

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 260
HOUSE BILL 71

AN ACT TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO ISSUE VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS,
AND SET MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SUCH CARDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-67 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) With the approval of the board of county commissioners, the county board of elections may issue to each voter in the county a voter registration card. At a minimum, the voter registration card shall:

- (1) List the voter's name, address and polling place;
- (2) Contain the address and telephone number of the county board of elections, along with blanks to report a change of address within the county; and
- (3) Be wallet size.

No voter registration card may be issued by a county board of elections unless the State Board of Elections has approved the format of the card.

If a county board of elections issues voter registration cards, when a voter reports a change of address within the county or when the polling place is changed, the county board of elections shall issue a replacement card to the voter. If a voter returns the card, reporting a change of address within the county, and if that card is signed by the voter, it shall be accepted as a written address change report under G.S. 163-72.2.

The card shall be evidence of registration but shall not preclude a challenge as permitted by law. No county board of elections or municipal board of elections may require that a voter registration card be displayed in order to vote. This subsection does not change voting procedures."

Sec. 2. The State Board of Elections may issue rules to implement this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 1985.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 27th day of May, 1985.