Carolina and fulfill the promise of our democracy.
/26/2020 08:33 PM	Tom Byers	467 Old Stone Gate Place, Asheville, NC 28804	True	I urge the adoption of HB 1169 to address at least some of the challenges posed by the pandemic conditions that confront us in this election year.
/26/2020 08:35 PM	Mr. Joe Major	5412 Old Weaver Trl, Creedmoor, NC 27522	True	this law completely erases the reforms for ballet harvesting passed a few years ago. Do Not DO THIS!
5/26/2020 08:35 PM	Lynn and Mike Hancock	46 Whitehaven Dr, Pinehurst, NC 28374	True	We support any and every measure to ensure safe and accessible voting in November, and encourage you to pass legislation that will make it much easier for voters to request and receive absentee ballots and to vote by mail.
5/26/2020 08:35 PM	Ms Geralyn McGuire	305 CLARK ST., DURHAM, North Carolina 27701	True	I believe that it is important to both improve and expand the ability to vote safely in the 2020 election. I encourage you to support this bill.
5/26/2020 08:36 PM 5/26/2020 08:39 PM	Mes Susan Nobblitt Mrs. Barbara Akinwole	1000 Cheviot Ave, Durham, NC 27707 2183 Forest View Circle, Leland, NC 28451	True True	Please pass this! This bill would make voting safer and more accessible in NC amid the COVID-19 pandemic. And, requirements of this Bill should be made a permanent part of NC laws on Election procedures for all future local, state, and federal elections.
5/26/2020 08:40 PM	Mr John Heafield	179 Skyview Circle, Asheville, NC 28804	True	North Carolina should promote Mail-in Voting for all, especially since the coronavirus will most certainly be circulating in November. Vote By Mail has long been used by red and blue states, and is secure and readily audited. As a CPA and father of a computer science professor, I feel Vote By Mail is the most secure, easily understood and convenient

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			•	way to vote. Further, as voters have the ability to research candidates at home with the ballot, they will not find themselves at a loss as to how to vote down ballot for minor offices, as is often the case in the voting booth. My sister in Seattle says no witnesses are required for WA ballots. It would be best if NC could do likewise, especially so single people would not have to risk exposure to coronavirus to get a witness.
05/26/2020 08:42 PM	Hillary Dimig	115 Montrose Ct., Youngsville, NC 27596	True	We all know voting is essential in a democratically lead government. We all know in our heart of hearts that as citizens we should make voting as easy and accessible as possible. Yet in the short time I've been legally able to vote (I'm a young adult), I've seen obvious attempts to misrepresent the people of North Carolina via gerrymandering, requiring specific - racially motivated - IDs to vote, making it more difficult for students to vote, and an attempt at moving judicial positions from elected to appointed. Young people see through it, and many of us vote accordingly. I support this bill and its spirit of making it easier for everyone to vote, especially when many people don't feel safe voting in person. I believe postage-paid envelopes should be added to the bill. If postage is pre-paid, many more ballots would be returned to the BOE. I also believe no one should have to pay, or leave their houses during a pandemic to buy stamps, in order to vote.
05/26/2020 08:43 PM	Ms Simone Dewey	6415 Chantry Ct, Durham , NC 27703	True	I support House Bill 1169 Elections 2020
05/26/2020 08:43 PM	MR Jeffrey Paine	1015 Watts Street, Durham, NC 27701	True	I am 67 years old and have a compromised immune system and may very well need to vote by mail this year. I want my voice to be heard but cannot risk my health by being forced to stand in long lines next to people who may very well be Infected with COVID-19.
05/26/2020 08:45 PM	Dr. Wendy Edds	2721 Sevier St, Durham, NC 27705	True	l appreciate that House Bill 1169 reduces vote-by-mail witness requirements to one and enables online submission to request for an absentee ballot, but no voter ID should be required, the mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration should be extended, counties should have the flexibility to make their own early voting schedules that best serve their comunites to insure safe in-person voting, and prepaid envelops should be provided for mail in ballots to limit the barriers for constituents to vote.
05/26/2020 08:50 PM	Douglas Veazey	103 La Bellevue St., Morganton, NC 28655	True	As a life long resident of NC, at 69 years of age, I strongly support the idea of voting by mail. With the COVID-19 pandemic my wife and i are being very careful about public gatherings. Standing in line to vote is very concerning. Many folks are not honoring social distancing or wearing masks. The legislature has time to begin bipartisan work to ensure a safe and

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05/26/2020 08:50 PM	Ms. Martha Davis	3400 Oxbow Court, Matthews, NC 28105	True	Vote by postage free mail in ballots should be available to any voter, particularly in a pandemic!
05/26/2020 08:51 PM	Mr Gary Wilkins	2035 Buffalo Rd , Sandy Ridge , NC 27046	True	I do not support this; and additionally I support voter ID requirements which citizens of NC voted in a majority vote to approve. Require ID to vote and secure our elections.
05/26/2020 08:51 PM	Mrs Janet Lamb	1008 Blackwood Mountain Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	We need absentee ballots as an option in the fall. A voting age member of my household has a compromised immune system. We are doing all we can to keep him safe. My parents and all others living in retirement communities may also need absentee ballots as an option in November. We need to be prepared for whatever comes our way (virus?) this November. All votes must be counted.
05/26/2020 08:51 PM	Russ Holcomb	7405 Leapale lane, Durham, North Carolina 27713	True	I am a 55 year old with bone cancer and no complete immune system after a stem cell transplant. Voting from home would be beneficial to my health.
05/26/2020 08:52 PM	Mr. and Mrs. Susan and Dan Kincaid	184 Benhurst Court, Hendersonville, NC 28791	True	My husband and I are in our 70's as well as most of our friends. We are all frightened to risk our lives to vote in person. North Carolina must do everything possible to expand safe voter registration. EXTEND THE 25-day LIMIT AND ALLOW ONLINE REGISTRATION. Broaden more access points for mail-in voting requests to by extending mail-in and online deadlines. Broaden access points for mail-in voting requests to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck). Give back to counties the flexibility to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities and expand safe inperson voting. There must be contactless ballot drop boxes. Timelines for early voting and in-person voting must be as long as possible and you must retain the requirement for only ONE WITNESS, NOT TWO. EVERY ELIGIBLE CITIZEN SHOULD GET AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL, FAX, EMAIL OR ONLINE. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE VOTER ID REQUIREMENT. THAT IS VOTER SUPPRESSION!!!
05/26/2020 08:54 PM	Kathleen Jewell	5 Fayetteville St E, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480-1886	True	I am writing in favor of NC House Bill 1169 in order to allow for greater facility in using the absentee ballot for voting. This would make voting safer for at risk voters and make it easier for individuals in congregate living arrangements (such as senior housing/assisted living) to participate.
05/26/2020 08:57 PM	Stacy Hovey	305 Montclair Way, Chapel Hill, Nc 27516	True	Please consider bill to ensure safer and

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05/26/2020 08:57 PM	Mrs. Sadie Graham	2788 Trident Ct. SE, Southport, NC 28461	True	more accessible voting due to Covid
	wis. edgle didnum	2700 Hidelit Ct. SE, Southport, NC 25461	inde	I am supportive and very much interested in having this bill passedI am 71 years old, a senior citizen, who needs to be able to vote in an environment that does not put my health at risk. This bill would make voting safer and more accessible in NC amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
05/26/2020 09:01 PM	Dr Andrew D, Scrimgeour	610 Gravel Brook Court, Cary, NC 27519	True	I support the efforts to make mail balloting easier. It is all the more important given the ongoing threat of the pandemic and the threats of being in public places and where lots of people have touched the same items as you, as in a voting booth. Thank you.
05/26/2020 09:01 PM	Professor Kevin McIlvoy	309 Old Farm School Rd., Asheville, NC 28805	True	I ask the committee to pass House Bill 1169. Let's keep voting – the single most essential action of participants in a true democracy – sacred. AND simple.
05/26/2020 09:01 PM	Catherine Redick	2910 welcome dr, Durham, NC 27705	True	Voting is our constitutional right and should be without barriers or risks. ID cards which may be impossible to obtain during the pandemic should not be required. Voting should be manageable without risk to health. There should be no regulations that unfairly inhibit the ability of any citizen to vote regardless of financial wealth, health, or proximity to voting station. This should be a convenient activity to encourage all citizens to participate in our democracy.
05/26/2020 09:04 PM	Mr. Vivian Moore	4442 Rivershore Dr., New Bern, NC 28560	True	Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory – the added requirement for a photo ID is an unnecessary and costly burden for voters, and it has been shown to discriminate against minority voters in particular, who are 2.5 - 6 times more likely to lack photo ID, compared to non-Hispanic white voters.
				The bill does not address barriers to voter registration. It should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders.
				The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that ensure safe in-person voting.
				The bill should allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
				The bill should provide prepaid postage for mail-in ballots
05/26/2020 09:04 PM	Dr. James Graham	2788 Trident Court SE, Southport, N. C. 28461	True	Very much interested and supportive of House bill 1169 being passed. I am a 71 year senior citizen who needs a safe environment in which to voteone that will not put our health at risk.
05/26/2020 09:07 PM	Janet Ranjitsingh	120 Haywood Dr, Advance, Nc 27006	True	Let's protect our poll workers by allowing expanded mail-in and early voting. It's not

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05/26/2020 09:07 PM	Mr Eric Everett	38 Whites Lake Blvd, Saluda, NC 28773	True	Please support democracy. It was what America was founded upon. The right to vote, where everyone is counted equally and has equal access to voting, should be a fundamental right in this country. We are all well aware that there is almost no voter fraud, except for the notorious case for the GOP candidate which NC is now known for. Please help erase that stain by making it easier, not harder, especially in this difficult time with COVID. We don't want another Wisconsin scenario had to risk their health to vote. Voting by mail, as easily as possible, is the answer to avoid that. In addition, please extend voter registration deadlines since it has been so difficult to get people registered during the stay-at-home guidelines. Let the counties have flexibility to create safe options so long as it doesn't limit access to voting in any way. Secure, absentee ballot boxes will also help. Thank you!
05/26/2020 09:07 PM			True	1169 is bad on so many levels - but the most important reason to reject this bill is that it violates state law that forbids changing election law in the middle of an election cycle.
05/26/2020 09:07 PM	Ms Armenta Eaton	1844 Mays Crossroads Rd., Louisburg, NC 27549	True	I am an elderly citizen who has multiple health issues. I live alone and seldom get out of the house. Later this year I am schedule to have extensive surgery which will incapacitate me further. The surgeon continually postponed the surgery in the past due to the COVID-19 virus. I wish to vote by mail and if allowed promises not to commit fraud.
05/26/2020 09:09 PM	Ms. Susan Lupton	2109 W CLUB BLVD, Durham, NC 27705	True	Nothing is more important in a democracy that open access to the ballot. I am 70 years old and live with my husband and 97 year old father-in law. We all need to be able to vote safely in November, even if there is a resurgence of the coronavirus at that time.
				I support HB 1169 because it: - Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot - Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well - Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers to address potential poll worker shortages - Provides resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely To provide full access to voting, HB 1169 should be strengthened to include: - Extending voter registration deadlines

