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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
House Bill 589

AMENDMENT NO. A6
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Senator Rucho

1 moves to amend the bill on page 2, line 20, by deleting "has not expired" and substituting "shall
2 be unexpired";

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4 and on page on page 11, lines 3-9, by rewriting those lines to read:

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6 "(a3) Upon receiving a completed request form for an absentee ballot, the county board
7 shall confirm that voter's registration. If that voter is confirmed as a registered voter of the
8 county, the absentee ballots and certification form shall be mailed to the voter, unless
9 personally delivered in accordance with G.S. 163-230.1(a1). If the voter's official record of
10 voter registration conflicts with the completed request form for an absentee ballot or cannot be
11 confirmed, the voter shall be so notified. If the county board cannot resolve the differences, no
12 application or absentee ballots shall be issued.";

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15 and on page 11, line 46, through page 12, line 15, by rewriting those lines to read:

16 "(b) Transmitting Executed Absentee Ballots to County Board of Elections. – The sealed
17 container-return envelope in which executed absentee ballots have been placed shall be
18 transmitted to the county board of elections who issued ~~them~~ those ballots as follows:

19 (1) All ballots issued under the provisions of ~~Articles 20~~ this Article and Article
20 21A of this Chapter shall be transmitted by mail or by commercial courier
21 service, at the voter's expense, or delivered in person, or by the voter's near
22 relative or verifiable legal guardian and received by the county board not
23 later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before of the statewide primary or general
24 election or county bond election. Ballots issued under the provisions of
25 Article 21A of this Chapter may also be electronically transmitted.

26 (2) If ballots are received later than ~~that hour,~~ the hour stated in subdivision (1)
27 of this subsection, they those ballots shall not be accepted unless one of the
28 following applies:

29 (i) ~~federal~~ Federal law so ~~requires,~~ requires.

30 (ii) ~~if~~ The ballots issued under ~~this Article 20 of this Chapter~~ are
31 postmarked and that postmark is dated on or before by the
32 day of the statewide primary or general election or county



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1 bond election and are received by the county board of
 2 elections not later than three days after the election by ~~5:00~~
 3 ~~p.m., or 5:00 p.m.~~
 4 (iii) ~~if~~The ballots issued under Article 21A of this Chapter are
 5 received by the county board of elections not later than the
 6 end of business on the business day before the canvass
 7 conducted by the county board of elections held pursuant to
 8 G.S. 163-182.5. ~~Ballots issued under Article 20 of this~~
 9 ~~Chapter not postmarked by the day of the election shall not be~~
 10 ~~accepted by the county board of elections.~~

11 (c) For purposes of this section, "Delivered in person" includes delivering the ballot to
 12 an election official at a one-stop voting site under G.S. 163-227.2 during any time that site is
 13 open for voting. The ballots shall be kept securely and delivered by election officials at that site
 14 to the county board of elections office for processing.";
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16 and on page 13, lines 15-21 by rewriting those lines to read:

17 **SECTION 5.1.** G.S. 163-82.22 reads as rewritten:

18 "**§ 163-82.22. Voter registration at ~~public libraries.~~ public libraries and public agencies.**

19 (a) Every library covered by G.S. 153A-272 shall make available to the public the
 20 application forms described in G.S. 163-82.3, and shall keep a sufficient supply of the forms so
 21 that they are always available. Every library covered by G.S. 153A-272 shall designate at least
 22 one employee to assist voter registration applicants in completing the form during all times that
 23 the library is open.

24 (b) If approved by the State Board of Elections, the county board of elections, and the
 25 county board of commissioners, a county may offer voter registration in accordance with this
 26 section through the following additional public offices:

27 (1) Senior centers or facilities operated by the county.

28 (2) Parks and recreation services operated by the county.";
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31 and on page 26, line 44 by deleting "observers may" and substituting "observers from each
 32 party may";
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35 and on page 27, lines 23-37 by rewriting those lines to read:

36 "observer to make such observation and take such notes as the observer may desire.";

37 and on page 28, lines 7-8, by inserting the following between those lines:

38 "**SECTION 11.2.** The Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee shall study
 39 a bill of rights for election observers to guarantee their right to help assist proper voting while
 40 ensuring proper protection for voters, and recommend to the General Assembly any legislation
 41 it deems advisable. It may make an interim report prior to the date that the General Assembly
 42 reconvenes the 2013 Regular Session in 2014, and shall make a final report before the
 43 convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.";

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and on page 31, line 33, by rewriting that line to read:

"SECTION 16.1. G.S. 163-82.6A, other than subsection (e), is repealed.

SECTION 16.1A. The catchline of G.S. 163-82.6A reads as rewritten:

§ 163-82.6A. ~~In-person registration and voting~~ Address and name changes at one-stop sites.";

and on page 38, line 24, by deleting "additional";

and on page 52, lines 9-22 by deleting those lines;

and on page 54, line 27, through page 55, line 3, by rewriting those lines to read:

"SECTION 54.1. The Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee shall study establishing a threshold for the creation of a political committee, and recommend to the General Assembly any legislation it deems advisable. It may make an interim report prior to the date that the General Assembly reconvenes the 2013 Regular Session in 2014, and shall make a final report before the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.";

and on page 56, lines 17-32, be deleting those lines.

SIGNED _____
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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