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			•	 Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters. I want to be sure my ballot is received and counted.
05/26/2020 09:11 PM	Mrs. Hope Shand	915 Virgie St, Durham, NC 27705	True	Please. I urge you to support voting by mail for ALL citizens of North Carolina. I do not want to choose between my health and my ability to vote safely in 2020. Voting by mail is a very good option for all North Carolinians. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Hope Shand
05/26/2020 09:12 PM	Mrs. Roseanne Rosvally	164 Amy's Place, Boone, NC 28607	True	Please do all that you can to make voting safe and accessible during the Covid-19 pandemic. I was appalled when I saw what happened in Wisconsin (I have family there!), and don't want to see that happen here in North Carolina. No one should have to put their health in jeopardy to participate in our democracy.
05/26/2020 09:13 PM	Rev Sally Johnston	392 stonemarker rd, Mooresville, NC 28117	True	I am writing in support of NC legislators addressing the opportunities to expand and enhance voting by mail in 2020. There is no evidence that voting by mail creates greater risk in our elections. In fact, just the opposite. It would expand the franchise and ensure more participation in our democracy. Senior citizens like myself are wary about the effects of the COVID19 epidemic on our ability to vote safely. I have friends who have been loyal poll workers over the years who are concerned about their own ability to volunteer this fall, especially if there is a second wave of virus. Please, let's make NC a shining example of citizens for a responsive and responsible democracy!
05/26/2020 09:13 PM	Mrs Thelma Mustafah	109 Hurston Way, Greensboro, NC 27405	True	Please pass bill 1169.
05/26/2020 09:13 PM	Lauren Parikh	306 E Millbrook Rd, Raleigh, NC 27609	True	I am the mother of two small children and cannot afford to get sick and not be able to care for them. I need a safe way to vote where I will not expose myself and my family.
05/26/2020 09:13 PM	Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple	1104 Watts St, Durham, NC 27701	True	House Bill 1169 is a thoughtful,fair minded way to ensure fair and accessible elections in November, Please support House Bill 1169
05/26/2020 09:15 PM	Ms. Janis Ramquist	2208 Oxford Hills Dr, Raleigh, NC 27608	True	Public shall be notified of the date/time of all pre-election acceptance and logic & accuracy testing of voting equipment. Public shall be allowed to observe testing and receive copies of test plans, test reports and log files of all pre-election testing. All boxes of ballots and precinct scanner (usb) removable media picked up by the chief independent of the decision shall be a scanner to the dec
				(usb) removable media picked up by th chief judge prior to the election shall he serial numbered tamper evident seals affixed to them. Serial numbered tampe evident seals shall be verified and

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recorded by a bi-partisan precinct team at pre-election pick-up of election materials, again at the precinct on the morning of the election prior to polls opening, and again as part of poll closing procedures.

Precinct chief judges shall boot up precinct scanners and print zero tapes no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the polls opening. Boot up and zero tape printing procedures shall be conducted in the presence of a bi-partisan team of precinct judges.

The chief judge and a bi-partisan team of precinct judges shall verify the placement of tamper evident seals and document the serial number of the precinct scanner's removable media cartridge(s) (usb) prior to boot up of the precinct scanner(s) and again prior to printing the totals tape at the close of polls.

When ballots are removed from the precinct scanner bin, they shall be immediately placed in a container and a serial numbered tamper evident seal shall be signed, affixed to the container; the serial number logged into chain-of-custody records by a bi-partisan team consisting of the chief judge and two precinct judges.

The chief judge shall publicly post a precinct poll tape at the close of polls (currently this is optional). The entire poll tape(s) shall be publicly viewable from outside of the precinct polling location for at least 24 hours (outward facing window). At the county BOE on election night, the public shall be allowed to view and document totals of any precinct poll tapes that were not posted at the close of polls at a precinct.

Early voting tape totals and absentee ballot tape totals shall not be totaled and printed until the close of polls on election night.

There shall be bi-partisan chain of custody of all election materials transported back to the county on election night. For counties that bring election materials to transport vans throughout the county, they must sign over materials to another bi-partisan team who will transport the materials to the BOE.

The public shall be allowed to observe election materials being returned and inventoried at the BOE. Comparison of uploaded precinct totals to poll tapes shall be conducted on election night in full view of the public. This is a critical step in the vote counting/aggregation process.

Absentee, provisional, overseas absentee,

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'26/2020 09:16 PM	Dr., Zvonimir Ordanic	10740 Dunhill Terrace, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615	True	I would urge you to reject the HB 1169 because it will make cheating and ballot harvesting much easier than it was before, such as requesting absentee ballots by fax and requiring only a single witness signature. If we are going to change election laws should we be thinking more about how to prevent cheating and fraud?
5/26/2020 09:19 PM	Diane Willis	411 Landerwood Ln., Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	I hope you will pass this important bill, HB 1169. Fair and open elections are essential to our democracy, and making it possible for every eligible voter to cast a ballot is absolutely necessary. During this pandemic time, voters should not have to risk their lives in order to vote by standing in crowded lines and spaces, or being present in areas where lots of people have been before, touching everything and breathing out potential germs. Therefore, this bill makes it possible for people to more easily vote absentee without two witnesses and to request a ballot by additional means in line with our present day technology, offers flexibility to counties in assigning poll workers as fits their needs, and provides resources for proper sanitization and poll worker protection which in turn protects our voters. Though this bill does not do the following things, these items would make the bill much better: provide secure drop boxes for completed absentee ballots, allow extended time for voter registration, and give counties additional flexibility in creating early voting plans. We need to ensure that voters will feel safe in their civic duty to vote!
26/2020 09:20 PM	Andrew Adams	152 Barber Loop, Mooresvi, NC 28117	True	I strongly support voting by mail in the upcoming election. We can't predict where the virus will be at that timeframe and the only option will be voting by mail. This will also be helpful for seniors.
5/26/2020 09:21 PM	Ms. Pamela Stevens	5812 Dogwood Dr., Raleigh, NC 27616	True	This law would change the current law and secure making ballot harvesting a racquet. How can you rely on fax machines for detail of a photo quality. Strangers in your own precinct, how do you trust them, can they be from another country and not a citizen or a registered voter? Trust is the bottom line. You can not trust this process to strangers, fax machines or emails, or trust that the person you sent to deliver your ballot to deliver it!!!! VOTE NO, PLEASE!!!!!
5/26/2020 09:21 PM	Rev. Mary Susan Dobyns	1057 Van Hoy Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27104	True	I am in favor of voting by mail to assist in protecting NC voters from vivid-19,
		1523 Sedwick Rd, Durham, North Carolina	Truo	Voting by mail is a safe way for all voters'
5/26/2020 09:22 PM	Mrs. Jean Domanico	27713	nue	voices to be heard during this pandemic

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05/26/2020 09:25 PM	Robert Cole	3918 Wynford Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True	
05/26/2020 09:28 PM	Mrs Lisa Esposito	2508 Tonbo Trail, Wilmington, NC 284	109 True	

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and should be made readily available. Voters must feel confident that their vote will be counted and not rejected because they failed to follow instructions. All instructions on applications and ballots must be straightforward and easy to understand. To avoid possible problems with the USPS, secure drop boxes should be used. This would help reassure voters that their ballots will make it to the BOE. For voters who wish to vote in person, more early voting locations should be opened and adequately staffed to avoid crowds and long lines.

Please ensure access to voter registration by extending mail in and online deadlines, access points for mail in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (IE utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, etc), and expand safe in person voting so as to avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities! We need to make it easier to vote, epsecially in these difficult times of a pandemic!

House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:

With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.

In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:

allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fastapproaching 2020 elections.

As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would

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				expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters.
				This matters to me because I wish to protect my family members who are high risk by being able to safely vote this election year.
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 09:29 PM	ms Patricia Brown	209 landsbury drive, Durham, NC 27707	True	please support and pass laws allowing vote by mail with minimal requirements
05/26/2020 09:31 PM	Ms. Susan Skoda	7727 Monarch Dr, Wilmington, NC 28411-8710	True	I strongly support this bill.
05/26/2020 09:32 PM	Ms. Leila Daly	2745 Dogwood Rd, Durham, NC 27705	True	Please do everything possible to help EVERYONE vote in NC who wants to. I'm single retired woman who lives alone who plans to vote by mail. This bill makes it easier to request an absentee ballot and reduces requirement of witnesses' signatures, However, I would like the option of secure absentee ballot drop boxes. I also think extending voter registration maximally is needed in this time of pandemic. Thank you.
05/26/2020 09:35 PM	Dr. David Sokal	5601 Pelham Rd, Durham, NC 27713	True	Hi Folks,
				Passage of this bill is crucial to allow people to vote safely in the coming election. It's important to make voting by absentee ballot easier so that people will have no problem with the process. This will reduce the danger of Covid-19 transmission on election day.
				As a retired epidemiologist with experience in infectious disease prevention, I'm very concerned that we wil likely be in the midst of a second wave of Covid-19 infections on election day. I am concerned because of the recent behavior of many people over the Memorial Day holiday - when many went to crowded parties, places & events without wearing masks and without maintaining social distancing. It seems highly likely that North Carolina will experience a second wave of infection, probably involving more cases in rural areas and small towns, and that the number of deaths in North Carolina will be approaching 5 to 10 thousand by election day. I hope I am wrong.
				Sincerely yours, David C. Sokal, MD , Medical Epidemiologist (retired)
5/26/2020 09:38 PM	Jennifer Stansell	5107 Old Woods Rd, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:
				With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections.

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				As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
				Thank you, Jennifer Stansell
05/26/2020 09:38 PM	Mr. Philip Huffsmith	309 Cox Lake Rd, Stanley, NC 28164	True	In additions to the provisions in the proposed bill, I'd request the following be included: 1) Extending voter registration deadlines 2) Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options 3) Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
		W		Thank you for including these items.
05/26/2020 09:40 PM	Ms Susan Andreatta	315 W. Parris Ave., High Point, North Carolina 27262	True	I am 78 years old and I need a way to vote safely from home.
05/26/2020 09:42 PM	Eileen Sullivan	771 Austin Ln, Winston Salem, NC 27106	True	We need to protect the right of all citizens to vote in a safe, fair and protected environment.
05/26/2020 09:46 PM	Anu Shah	171 High School Road , Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514	True	I urge each of you to add these amendments to HB 1169: ? No voter ID should be required ? Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration ? Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe inperson voting. ? Allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. ? Provide pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
05/26/2020 09:47 PM	Scott Shepherd	3204 Ringtail Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173	True	I think it's important that you make the process for requesting and submitting

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			3	mail-in ballots simpler. There are too many people who need this option in order to vote. Please don't listen to wrong-headed concerns about voter fraud and let's get this done.
/2020 09:47 PM	Ms. Constance Teras	7731 Marymount Dr, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	In order to remain a democracy, voting has to be made safer and more accessible. There is no reason to believe it will be safer to go to the polls in November than it would be to go today, which clearly is dangerous. Preserve the right to vote.
6/2020 09:47 PM	Ms Elizabeth Coulter	3024 Beech ct Indian Trail, Indian Trail, NC 28079	True	Members of the House. I sincerely hope that you will make every effort to make voting in the 2020 election as safe as possible. I believe that democracy works best when more of us participate. Therefore I expect that this body will expand curbside voting opportunities, extend early voting periods to reduce crowds on election day in very crowded precincts AND make it very easy for anyone to vote no-excuse absentee ballot if they choose. Our elections depend on the hard work of our poll volunteers. Frequently, these folks are our retired friends and neighbors who may likely NOT feel safe to work with large numbers of the public. Let's think through how we can minimize crowds and enhance safety for everyone on election day. Thank you for your attention to safe voting
6/2020 09:50 PM	Mary Lacombe	5601 Pelham Rd, Durham, NC 27713	True	in NC. Dear Representatives, Please pass this bill to make voting easier and save lives. This bill will make absentee balloting easier, which means that fewer people will be voting in person, which means less crowded polling places and less chance of catching Covid-19 for people who vote on election day.
				Before retiring, I was a teacher, and I taught my students how important voting is in a democracy. I want to make sure everyone can vote safely.
6/2020 09:50 PM	Ma Cinala Crawford	050076	-	Sincerely yours, Mary Lacombe
J, 2020 US.3U FIN	Ms. Gisele Crawford	2503 Vineyard St, DURHAM, NC - North Carolina 27707-1943	True	Please delete the voter ID card requirement. Let counties expand early voting. Provide matching funds for federal CARES Act elections support. Address the likely poll staff shortages.
6/2020 09:50 PM	Ms Karen Stewart	3239 Seven Springs Rd, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	I am 70 years old and need a way to safely vote by mail from home. I also don't have two other adults living in my house. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure.
	House Bill 1169 Annie Nelson	2196 Villamar Dr, Leland, NC 28451	True	Please pass this bill to ensure voters rights and protection
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6/2020 09:52 PM 6/2020 09:52 PM	Mrs. Lisa Lewis	3518 Racine Street, Durham, NC 27707-3608	True	Current voter ID requirements are reasonable and satisfactory – the added requirement for a photo ID is an

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> · The bill does not address barriers to voter registration. It should extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration, and provide for online registration more generally, and not just limit it to drivers' license and state ID holders.

unnecessary and costly burden for voters, and it has been shown to discriminate against minority voters in particular, who are 2,5 - 6 times more likely to lack photo ID, compared to non-Hispanic white

journalistsresource.org/studies/politics/ elections/voter-photo-id-law-research/

voters. See https://

- · The bill needs to give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that ensure safe in-person voting,
- · The bill should allow the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes.
- · The bill should provide prepaid postage for mail-in ballots

I applaud the legislature for your work on this bill. It makes great strides toward fixing the problems that COVID-19 has left us. I do however have concerns about some features of the bill:

- * These are steps that make sense beyond the 2020 time frame. Whether or not we still have pandemic conditions, taking steps to support expanded use of absentee voting will ensure that more registered voters can actually cast their ballots and have them counted. Don't let the rules expire when the federal funding drops.
- * Expand the time period when ballots are valid. Allow all ballots that are mailed by election day or those that arrive within 5 days of the election. Extend the canvass date to 15 days after election day if necessary. We don't need to let artificial mailing obstacles get in the way of counting qualified votes.
- * Require county boards to set up cleaning protocols and budget for cleaning services. We need to keep our voting sites willing to allow us in. Asking exhausted precinct officials to do a deep clean at the end of their long day is too much to ask, especially if the average age of these workers remains north of 65.
- * Approve the State Board's planned budget for supplies (such as single-use pens) and for additional ballot printing. * Set up secure drop boxes in multiple locations in each county for the return of absentee ballots.
- * Let county boards be flexible in scheduling early voting. Even in a normal year, the requirement for all county locations to follow the same schedule and be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm keeps

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				some counties from setting up the number of early voting sites they legitimately need. This year, with the economic downturn of the virus, it will be nearly impossible for some counties to have more than one early voting site if they have to keep them all on the same schedule. Spreading out the time and place for the vote is crucial to stopping the spread of coronavirus, and many people will choose not to vote under crowded conditions. Surely you don't want to suppress voting in this manner. Do you? * Kudos for easing the in-precinct requirements for election officials. In addition, we need to fund ways to get more younger people to work the elections. We really need not to rely on the older people who are a pandemic's main victims.
				We expect free and fair elections in the US, with no suppression of any qualified voters. I thank you for the chance to submit these comments that aim to support such elections.
05/26/2020 09:54 PM	Dr. Stephanie Schuttler	Raleigh, NC 27612	True	I am extremely concerned about access for the 2020 election. I suggest making Early Voting more flexible and allowing counties to decide what they want to offer. In order to be socially distant and convenient to more voters in my county, I want to see more sites open for fewer/highest-use hours. I would love to see options for mail in voting.
05/26/2020 09:55 PM	Heather Griswold	3601 Manford Dr, Durham, NC 27707	True	PASS THE BILL TO HAVE VOTING BY MAIL. THE MILITARY DOES IT. EXPATS DO IT. I DO NOT WISH TO BE IN CROWDS OF PEOPLE FOR A VERY LONG TIME. PASS IT. IT WORKS.
05/26/2020 09:59 PM	Mrs. Alice (I go by my middle name Wynne) Coleman	5548 Hamstead Crossing, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	How many liberties and protections is North Carolina going give away in the name of the coronavirus pandemic? It seems that ethics quickly evaporate when laws are proposed to deal with an "emergency." HB1169 changes the laws in the middle of the game and completely wipes out the law passed a year ago that would protect NC from ballot harvesting. Also, the ideal of liberty is best protected when precinct assistants reside in their own precincts. These are just two of the many problems with this bill. VOTE NO to HB 1169!
05/26/2020 10:03 PM	Ms. Naomi Skarzinski	8015 Stoneham Court, Matthews, NC 28105	True	We must allow all NC residents the ability to vote by mail during this pandemic. This is necessary for the health and safety of all citizens. No citizen should have to risk health or death to vote. Mail-in ballots are far more secure.
05/26/2020 10:04 PM	Rocco Piserchia	4805 Walden Ct B, Raleigh, NC 27604	True	This bill should not become law. It will undermine the integrity of the votes cast.
05/26/2020 10:09 PM	Dr. Michael Accinno	605 W Chapel Hill St Apt 425, Durham, NC 27701	True	I live alone, and would have trouble finding even one person to sign my ballot as a
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			(b)	witness while also observing proper social distancing requirements. Please consider doing away with the witness requirement, as it is an unfair burden on voters at this time and the risk of voter fraud is in fact quite low.
05/26/2020 10:13 PM	Mrs Christine Mckirachan	4115 Chandler Drive, Wilmington, NC 28405	True	I encourage a yes vote on this bill to make voting by mail possible for voters to remain safe during this pandemic.
05/26/2020 10:14 PM	Ms, Ann Hester	5926 Kirkpatrick Road, Charlotte, NC 28211	True	I have several comments:
		20211		(1) It is critical to reduce the number of witnesses required for absentee ballots from 2 to 1, as this bill provides. Many elderly or otherwise vulnerable citizens live in a household of only 1 or 2 people and would not be able to vote if they were required to obtain more than 1 witness. My parents, for instance, are a household of two and are in their 80's. For their safety, they need to socially distance from other people. They should be able to witness each other's ballots. (2) To avoid voter confusion the statute
				should provide for the return envelope for 2020 to include the name of one witness, not two. (3) in 2020, the return envelope for
				absentee ballots should be postage-paid. Vulnerable voters should not have to go to the post office to purchase postage in order to vote.
				(4) making an elections official criminally liable for sending an absentee ballot to someone who didn't request one is unnecessary and is overkill. Their job is going to be hard enough without making them potentially answerable in criminal court for mistakes made in what is sure to be one of the most challenging election seasons in history for elections officials.
05/26/2020 10:14 PM	Mr. John Wiles	5205 Langford Ter, Durham, North Carolina 27713-6542	True	A few things that HB1169 would accomplish to improve our fall elections.
				It: Lowers the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their absentee ballot Makes requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request an absentee ballot by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well Offers flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages Provides resources so precincts can be
			_	sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot safely
05/26/2020 10:14 PM	Self Linda Belans	2318 West Club Boulevard, Durham, NC 27705	True	"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the

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				way they could do this is by not voting." - Franklin D. Roosevelt. "Here, in this very first paragraph of the Declaration, is the assertion of the natural right of all to the ballot; for how can 'the consent of the governed' be given if the right to vote be denied?" - Susan B. Anthony. "I have said this before, and I will say it again. The vote is precious. It is almost sacred. It is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democracy." Congressman John Lewis. The right to vote – free and easy access to voting – is what makes America, America. I support HB 1184 to demand fair and safe elections in November in light of COVID-19. As a registered NC voter I should be able to receive an absentee ballot request form if I choose to vote by mail. If I choose to vote in person, I shouldn't need an ID so I can move through the process swiftly and be less exposed to COVID-19. There should also be the option for drive-through voting and ballot drop boxes. NC elected officials took an oath to support the Constitution of the United States which means protecting us and keeping us safe in a free Democracy. Other states are taking action to make it safe, quick, and easy to vote. It's time for NC to do the same. It's the American thing to do. The patriotic thing to do. Vote for HR 1184.
05/26/2020 10:16 PM	Reverend Charles D. Mckirachan	4115 Chandler Drive,Wilmington,NC 28405	True	I encourage a yes vote on this bill regarding voting by mail. Democracy is vital even during a pandemic.
05/26/2020 10:17 PM	Ellen McBride	9508 Meadowmont Lane, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	Please please please vote NO on this bill!!!
05/26/2020 10:19 PM	Ms Jane Watson	1900 McDonald Ln Lane, Raleigh, NC 27608	True	Y'all are well aware of the constitutionally valid reasons to make voting easier – as proposed by Common Cause NC. There are no constitutionally valid reasons to maintain the status quo which seeks, in one way or the other, to suppress the exercise and keep certain vulnerable populations from participating in the one act that is the fundamental marker of democracy.
15/26/2020 10:21 PM	Dr. Jennifer Harris	Durham, NC	True	The provisions in this Bill will ensure the elderly and other high risk populations will be granted their right to vote and have a voice to safely participate in all upcoming elections. It is essential to ensure a level playing field democratic process.
05/26/2020 10:21 PM	Ms Ayla Ficken	168 Skyview Circle, Asheville, NC 28804	True	I support approval of House Bill 1169 se we can vote safely in such uncertain times. I am 65 years old and I want to vote. I believe the state need to make sure that I can vote without endangering my health. Thank you.
15/26/2020 10:22 PM	Elizabeth MacDonald	8530 Reisling Ave, Wilmington, NC 28411	True	I am glad to see the NCGA take a lot of action to help make voting safer given the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to see a section of the bill designate funding for pre-paid postage on absentee ballots, making it more convenient for voters to

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			4	mail their ballots since it might be more challenging to obtain postage at this time. It would also be very helpful to have an online portal where I can check on the status of my absentee ballot request, in addition to being able to call my local Board of Elections to check on the status of my request. Also, I think it is important to give county BOEs as much flexibility as possible when designing Early Voting schedules since the scheduling needs of voters likely differ across NC.
05/26/2020 10:25 PM	Ms Carol McFadyen	21 Old Oak Ct, Durham , NC 27705	True	Please help us stay well and make sure we can vote without jeopardizing our health. No voter ID should be required. Extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration. Give flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe inperson voting.
05/26/2020 10:25 PM	1966 Elizabeth Mueller	724 Tinkerbell Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-3015	True	Please make voting easier in this time of crisis by making absentee and early voting the easiest for voters.
05/26/2020 10:26 PM	Bruce Frank	168 Skyview Circle, Asheville , NC 28804	True	Please vote yes on this bill. Allowing all Americans to vote more easily should be a goal in this state and in all others - to preserve and strengthen our democracy.
05/26/2020 10:26 PM	Ruth Derrow	451 High Meadows Dr, Concord, NC 28025	True	If we want to preserve democracy then we must do everything necessary to make sure those who want to vote can do so.
05/26/2020 10:33 PM	Susan Cohen	2028 PERSHING ST, DURHAM, NC 277053220	True	As a North Carolina resident in a high-risk category owing to my age, I am urging you to pass HB 1169. Dropping the witness requirement to one person will make it easier for both me and my husband to vote without leaving our home. Citizens should be able to request absentee ballots by email, mail, or telephone. The requests need to be trackable & as easy as possible. For many years, I worked as a poll worker, but I would consider it too risky under the present circumstances. We need to prepare for adequate sanitation at polling places and adequate protection of worker and voters. Because people in my age group are less likely to volunteer at the polls we are noing to need to entice
				polls, we are going to need to entice younger people: adequate pay would be a good thing. I never did the work for the money, that's for sure! In addition, because we may well have fewer volunteers, I think we need to give counties some flexibility in the creation of early voting plans. Finally, since I am planning to vote absentee, I would love to be sure that my ballot is received. A tracking system or secure drop boxes would be ways to do this. I think it is impractical to expect voters to go to the post office and pay for signature-guarantee on their ballots so that they can be sure it has been

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			9	delivered. I also think it is imperative that the ballots are already postage paid when the voters receive them. It is too much to ask people to go out and get stamps. Voting should be as easy as possible, with no barriers, if we want to continue to call ourselves a democracy.
05/26/2020 10:37 PM	Mr David Walsh	1168 Hollyheath lane, Charlotte, NC 28209	True	Please do more to ensure safe elections: allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck), and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
05/26/202010:37 PM	Mrs Nancy Moxley	4121 Picardy Dr , Raleigh , NC 27612	True	We have fought for many years against requiring voters to show an ID when voting. I am concerned that the legislature is using the COVID-19 crisis to bring back voter I'd. House Bill 1169 should be about improving access to voting for all voters. Voter I D does the opposite in its present form. Voter I D needs to be removed from the bill.
05/26/202010:37 PM	Teresa Grunwald	6821 Candlewood Dr, Raleigh, NC 27612	True	I am very concerned about the challenges our current pandemic presents for the November election.
				1) Because the average age of poll workers is 70 yo, we need to take immediate measures to insure that there will be enough people available to staff our polling locations. Regulatory restrictions must be eased. The requirement that poll workers need to live in their precincts allows for no flexibility. Some precincts include many residents at
				high risk for COVID-19. How will they be staffed in November?
				2) Experts estimate a 10 fold increase in voters opting to vote by mail. Our Boards of Election have no capacity to handle that increased volume of absentee ballots cast. They need additional resources to manage the load and they need it right now so there is time to gear up for November.
				I am especially concerned that local BOEs will not have the flexibility to determine the hours they feel best accommodates the needs of their communities. HB 1169 needs to be amended to fix this.
				Addressing Voter ID which has been currently blocked by the courts will only cause confusion for NC Voters - already challenged by changes due to COVID.
05/26/2020 10:39 PM	Juliana Deitch	1009 Golf St A, Durham , NC 27705	True	With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to

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05/26/2020 10:44 PM	Dr. Gloria Lobnitz	87 Rockwood Rd, Waynesville, NC 28786	True
05/26/2020 10:48 PM	Linda Hiouseman	2004 FIRESIDE DR, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True
05/26/2020 10:51 PM	Mrs. Jennifer Chaffman	9014 Oxfordshire Ct, Huntersville, NC 28078	True

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Thank you, Juliana Deitch

Fair and easy access to voting is every American's right and should not be hindered by political bias or fear.

I support the improvements set out in House Bill 1169, especially things that would facilitate the acquisition of an absentee ballot and using that ballot to vote. This is essential particularly during this time of the coronavirus pandemic when voters should not have to risk their health and/or life to exercise their right to vote. I would also like to see some secure repositories set up in which absentee ballots could be placed, ensuring safe and honest election results. Funds should also be appropriated for sanitation of polling places and protection of poll workers and those voters who choose to vote in person. Thank you.

Late on the night of January 1 this year, my husband suffered a heart attack and sudden cardiac arrest. Two days later, he underwent open heart surgery. As I have watched him recover from this terrifying incident and entered into lock down due to the Corona virus, Covid-19, we understand that he is in the category of vulnerable citizens. Because of this, we have made a decision to protect him to the best of our abilities, observing distancing protocols, etc. I have strong concerns that, as the

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election draws near during the cooler fall months, this virus will make its presence known and I worry that distancing protocols would be hard to enforce during long waits at our polling site. There is very little evidence that absentee/mail in voting is a breeding ground for fraud, and as a result, I would like you to strongly consider passing the Election Relief Bill, HB 1169. With so many unknowns swirling around the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or inperson in the upcoming 2020 elections. Thank you for your consideration. Jennifer Chaffman

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This bill must pass to help make NC elections SAFE and FAIR

I am 66 years old and married to a cancer survivor with an immune deficiency. I want to be very cautious about exposing her to the deadly Covid Virus.
I would like to have a mail in ballot available to me before the election in November and to know there is a ballot box in our community where a vote can be submitted and counted. I believe this is an option everyone should have available with the high likelihood that the fall flu season could bring another round of the Covid virus.

Please allow people to safely and securely exercise their constitutional rights to vote by allowing mail-in ballots. Planning early can help ensure the complete functionality and security of the process. Thank you.

House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:

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In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things

allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and

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4			•	avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections.
				As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 10:59 PM	Dr. Anne York	305 Lumina Ave, S, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480	True	Because we can't predict what health conditions will be like this November, I urge you to protect North Carolina voters by mailing all of us absentee ballots just in case we need them to vote safely. Ideally, these would not require postage to be mailed back and would come in time for our BOE's to count votes in a timely manner and monitor ballot returns, so we do not have a repeat of the fraud undertaken in the 2018 and prior elections.
05/26/2020 10:59 PM	Mrs Madeleine Maxwell	99 Skyview Dr, Asheville, NC 28804	True	HB1169 I support this.
05/26/2020 10:59 PM	Anna Richards	205 Copper Beech Court, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	I am concerned that this bill adds Voter ID Requirements No voter ID should be required. Instead we shoul extend mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration so that people have more time. We are a big State with lots of counties that are very different, so flexibility should be given back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-person voting. During the pandemic, the option of contactless drop boxes is essential as well as pre-paid postage for mail in ballots. The goal should be to make voting accessible with the lowest possible risk to the health of the voter
05/26/2020 11:00 PM	Mr. Matthew Arnold	55230 Broughton, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517-8563	True	Please do not undo the strong features in the current law designed to protect against ballot harvesting that will certainly lead to fraud.
				In-person voting can be very safe to everyone including democracy.
05/26/2020 11:02 PM	Ms. Susan Pochapsky	901 VICKERS AVE, Durham, NC 27701	True	The "improvements" and funding in this bill aren't enough, and though we'll have to swallow them, I'll have to gag to do it. My BFF in Pittsburgh recently sent in her
				wy bry-mail for the Pennsylvania primary on June 2. As an asthmatic in her late 60's, who lives alone and is quite cautious about distancing and staying home, she was deeply relieved to automatically receive a ballot to vote by mail. It was first time she'd ever voted by mail. It was a breeze. There were no fine-print

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instructions. No witness or notary was required, because there's a unique computer code on the ballot.

That's what we should have in this state, this year: automatic mailing of the request for absentee ballot to every registered voter; no witness or notary required (because the computer will match the ballot with the voter rolls; no small print.

When I look at my own community and county, I see that it it will be impossible to reach and teach poor folks, older folks, and folks living in densely-populated precincts (to name a few categories of people who will have trouble voting this year) how to first apply for and then follow the fine-print instructions required to vote by mail. The two-step process is burdensome, on top of being confusing due to ever-changing rules. Look at the confusion just over the ID issue—and that, among people who are trying to keep up.

But these other folks? Well, some of them will give up on voting.

Some of them will vote in person because that's the only thing they can understand how to do-and that, in turn, will potentially endanger them as well as everybody else working and voting in in-person precincts.

I see only two reasons for making it this complicated to vote, despite it being a time of unique emergency affecting every soul in the state—(a) the intent to discourage as many of the poor, of the folks in densely populated neighborhoods, and of the urban elderly from voting as possible; and (b) a brutal disregard for human lives and public safety.

Election relief bill House Bill 1169 must provide some additional solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections, to ensure that our citizens retain their fundamental right to vote without fear of getting sick.

In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing vote-by-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 must do even more to protect N.C. voters. This includes things like:

- allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines,
- removal of any photo ID requirements for voting, especially given the current injunction issued by the federal court - allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other

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05/26/2020 11:07 PM	Dorothy Scrimgeour ppl q a	610 Gravel brook court, Cary, NC 27519	True
05/26/2020 11:09 PM	Mrs Nancy Wall	1030 Riverview Rd, Lexington, NC 27202	True
05/26/2020 11:10 PM	Mrs Virginia Tally	2200 Atkins Dr., Raleigh, North Carolina	True
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05/26/2020 11:14 PM	Ms. Audrey Nero	300 West 7th Street B112, Charlotte, NC	True
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government-issued ID),
- giving flexibility back to counties to make
Early Voting plans that best serve their
communities which should result in
people being able to avoid long lines and
therefore expand safe in-person voting
- require the one-witness requirement be
clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot
Container Envelope
- allow the option of contactless drop box

Envelopes

Let's have North Carolina show that we're invested in keeping our state's voters safe

returns for Absentee Ballot Container

during the 2020 elections

I support this bill because it enhances the ability of Americans to exercise their right to Vote.

We must have fair and safe elections. HB1169 would help make sure this goal is met. It would be helpful to include: -Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes

-extend voter registration deadline During this very trying time we need to insure fair and safe Elections , the foundation of our democracy!

I support thé deletion of thé requirement of two signatures on thé mail in ballots. It causes an undue burden on voters especially du ring this time of thé coronavirus crisis.

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				our state's voters safe during the fast- approaching 2020 elections.
				As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
				Thank you.
05/26/2020 11:18 PM	Jose Santiago	520 Nanny Point Dr, Monroe, NC 28110	True	HB 1169 is not enough. Because of the coronavirus many people would not be able to go to the post office to purchase stamps, so the bill should include funds and approval to send prepaid postage request forms and ballots. The request forms should be sent to all voters in North Carolina. There should be greatly expanded access to curbside voting, and make election day a holiday to enable easier social distancing by giving more time for voters to go vote without having to form lines at certain busy hours before and after work, and to provide more space to spread out the voting and allow soial distancing.
05/26/2020 11:26 PM	Andrea Greene	11279 us hwy 74 E, Lilesvill, Nc 28091	True	Please mail every registered voter in NC an absentee ballot request form along with an addresses and stamped envelope. Also please allow a larger set of ID such as those found in the help America vote act (I think that is what it is called)
05/26/2020 11:27 PM	Joseph Tsai	Chapel Hill, NC	True	The bipartisan bill HB 1169 takes some necessary steps to ensuring a safe and fair election this fall. However it does not adequately address some key areas regarding the public health of voters and accessibility of voting for eligible voters, and must be improved to provide crystal clear instructions.
				Specifically,
				1) counties should be authorized and empowered to make Early Voting plans that serve their communities' health and safety 2) online voter registration and mail-in voting deadlines should be extended to give adequate time to all voters, especially those in compromised family and health circumstances 3) reasonable forms of identification, such as paycheck stubs, utility bills, and bank and credit card statements should be allowed for an absentee ballot request

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4) the "one-witness" requirement must be clearly explained in the ballot and the return envelope
5) secure, accessible, and reasonably plentiful contact-less drop boxes must be provided to the public
6) the question of photo IDs has been settled and has no place in legislation directed at providing safe voting in a COVID-19 world

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as efficient as possible while insuring all votes are counted. I recommend that the NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to eliminate the possibility of returned ballots due to insufficient postage. I recommend that the NCGA mandate dropbox sites in each county allowing voters to securely drop off a completed ballot. Dropbox sites have been used in other states effectively. 2020 11:29 PM Mrs. Barbara Pond Mountain Creek Farm 4305 Calloway Road, Raeford, NC 28376 True Vote by Mail is an open door to voter fraud in NC. If the 9th Congressional District Race fiasco has taught us anything, it has taught us that harvesting ballots – at the door, in the mail, or any other way – does not protect the right harvesting ballots – of the door, in the mail, or any other way – does not protect the right to vote but destroy the integrity of votes casts by a majority of voters. In fact, this little scheme is worse than any attempt to promote ballot fraud that I have ever heard off Pandemics do alter requirements for fair elections. 2020 11:36 PM Mr Richard Hilliard 7012 Harps Mill Rd, Raleigh, NC 27615 True Lurge you to vote against this bill.	<i>C</i> -			
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Road, Raeford, NC 28376 Road, Raeford, Ra	2020 11:29 PM Sandra Colyer	421 E Main Street, Jamestown, NC 27282	True	as efficient as possible while insuring all votes are counted. I recommend that the NCGA add postage-paid envelopes to eliminate the possibility of returned ballots due to insufficient postage. I recommend that the NCGA mandate dropbox sites in each county allowing voters to securely drop off a completed ballot. Dropbox sites have been used in
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				the Post Office rules with respect to metered mail and "local" postmarks. A tremendous educational effort will be required if the current statute is unchanged, and even if the Post Office's current practices are unchanged.
05/26/2020 11:44 PM	Ms Arzína Alani	212 Sharp Street , Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27516	True	The bill under consideration is 'IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC' and should not include Voter Identification since this has nothing to do with the current Pandemic. The bill should be bipartisan and passed with the greatest haste, considering only its intent, so all legal voters may vote safely without fear of the coronavirus, either at the polls AND/OR by mail.
05/26/2020 11:49 PM	Mr. Christopher Berg	6 Rosemary Trail, Flat Rock, NC 28731	True	I urge the health-related adaptive effort of HB 1169 be extended to providing local/county Boards of Election with flexibility in making arrangement for Early Voting sites and hours, to better accommodate social distancing demands. I urge the committee to support efforts to secure and implement funding for paid ballot-return containers for the general election this November. I understand the State Board of Elections now estimates there will be a roughly tenfold increase in requests for absentee ballots for this virus-impacted voting cycle. In order to make processing of absentee requests less problematic, I urge additional funding be secured and directed to the local/county election boards to accommodate this expected demand. Likewise, I understand there is likely to be a very limited number of poll workers available. I ask the committee to recommend establishment of a one-time state holiday to provide for school or public facility space to more safely conduct the election day work. This measure could be used to encourage government workers to shift from their usual duties to serve as poll workers. Regarding the absentee ballot process, I urge that 1) clear non-conflicting instructions be offered to any absentee ballot applicant as to what they must do to properly vote, 2) that in the event that a ballot is received at a county election board by a date sufficiently in advance of Election Day but may have defects in its submission that would disable its vote, that the voter be notified and give opportunity to cure these problems. I urge the Voter ID requirements affected by HB 1169 be delayed for the remainder of 2020, as they are subject to current injunctions declaring these provisions unenforceable.
05/26/2020 11:55 PM	Mrs. Carol Jones	1304 Hedgelawn Way, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	I request you to vote no on house bill 1169. There should be no change in the election law. Diluting the security of each vote by using other means besides voting at the polling place or in limited absentee
				voting is a grave problem and could

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05/26/2020 11:56 PM	Mr Dale Pendleton	200 North Trail Drive, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	Please vote NO to this bill. Our elections need to be conducted without corruption. Thank you.
05/26/2020 11:56 PM	Erich Trautman	206 Old Franklin Grove DR, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-5897	True	Given the current circumstances, I would prefer way to safely vote by mail from home. My household has only one other adult living in it and I would like an option that supports this situation. I'm glad to see a bipartisan bill will make mail voting easier, safe and secure. Voting is the basis of our democracy and we should be making it widely and easily available in a manner that also keeps voters safe and preserves the integrity of our elections.
05/26/2020 11:59 PM	Dr Rosemary Graham-Gardner	P.O.Box 3335, Manhattan Beach, Ca 90266	False	It is vital that all Americans have the same rights and means to a safe and fair way of voting in order to have a real Democracy, which we no longer have for the moment
05/27/2020 12:09 AM	Mr. Andrew Silver	6 Sedley Pl, Durham, NC 27705	True	The bill represents the minimum that needs to be done to allow elections during a period of pandemic to take place and give all voters safe access to the polls. If the bill fails, then it will be questionable whether democracy still exists in North Carolina.
05/27/2020 12:11 AM	Mr Frank Richards	309 Wake, Hillsborough, Nc 27278	True	Voting by mail is essential for safety during a pandemic. Also it creates a paper trail for accuracy. Please enact vote by mail
05/27/2020 12:11 AM	Ms Alexine Miller	3401 Balfour Wedt, Durham, NC 27713	True	Absentee ballot voting is needed in order to ensure that people get a chance to vote.
05/27/2020 12:18 AM	Kevin Farmer	3840 N Lakeshore Dr., Clemmons, NC 27012	True	I appreciate much of what is in this bill: reducing the witness requirement to one is a step in the right direction, and allowing online mail-in absentee applications is absolutely critical. I would like to suggest two additions, both based on past experience helping voters with mail-in absentee voting. First, please bring back the ability to look up someone's mail-in status online. I've helped multiple voters troubleshoot issues receiving their ballot using the Voter lookup tool on the NCSBE web site. Let's bring that back. Second, let's provide "Business Reply" postagepaid envelopes for returning completed ballots. We would only have to pay for
				those ballots that are returned, and then only the ballots that are mailed without a stamp. I believe that a significant number of our citizens would provide their own stamp if reminded, and our "Business Reply" permit could cover the rest.
05/27/2020 12:19 AM	Candace Heyman	4719 Evelyn Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106	True	I would like this bill to ensure access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines; expand access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck); and expand safe in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their

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/27/2020 12:20 AM	Ms Rosemary McGee	5005 Boulder Creek Lane, Raleigh, NC	True	communities. There are a number of critical
		27613		requirements that must be satisfied associated with this pandemic to make absentee voting support a person's right to vote including seniors who are particularly affected by Covid19 and they are: modification of requirement for 2 signatures - not available in my home, notary difficult to access at this time, neer clear/understandable instructions, NCGA should recruit/train poll workers to replace seniors affected by Covid19, increase number of sites/hours for early voting, absentee ballots should include prepaid postage and accessible drop boxes and have online portal to request a ballot. NCGA objective should be to facilitate voting especially during this PANDEMIC.
27/2020 12:23 AM	Mr. Jeff Lewis	10680 US Highway 17 N, Vanceboro, NC 28586	True	Ballot-harvesting is vote theft. The integrity of my vote is threatened by this scam. This bill is worthless, designed by crooks who want to steal elections. STOP THE THIEVES! I swear, the Democrats are looking more like communists with each passing day. I will NEVER support domestic (communists) enemies of the Republic. You are not statesmen, and certainly not honorable if you support this scam.
27/2020 12:28 AM	Ms Ruth Louie	1810 Jumpin Run Dr, Wilmington, NC 28403	True	Please allow voters to mail in ballots this year. We are in a pandernic and many people with health issues and those that have to work daily or don't have transportation, deserve the ability to vote this way. Further, since there are fewer polling places, people deserve a way to vote that doesn't put them at risk of serious injury to their health and ability to earn a living. Unintentional exposure to a person with the coronavirus while standing in long lines to exercise the right to vote is bound to happen unless a way to prevent the spread of the virus and stop it from silently infecting innocent people is identified before November 3rd.
27/2020 12:38 AM	Christopher Telesca	7021 Tanbark Way, Raleigh, NC 27615	True	Hello,
				My name is Chris Telesca, and I am the founder of Wake County Verified Voting. I am also a member of the NC Coalition for Verified Voting. Both are grassroots volunteer group seeking to advance evidence-based elections through a transparent, trackable, and publicly verified process.
				I have been involved in helping to improve election integrity since just before the Public Confidence in Elections Act was passed in 2005. I have worked over the years to strengthen and protect the Act.
				I have some public comments on HB1169 that your committee is taking up:

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10 Recommended Changes directly related to this bill

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- All County Board of Elections shall broadcast their public meetings, and lost links to the broadcast recordings and posted minutes on the county BOE website so that the public may stay informed of the public business of elections administration.
- 2. Public shall be notified of the date/ time of all pre-election acceptance and logic & accuracy testing of voting equipment. Public shall be allowed to observe testing and receive copies of test plans, test reports and log files of all preelection testing.
- 3. All boxes of ballots and precinct scanner (usb) removable media picked up by the chief judge prior to the election shall have serial numbered tamper evident seals affixed to them. Serial numbered tamper evident seals shall be verified and recorded by a bi-partisan precinct team at pre-election pick-up of election materials, again at the precinct on the morning of the election prior to polls opening, and again as part of poll closing procedures.
- 4. Precinct chief judges shall boot up precinct scanners and print zero tapes no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the start of the polls opening. Boot up and zero tape printing procedures shall be conducted in the presence of a bi-partisan team of precinct judges. And all zero tapes shall be posted in a public place at the precinct polling place immediately after they are printed.
- 5. When ballots are removed from the precinct scanner bin, they shall be immediately placed in a container and a serial numbered tamper evident seal shall be signed, affixed to the container; the serial number logged into chain-of-custody records by a bi-partisan team consisting of the chief judge and two precinct judges.
- 6. The chief judge shall post a precinct poll tape at the close of polls (currently this is optional). The entire poll tape(s) shall be publicly viewable from outside of the precinct polling location for at least 24 hours (outward facing window). At the county BOE on election night, the public shall be allowed to view and document totals of any precinct poll tapes that were not posted at the close of polls at a precinct.
- 7. Early voting tape totals and absentee ballot tape totals shall not be totaled and printed until the close of polls on election night.

- 8. There shall be bi-partisan chain of custody of all election materials transported back to the county on election night. For counties that bring election materials to transport vans throughout the county, they must sign over materials to another bi-partisan team who will transport the materials to the BOE.
- 9. The public shall be allowed to observe election materials being returned and inventoried at the BOE. Comparison of uploaded precinct totals to poll tapes shall be conducted on election night in full view of the public. This is a critical step in the vote counting/aggregation process.
- 10. Absentee, provisional, overseas absentee, military ballots, and replicated absentee email ballots shall be approved/ not approved by the board in public view, at which time the approved ballot envelopes are to be opened, and ballots scanned in a continually observable process within full view of the board and public.

I'd like to add a few points about Absentee By Mail/Vote By Mail that should be added to this bill

Other than when I was attending college out of state, I never participated in Absentee By Mail Voting. I like to vote in person, whether at my precinct polling place on Election Day or at a One-Stop Early Voting site where I can also take a friend who might want to avail themselves of Same Day Registration at Early Voting. I like feeding my ballot into a scanner and seeing that my ballot has been counted.

I also like voting in person because I can use the AutoMARK ADA-compliant ballot marking device to make human readable marks on the same ballot most voters hand mark. I have low-vision issues, and the AutoMARK is the best ADA-compliant machine in use today. And if ES&S doesn't start to manufacture them again, I predict that someone else will manufacture another device that makes human-readable marks on a pre-printed paper ballots — because paper ballots are the way to go!

I also like being able to help voters when they show up in person to vote. In 2008 I heard about voters being de-registered by SDR (because of software issues not discovered during testing and certification that is not required of SDR and electronic poll books) on the first day of early voting at the mall sites not be able to get their issues resolved by the poll workers. These voters were unable to ask political poll greeters for assistance because they

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05/27/2020 12:47 AM	Ms Rosemary McGee	5005 Boulder Creek Lane, Raleigh, NC 27613	True
05/27/2020 01:01 AM	Citizen & Veteran I H Powell	410 Lynn rd, Raleigh, N. C 27609	True
05/27/2020 01:03 AM	Ms. Bonnie Clark	181 Harmony Farm Trail, Harmony, NC 28634	True

were banned from the two early-voting mall sites. Had I or any properly trained poll greeter been there, we could have resolved the issue without HOURS instead of days, and many more voters would not have been re-registered.

I like voting in person that much, yet I do not plan to vote in person in November 2020 and into the foreseeable future until there is a cure or a vaccine for COVID-19. I do not have much faith in our current state government to provide funding for enough PPE and disinfectant for both our aging poll workers or for our voters. If we aren't providing enough protection for first responders, produce or meat factory workers, correction workers or prisoners, I don't see how we are going to adequately protect the poll workers. And you couldn't get me to work the polls as a poll greeter if you had some 2nd amendment advocate march around my house with guns.

So I am going to vote with an absentee by mail ballot. I do not know how many folks will obtain the two signatures needed to witness the ABM ballot. I bank at two credit unions and both are closed – how would I find a notary public?

I remember first going to vote with my paternal grandfather - who fought in WWI and was disabled by his war wounds, He always voted and taught me the importance of being a good citizen and voting in every election. And I have voted in every primary, 2nd primary, general election and runoff since I registered to vote at 18. I voted in person whenever I could, and was able to request an Absentee By Mail ballot whenever I could not vote in person. But I never had to vote during a pandemic - so I hope you do not use the pandemic as cover for raising hurdles or barriers for others to prevent them from voting now. You govern by the consent of the governed - please do not prevent some of us from voting.

Although more is needed to address absentee and early voting, HB1169 is an excellent preliminary step that I endorse. NCGA should change its posture to supporting voters in a fair and equitable manner instead of always seeking bias and self serving advantages. HB1169, here's your chance to make good better or even excellent, few opportunities remain.

Please, Please vote AGAINST this bill!!! We already have too much election Fraud!!!

Our state must take even more common sense precautions to help voters, like:
1) extending the voter registration deadline for the General Election to the last Saturday of early voting at 5 p.m, and

provide more online voter registration options,

 providing mechanisms to cure deficient absentee ballot requests and absentee ballots and allow requests by phone, e-mail, or online and accepting Federal write-in ballots, and
 establishing contactless drop boxes for absentee-by-mail ballots.

When it comes to voting and elections, our legislature has a long record of putting partisan games above people. While this week's legislative proposals would make for a starting point, they're also missing critical recommendations made in recent weeks and months by the N.C. State Board of Elections, and both Republican and Democratic local election officials.

Elections take time to plan, they require significant logistics, and our counties and voters need certainty. The stakes are really high here. The current public health crisis has significantly disrupted many aspects of our lives and our society, and absent changes to our rules that would ensure access to the ballot, the crisis will exacerbate existing barriers for all voters. We cannot afford to let this pandemic negatively impact this fall's elections.

In several ways, this bill facilitates third party groups ordering absentee ballots without the voters' knowledge. Whether by faxing requests, by emailing requests, by ordering ballots on your (proposed) website through a VPN, by eliminating the two-witness rule, or by allowing more people to hand-deliver absentee ballots from nursing homes, this horrible bill would legalize large-scale ballot harvesting. Even if an unwitting voter discovers the ballot in their mailbox before it can be stolen, they would get a visit from a Texas-style "politiquera, who ordered it in the first place. Then, the voter would be intimidated out of their ballot. In case they can't make their quote, this disgusting law would also allow by a majority of complete strangers to control any targeted precinct on Election Day. Think of it: Just over a year ago, your Legislature passed effective reform by a 160 to 1 margin. Since that law actually made it harder for enterprise-level ballot harvesting, the Democrats started filing lawsuits. DON'T BACK DOWN! Wisconsin showed the nation that (as long as you don't weaken the law vourselves) the Federal courts will stop the state courts from unilaterally gutting election-security laws during the federal election cycle. The people who elected you to a majority expect you to fight instead of caving to threats of more lawsuits. And, by the way, if you DO fight, you will ultimately win. If you're too tired to fight, then please resign now and let your local party committee

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Mr Jay Delancy

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					replace you with someone who IS willing to protect us from California-style tyranny.
05/27/2020 01:41 AM	David Sidor	109 Hanover Place, CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516	True		I support HB1169 and would even like it to go further to ensure fair and widespread access to voting. Additions such as postpaid envelopes or secure drop boxes would help to increase the response And in the future, sending ballot applications to every registered voter makes sense.
05/27/2020 02:21 AM	Mr James Fleagle	8209 Furtado Dr, Wilmington, NC 2841	True		I applaud the Bill's effort to establish and fund an online portal for submission of Absentee Ballot requests. It would seem prudent to establish a date from which this portal will be operating in order to handle the expected 10 fold increase in requests. July 4th would be an appropriate target to deliver this system. In line with establishing the portal, please consider amendment to restore the availability to the public of the records of ballots requested/ballots sent/ballots returned. While the intention of prior changes in the law around this data was well intentioned to stop abuses, it is a disservice to the public that this information is no longer available to political parties and candidates who will need to know this information about their voters. This is especially true in an election where 40% or more of ballots will be cast by absentee ballot. Daylight on this information will serve us well under these conditions. Finally, I hope consideration will be given to the thought that our Military who are voting by Absentee ballot need only assert their right to vote by the act of completing and submitting their ballots, free of any need for witnesses or notary, and that Civilians deserve the same respect in exercising their rights with no requirement beyond their assertion of identity and eligibility to vote as they would make in person. Thank you for addressing our needs. They are urgent, and efforts to protect our election need to be put in motion as soon as possible to avoid the catastrophes we
05/27/2020 02:05 AM	Mr Richard Renck	5516 DOEMONT DR, APEX, NC	True		pandemic. Vote no on this bill!
05/27/2020 03:05 AM		27539-8641			
05/27/2020 03:16 AM	Mr. Gerardo Rivera	Raleigh, North Carolina 27615	True		Hello, I am writing to express my concern for a safe, free election for everyone. We should not have to stand in line in person and possibly contact the virus just so we can exercise our right to vote! Our health/safety comes first! I feel the NCGA is refusing to push for mail-in voting because your political party is afraid to lose. Ironically, more Republicans use

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				mail-in voting (absentee) than Democrats during most, normal elections. In fact, Donald Trump usually votes by mail yet, Democrats are not allowed to vote my mail. Typical hypocrisy from Trump & the Republican Party!
				We do not want to have the same fate as WI in terms of voters becoming exposed to COVID-19 & testing positive. The number of cases could very well increase once we start to reopen the economy further. It's possible the virus will come back with a vengance during the fall/winter along with the influenza virus. If voters become ill/die because you all don't allow for mail-in voting then you will be held accountable/responsible for people's illnesses/death!
				Thank you for your time.
05/27/2020 03:50 AM	Mr James Corrigan	3608 Davis Drive STE #356, Morrisville, NC 27560	True	Please allow those who wish to vote and do not want to expose themselves to possible infection to vote easily via mail
05/27/2020 04:03 AM	Mrs. Carla Jung	3401 Mill Pond Rd, Charlotte, NC 28226	True	A few things that HB1169 would accomplish that I'm in very strong support of are the following: - Lowering the signature requirement on absentee ballots so voters can vote from home without having to find two witnesses to sign their ballot - Make requesting an absentee ballot easier by providing the option to request one by fax, email or phone and creating an online portal to request ballots as well - Offering flexibility to counties when it comes to assigning poll workers so we can better address potential poll worker shortages - Providing resources so precincts can be sanitized, poll workers can be protected and voters can cast a ballot in safety during this pandemic A few items that I would still like to see included in this bill are the following: - Extending voter registration deadlines - Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options - Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/27/2020 04:54 AM	Mr. Richard Fullerton	2315 Frederick Drive, Winston-Salem, NC	True	Thank you for taking these requests into account. Making voting by mail available and
	me monard i uno ton	27103	1100	simple for all NC residents is obviously a simple and equitable way to handle the problem created by the pandemic that could lead to chaos and catastrophe without it.
05/27/2020 04:55 AM	Mrs Barbara Littell	9017 Yellow Pine Court, Waxhaw, NC 28173	True	It is critical to the continued existence of our republic that the voting rights of EVERY citizen be protected and encouraged.

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				This time of pandemic requires special attention. There is no reason that voting by mail cannot be constructed in such a way as to minimize fraud yet encouraging all citizens to vote.
				Voting rights are NOT political and any perversion of that needs to be rejected.
05/27/2020 04:59 AM	Dr. Andra Wilkinson	305 SPRUCE ST, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True	It is vital to make it easier for people to vote safely this fall.
05/27/2020 05:25 AM	Mr. Roger Littell	9017 Yellow Pine Ct., Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173	True	All possible steps must be in place to assure that every eligible person is guaranteed the ability to vote
05/27/2020 05:55 AM	Mrs. Amina Turner	1805 Crooked Creek Rd, Greenville, NC 27858	True	We know generally, that the Presidential Election tends to attract more voters on a consistent basis than many of our own municipal elections. With the challenge that COVID-19 presents, it is imperative that all citizens can exercise their right to vote that protects both health and safety and the ballot.
				Additionally, with the preponderance of underlying health conditions in many North Carolinians, we need a smart approach to registering to vote and voting in response to this deadly novel coronavirus: * more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, * broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID and * expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility

- I am petitioning for:

back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities

Let us learn from the Wisconsin Primary: shortage of poll workers and closed polling places led to long lines, and overexposure to the coronavirus. North Carolina does not need that. Institute voting by mail for all who choose this means to exercise their right as citizens, and incorporate the current HAVA identification methods of which North Carolinians are accustomed. Protect North Carolinians' right to vote through the expansion of voter access with health and safety to mitigate the risks of the pandemic's impact upon the November

- No voter ID being required;
 Extending mail-in and online deadlines for voter registration;
- Giving flexibility back to the counties to make early voting schedules that best serve their communities to insure safe in-

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				person voting; - Allowing the option of contactless drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes and - Providing pre-paid postage for mail in ballots
7/2020 06:15 AM	Ms Jewel Wheeler	1026 Wells St, Durham, NC 27707	True	I am worried that the idiots who refuse to take the pandemic seriously will cause it to still be raging through election season, so I want to vote by mail. With the future so uncertain, making the rules known now is important, as is planning ahead to be able to comply with all of them. Being required to find witnesses and to pay a notary is onerous and anti-democratic, doubly so while practicing social distancing.
7/2020 06:22 AM	Dr Cameron Kurowski	30 Farrwood Ave, Asheville, North Carolina 28804	True	Please simplify voting by mail/ absentee ballots as simple as possible to allow all eligible citizens the opportunity to vote anc participate in our democracy.
7/2020 06:22 AM	Jennifer EVATT	913 James Doak Parkway, Greensboro, NC 27455	True	Rushed legislation is never good legislation. Please slow down and communicate the possible changes to the voters and allow additional time to understand and provide comment.
27/2020 06:28 AM	House Bill 1169 Thomas Hardecker	312 Covewood Trail, Asheville, North Carolina 28805	True	Please protect our voting rights, and the rights of all citizens.
7/2020 06:30 AM	Celia Blalock	1829 Sir Tyler Drive Apt 217, Wilmington , NC 28405	True	Please include options for safe and healthy voting: vote by mail (absentee ballots), mandated PPE at polling places. Such measures are critical as we live in this time of Covid19. As a 73 year old widow, I will continue isolating until we have a proven vaccine. With several family members who are immunecompromised, I want them to be positioned to exercise their right to vote without concern they will get sick. If I do have to vote in person, I have one (1) N95 mask that I am saving for Nov 3. I hope I do not have to use it.
/2020 06:35 AM	Ms. Adrienne Kelly-Lumpkin	4205 City of Oaks Wynd, Raleigh , NC 27612	True	Thank you for your attempt to address some issues for the 2020 election but this bill falls far short of what we need, particularly due to the pandemic. We need safer ways for the public to vote including extended time on the last Saturday, removal of both witnesses for absentee ballots and no-touch drop boxes for mail in ballots. Every eligible voter has the right to a safe and fair election, and to have their vote count.
7/2020 06:54 AM	Dr Glenna Batson	434 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro , North Carolina 27312	True	Our democracy is under threat- first by a serious Badly managed pandemic which puts people at risk with in person voting and also by a threat to close post offices. Please act on behalf of the public trust
7/2020 06:55 AM	Kim Coley	808 Cricketfield , Cary, NC 28518	True	Protecting the vote of every memeber of House District 36 is my primary concern. It is my understanding that currently, the WBOE must accept ballots even if there are errors such as mis matched dates and or an expired stamp from a Notary. How can we guarantee the integrity of each

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7/2020 06:58 AM	Dr. Suzanne Botts	731 South Boylan A Ebru, Raleigh, NC 27603	True	Covid-19 has imperiled North Carolina elections for many reasons. Please protect the voters and election officials from the risk of exposure by expanding the ability to register new voters, expand options to make a request to receive an absentee-by-mail ballot by fax, email and online application, make modifications to the Ballot Container Return process to make submitting the completed ballot safer by removing the witness requirement and allowing contactless drop box delivery and improved in-person voting options through safer polling locations. Suzanne Botts
7/2020 07:02 AM	Katherine Gleason	813 Welford Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610	True	The sections of this bill that enhance voting access - for example, the return to requiring only one witness for absentee ballots and extending the time period for requesting absentee ballots - should be passed. However, the sections regarding photo identification should be removed. Requiring photo identification (unless sai ID is provided to all eligible voters free-of-charge) functions as a poll tax and is unconstitutional. Additionally, requiring photo identification for absentee ballots presents a significant hardship - voters must somehow access technology to copy/scan/print their ID, and have no recourse if that ID is deemed unacceptable once their ballot is returned.
7/2020 07:02 AM	Ms Jane Yokoyama	387 Pearson Dr., Asheville, NC 28801	True	I support any efforts to improve safe and secure voter turn out. I applaud the bipartisan efforts of this bill. In light of th pandemic we especially need to make it easier to use mail in ballots. The need for one rather than two witness signatures is important. I wish there was a way to include secure mail in drop boxes. Thank so much for
27/2020 07:05 AM	Ms Hona Harrington	1511 Bellevue , Durham , NC 27705	True	Please make access to voting safe and easy. Vote-by-mail will be necessary for many of us.
27/2020 07:07 AM	Dr Keith Houck	9622 Collins Creek Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	We have a critical need to protect our democratic right to vote during this pandemic. I support HB 1169 with the following needed changes: Adding prepaid postage to absentee ballots Send absentee ballot request forms to al NC voters Allow felons to vote after release from prison—they have done their time. Provide for increased curbside voting. Thank you,

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05/07/0000 07 07 444				Keith Houck
05/27/2020 07:07 AM	Velma Timmons	8458 Carolina Lily Ln, Charlotte, NC 28262	True	I live alone and don't know where I can find witnesses/notary while practicing social distance. I am worried about a second wave in the fall, so making the rules known now is important for me to be able to plan ahead and comply with all of them
05/27/2020 07:08 AM	House Bill 1169 Frank Tangari	9136 Doublebit Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27615	True	Please pass House Bill 1169 to provide necessary and publicly safer voting options.
05/27/2020 07:09 AM	Ms. Rebecca Showalter	921 Walkertown Dr, Raleigh, NC 27614	True	As we face a November election with so many unknowns about health and safety, it is important that we plan NOW for North Carolinians to be able to vote safely. I support easier access to mail in voting requests and only one witness. Thank you.
05/27/2020 07:12 AM	Voting is all we have Tatiana Hargreaves	2309 stroller ave, Durham, Nc 27705	True	Voting is all we have right now. Our lives are at risk every day during the smallest activities and voting is how we can enact the changes we want as we move forward through this pandemic. Anything to help voting by mail and other alternative forms to broaden voting access is integral to maintaining democracy admits the pandemic. Please help make voting accesible for all North Carolinians, especially the most vulnerable of our communities.
05/27/2020 07:12 AM	Bryan Toney	2405 Camden Road , Greensboro, NC 27403	True	Absentee voting needs to be easier in NC and local voting officials need additional resources to insure safe, accurate and timely recording of votes received by mail.
05/27/2020 07:13 AM	Ms Bridget J Dunford	525 Patton Valley Dr, Nebo, MS 28761	True	PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO VOTE! HB1169 must do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:
				allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
				These much-needed additions would give North Carolina a better shot at avoiding the mistakes of other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to the deadly coronavirus and keep even more of our state's voters safe during the fast-approaching 2020 elections.
				As a North Carolina voter, can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's basic protections for North Carolina voters this month?
				PLEASE REPLY
				Thank you.

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05/27/2020 07:14 AM	Tanya Rowell	57 Hilltop Rd, Asheville , NC 28803	True	Voting by mail is safe & a viable option for NC.
05/27/2020 07:17 AM	Ms Bridget J Dunford	525 Patton Valley Dr, Nebo, NC 28761	True	Please add the following to HB 1169: Extending voter registration deadlines Giving flexibility back to counties when creating early voting plans to ensure we have safe in-person voting options Providing secure absentee ballot drop boxes for voters
05/27/2020 07:18 AM	Mr Jeff Bohan	900 Teague Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27107	True	House Bill 1169 must provide additional common sense solutions to make it easier for all voters to cast ballots at home or in person for the upcoming 2020 elections. HB1169 must do more to protect voters. Such as including, allowing more access to voter Registration by extending mail-in and on line deadlines, broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck or other government-issued ID), and expanding safe in-person voting. And avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities. The committee must go the extra mile to protect all North Carolina voters. Can I count on you to support amendments that would expand HB1169s basic protections for North Carolina voters? Thank you
05/27/2020 07:20 AM	Mark Herrmann	2113 e 5th st, Charlotte, Nc 28204	True	We need to have voting by mail. Plain and simple. Do not allow Republicans to suppress my vote!
05/27/2020 07:20 AM	Kathleen Rickert	2709 Legion Avenue, Durham, NC 27707	True	I am as a NC resident in support of HB 1169, during this time it is vastly important to allow people to exercise their right vote in a way they are comfortable with, for many this may be through absentee ballots.
05/27/2020 07:21 AM	Mrs Tammy Herrmann	2113 E 5th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204	True	I fully support sending all NC residents an absentee ballot in the face of the coronavirus stay at home orders and to help mitigate the spread of the virus, I have an autoimmune disease and having an absentee ballot would benefit me. I worry about older North Carolinians and poll workers.
05/27/2020 07:21 AM	Luisa Schmidt	3369 Brucemont Dr, Wilmington , NC 28495	True	I disagree with shifting to all-mail elections and sending ballots to voters who did not request to vote.
05/27/2020 07:28 AM	Mrs. elaine willers	1509 Barley Place, Raleigh, NC 27615-3503	True	Dear Friends, Please vote no on House Bill 1169 so that we can have confidence in honest and true elections. Sincerely, elaine willers
05/27/2020 07:28 AM	Mr Mark Rader	5716 Old Pearce Rd, Wake Forest, NC 27587-9674	True	House Committee members, please allow the most open (but secure) voting opportunities for all voters in this election in light of Covid-19, that is-remote virtual, absentee, or other accommodations as your committee deems fit after debate. I believe the democratic voting process calls for all citizens to be able to vote in

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				this important election year. It would be most refreshing to see bipartisan compromise and consideration of this issue for the greatest number of citizens. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of our views as citizens.
)5/27/2020 07:28 AM	Alfred Saupe	19 Soco Street, Asheville , NC 28801	True	Please do everything possible to make voting convenient and secure during the pandemic. People shouldn't have to choose between their health and their right (and civic duty) to vote. My 69 year old wife has had pneumonia twice. She shouldn't be required to stand in a crowded polling place. HB1169 is a step in the right direction. Thanks.
15/27/2020 07:29 AM	M's. Eileen McConville	101 Hilltop Lane, Hampstead, NC 28443	True	With the continuing pandemic, the state must do all it can to ensure ALL North Carolinians can vote on November 3. If the virus is still with us, we will have a hard time getting poll workers who can sit for hours and be exposed to hundreds of people. Citizens with Cancer, Cystic Fibrosis, COPD and others diseases will NOT be able to stand in line to vote. If voters stand 6' apart, lines will go on for miles. Please do all you can to provide mail in ballots for this year and possibly every year.
15/27/2020 07:31 AM	Stephanie Brown	111 Trawick Place , Durham, NC 27712-1016	True	North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured.
95/27/2020 07:33 AM	Gwendolyn Erickson	604 Courtland Street, Greensboro, NC 27401	True	The NC House should support HB 1169. I hope this legislation is able to move forward with wide bipartisan support. I am glad to see e-mail included as an option for requesting absentee ballots and including appropriations to be sure their is adequate support to ethically complete elections in 2020 regardless of any pandemic risks. I consider it my civic duty to vote and go to my precinct to cast my ballot. However, I personally have benefitting from absentee voting options in the past when circumstances have not allowed for me to do so. This bill improves upon that process to make it smoother and more secure. Implementing the protocols presented in House Bill 1169 is
5/27/2020 07:35 AM	Jake Quinn	428 Sunset Drive, Asheville, North	True	essential for 2020. Voting must be accessible to all eligible voters and will not be without these measures in place.
0) 27/ 2020 07:33 AWI	Jake Quiiii	Carolina 28804	nue	in regards to HB1169, I am heartened to see that most of its provisions would help North Carolinians to vote in 2020. Unfortunately, it also contains provisions that would result in fewer people voting.
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05/27/2020 07:36 AM	Michelle Schott	5827 Woodberry Rd, Durham , NC 27707	True	comment. North Carolina needs vote by mail, now, to ensure free, fair and safe elections come November. Citizens in our democracy should not have to risk our lives to cast votes in the most consequential election of our lifetime. There will almost certainly still be a great risk of COVID19 in the fall; without a vaccine, treatment, adequate testing for active infection or serologic testing, safety of citizens to vote cannot be assured.
05/27/2020 07:26 AM	mra Catharina Sahmid	6216 Howkshill Drive, Wilmington NC	True	The NC House should support HB 1169. I think we should have mail in ballots in
5/27/2020 07:36 AM	mrs. Catherine Schmid	6316 Hawksbill Drive, Wilmington, NC Catherine	True	the November election
5/27/2020 07:36 AM	HB1169 pamela dupuis	19 Soco St, asheville, NC 28801	True	Nobody should have to choose between their health and voting. Please support HB1169. Thank you.
05/27/2020 07:40 AM	Ms. Caitlin Metzguer	810 Gerard St, Durham, NC 27701	True	I would really like to see secure dropboxes included as a way to return absentee ballots. With questions about supply chain issues and potential USPS delays, having a way to make sure that completed ballots can be returned with confirmation would be very helpful. I also encourage you to lower or remove the witness requirement so all voters can follow health experts advice to practice social distancing. Please secure funding for pre-paid envelopes for voters to use. Lastly, please ensure that county BOEs have flexibility to choose early voting sites and hours. The uniform hour mandate during an already financially strained year will restrict voter access. The local boards know what works for them, and having the flexibility to choose more sites will encourage fewer crowded lines. Voters need expansive options to vote safely by mail or in person.
05/27/2020 07:41 AM	Mrs. Denise Ribble	139 NE 3rd Street, Oak Island, North Carolina 28465	True	I am against the proposed photo ID component of House Bill 1169. There should be no photo ID requirement to vote in 2020. Currently the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is the only agency where you can do online voter registration, if you have a valid NC drivers license or DMV ID. I am in favor of expanding voter registration opportunities through

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				extending the 25-day limit and allowing online voter registration for clients of other NC agencies. Regarding absentee ballot request forms, HAVA IDs should be acceptable for use in the absentee ballot request application. Regarding Absentee ballots you should make sure the one-witness requirement is clearly indicated on the Absentee Ballot Container Envelope and allow the option of no contact drop box returns for Absentee Ballot Container Envelopes. (I think SC has dropped it's witness requirement completely because of Covid 19 concerns) Give flexibility back to the counties to allow early voting sites to vary hours of operation.
/27/2020 07:42 AM	Mr. Kevin OʻDonnell	808 Ward St, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	Please pass NC House Bill 1169. This would eliminate the requirement for two witnesses for voter signatures as well as facilitate the process for obtaining an absentee ballot, including accessing one via an online portal. Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.
				Sincerely,
27/2020 07:42 AM	Ms Donna Dyer	1522 Imperial Dr. Durham , NC 27712	True	Kevin S O'Donnell Please allow vote by mail! This November
		TODE IMPORTATION, GUINAIN, NO 27712		is an important election for all people to be allowed to vote on all races. It's no different from the many forms of absentee voting and other states have used it effectively. Don't endanger lives and suppress the votes of elderly and sick, Thank you.
/27/2020 07:43 AM	Mr Robert Hackett	1027 Central Park Circle, Davidsoп, NC 28036	True	I urge you to pass HB 1169 in order that we all might be able to safely exercise our democratic right to vote. I served this country for nearly 30 years in the US Army and defending our democracy was my overriding reason. Please pass this bill to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending our form of government.
27/2020 07:45 AM	Mrs. Lucille Ribble	407 E oak Island Dr, Oak Island, NC	True	I am against photo ID requirement in HB 1169
/27/2020 07:45 AM	Patti Hall	7408 Archers Creek Ct, Emerald Isle, NC 28594	True	I support HB1169, especially facilitating vote by mail. I am 67 years old and live with my 69 year old husband in Emerald Isle, NC. My husband and I are in relatively good health, but still take precautions for safety against the coronavirus. Not everyone does and this causes me fear and anxiety. We went fishing this weekend and I have never in the 16 years that I have lived here seen so many people (forget stay at home). So many people were defiantly ignoring social distancing, no masks, etc. I feel this is going to be an ugly election and I would really like to cast my ballot from home by mail with a stamped return

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A CONTRACTOR			*	envelope. I have stamps, but feel this may be a hardship for many people in NC. Whatever we can do to expand voting, we should do.
05/27/2020 07:45 AM	Dr, Carol Klein	808 Creekstone Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True	I support the provisions of HB 1169, that will allow voting to be safer during the pandemic. I ask for the following additions: that Election Day be a state holiday so that more buildings (such as schools) be available to allow social distancing and more people are available to be poll workers; that curbside voting be expanded; and that no guns are allowed on voting premises.
05/27/2020 07:49 AM	Mr William Parvin	912 Mossy Oak Drive, Fuquay-Varina , NC 27526	True	Do not let this pass! This is tyranny!
05/27/2020 07:50 AM	Mr. Gilbert Pagan	117 forest edge drive, Cary, Nc 27518	True	Hi . i am Against this bill as it has many provisions that arr ripe for voter fraud. Please shelve this bill, or vote it down. Thank you.
05/27/2020 07:52 AM	Mrs Nellie Greer	103 Hibiscus Ct, Apex, NC 27523	True	Please do not allow HB 1169 to pass. It will lead to many ways that voter fraud can occur. This bill is completely unnecessary. Thank you
05/27/2020 07:52 AM	Mrs Nicole Wall-Parvin	912 Mossy Oak Drive, Fuquay-Varina , NC 27526	True	Please vote against this. This is not good for NC!
05/27/2020 07:52 AM	paula stanley	301 Buena Vista Drive, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041	True	we need stricter voter ID laws instead of allowing ballots sent out based on email requests or other means! Absentee ballots are available and this bill is another clear move by democrats to making cheating easier! Voting times needs to be limited instead of increased. Voter ID laws need to be passedthis is a disgrace!
05/27/2020 07:52 AM	mr. albert robert rubin	205 stanton gable lane, Hillsborough, NC 27278	True	The right to vote is essential for democracy and I strongly support this bill. It increases the opportunity for access to voting for all North Carolina voters. We face significant challenges in the years ahead and the only opportunity available to voters to exercise our rights is the vote.
05/27/2020 07:53 AM	Rev David Parry	137 Sandee Dr, Angier, NC 27501	True	While this bill does not contain everything we need to do to promote fair elections, it is a good start. We should be making it easier to let ALL qualified voters in a way that is simple and safe. To reject this bill will show your disdain for the rights of ALL North Carolinians.
05/27/2020 07:54 AM	Alice Hurley	20013 Bragg, chapel hill, nc 27517	True	I support efforts to make voting by mail easier for the 2020 election and future elections.
05/27/2020 07:54 AM	Mr Glenn Wall	1865 Bud Lipscomb Road, Willow Spring, Nc 27526	True	Please do NOT vote for this!
05/27/2020 07:55 AM	Please expand this bill Jennifer Wichman	104 E. Maynard Ave., Durham, NC 27704	True	Please: —give increased access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines —broaden access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (e.g. utility bill, bank statement, paycheck) —expand SAFE in-person voting AND avoid long lines! Please give flexibility

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				back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities.
				Thank you.
05/27/2020 07:55 AM	Mrs Sybil Wall	1865 bud lipscomb road, Willow spring, Nc 27592	True	Vote No to this!!
05/27/2020 07:56 AM	Dian Hloros	19907 River Falls Drive, Davidson, Nc 28036	True	As a senior in the Covid19 risk group I feel it is important to have the option of an absentee ballot for the 2020 election. I am able to drive so, for me, having curb drop off of my ballot would ensure my vote counted. Please allow all NC voters to participate without worry for their health. Plan now for Nov. Thank you
05/27/2020 07:56 AM	Mr William Parvin Jr	106 N Reed Drive, Washington, Nc 27889	True	Vote No to this
05/27/2020 07:56 AM	Ms Susan Casey	48 Slide Rock Way, Fairview, NC 28730	True	HB 1169 is a positive first step to address the concerns of safe, secure access to voting to protect voters and polling staff. However more needs to be done. - Allowing more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines - Broadening access points for mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA IDs to access ballots (like a utility bill, bank statement or paycheck, or other
				government-issued ID) - Expanding safe in-person voting and avoiding long lines by giving flexibility back to counties to make Early Voting plans that best serve their communities - Eliminating a voter ID requirement which has twice been struck down by the courts for its discriminatory intent Thank you.
5/27/2020 07:57 AM	Mrs Jacqueline Hackett	1027 Central Park Circle, Davidson, NC 28036	True	As the spouse of someone who has served in the US Army I urge you to pass this legislation. Voting is the bedrock of our democracy and to ensure that all may safely exercise their right this bill would secure that ability. Many have died in the service of this country to defend that right please honor that sacrifice.
5/27/2020 07:57 AM	Jennifer Osborne	27613	True	I've worked at my Wake County polling place for several elections, and we need safe voting procedures to keep workers like me and voters safe during the November 2020 election. I worked the March 3, 2020 election, and even though I took what we thought were reasonable precautions at the time, I still got sick with a respiratory illness 4 days after the election. My polling place was a small room in a church, and we had hundreds of voters come through. Please make sure that adequate funding is allocated so that county boards of elections can set up safe voting procedures, such as robust vote-bymail and early voting. Even though I'm young enough to not be considered "at risk" for major complications from Covid-19, I would not want to work at the polls in November using the same system we had in March. Too risky. I will
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05/27/2020 07:58 AM 05/27/2020 07:58 AM Mrs Betty Parvin

106 N Reed drive, Washington, Nc 27889 True

True

Vote no to this!

My name is Chris Bell and I am President of the North Carolina Council of the Blind (NCCB). I submit these comments regarding HB 1069 on behalf of myself and the members of the organization which I lead. I have three of the health markers which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states might result in danger to my health and safety should I contract Covid-19. I am obese, with a BMI of 31, have high blood pressure even with medication and I am 68 years of age. Numerous members of NCCB are similarly at serious risk of harm should they become infected by the novel coronavirus. Many of our members are 60 years of age or older because the prevalence of serious visual impairment increases significantly with age. And diabetes is the most common cause of blindness for persons under the age of 65. HB 1069 does not adequately protect our

HB 1069 does not adequately protect our cherished and fundamental right to vote privately, independently and without subjecting ourselves to the very real risk of harm or even death regardless of whether we vote in person or by absentee ballot

Voting in Person

Voting machines are available at precinct polling locations which enable a person without sight or with low vision to mark a ballot and submit it privately and independently in compliance with standards under the federal Help America Vote Act. Two barriers remain, however, which HB 1069 does not address. Access to information available to the public regarding the time and place of voting and the availability of sample ballots are not equally available to people who cannot see or cannot see well enough to read print. To overcome this limitation, HB 1069 needs to require that all information pertaining to voting and ballots be made available online in a form that is readable by screen readers. A screen reader is software which enables online material to be read out loud and/or otherwise read by people with low vision with magnification, high contrast or in various backgrounds and colors to enhance readability. The second barrier to safe, independent, and private voting is the coronavirus pandemic. All polling places must operate with the necessary social distancing and voters and poll workers must always be required to wear masks. Unfortunately, various statutory and regulatory requirements pertaining to voting increase the likelihood of crowding at a diminished number of polling places with reduced hours of operation.

These shortcomings and their solutions are fully set forth in the civil action filed by

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05/27/2020 07:58 AM	Margaret Teeter	1990 Acorn Drive, New Bern, NC 28563	True
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05/27/2020 07:59 AM	Mr Harold Newton	1701 Bud Lipscomb road, Willow spring, No 27592	True
05/27/2020 08:01 AM	Ms Ann Baker	407 LONGLEAF DR, Chapel Hill, NC 27517	True
05/27/2020 08:01 AM	Randy stanley	301 Buena Vista Drive, Pilot Mountain, NC 27041	True
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05/27/2020 08:06 AM	Mr. Kurt Liberatore	34 Pineland St, Chapel Hill, NC 27516	True
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Democracy North Carolina et al. against the State filed in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina on May 22, 2020 and will not be repeated here.

Voting Absentee.

The State's current absentee voting scheme also extremely disadvantages blind and low vision voters and requires them to violate social distancing and risk their health to vote absentee. . From the inaccessibility of the online form for requesting an absentee ballot, the need to mark a printed ballot with sighted assistance, the necessity of finding two witnesses or a notary public to witness the voter's balloting and the need for the voter to sign and return the ballot in the mail all create difficulties to the safe, private and independent right to vote. Fortunately, there is a solution to these problems which we urge the State to adopt by legislation. The States of West Virginia, Delaware and New Jersey have all adopted fully accessible, online voting procedures which enable a blind voter to request an absentee ballot via the Internet. mark the ballot independently and return it electronically to the appropriate election official without leaving home or requiring the assistance of other persons.

Please expand HB1169 to include provisions that will guarantee that every registered voter's vote is counted. We have had too many years of voter suppression and laws changing in various states. All votes matter.

Vote NO to this bill!

I strongly urge the committee to add further protections for North Carolina voters to HB 1169 to increase the likelihood of a fair election that includes all citizens. Thank you.

this bill must be turned down today! what was Grange thinking? There are 5 ways to cheat during an election enhanced. by this bill! 3 ways to order ballots, witnesses removed and college students meaning the polls! do your job and wake up Republicans!

NO to this bill!

House Elections and Ethics Committee Members:

Due to the many uncertainties about the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our elections, I request that House Bill 1169 election relief bill be amended to provide additional solutions to make it easier for all voters to safely cast a ballot at home or in-person in the upcoming 2020 elections.

In addition to relaxing some poll worker recruitment requirements, reducing voteby-mail witness requirements to one, and providing a modest financial match to

release critical, federal election funds to our counties, HB1169 should do more to protect more voters. That includes things like:

- Allow more access to voter registration by extending mail-in and online deadlines
- Broaden access to mail-in voting requests by allowing voters to use HAVA
- Expand safe, in-person voting and avoid long lines by giving the authority back to counties to make early voting plans that best serve their communities

These key additions would allow North Carolina to avoid the mistakes made by other states that have unnecessarily exposed voters to COVID-19 and assure that North Carolinians have every opportunity to exercise their right to vote. As a North Carolina voter, I urge you to support amendments that would expand HB1169's protections for North Carolina voters.

Thank you.

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