

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 74
HOUSE BILL 780

AN ACT TO POSTPONE IMPLEMENTATION OF MAIL-IN VOTER REGISTRATION AND THE UPGRADED MOTOR VOTER PROVISIONS SO THEY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE SAME TIME AS SIMILAR FEDERAL LEGISLATION.

Whereas, the General Assembly in 1992 mandated an upgraded motor voter program whereby citizens will be able to register to vote when they apply for or renew drivers licenses without having to complete a separate hand-done form; and

Whereas, that legislation directed the new program to be implemented on the earlier of January 1, 1994, or when the Division of Motor Vehicles had its new computer system in place; and

Whereas, that new system will not be on-line until early June of 1994, making it unfeasible to implement the upgrade until after that date; and

Whereas, the General Assembly in 1992 mandated that citizens be allowed to register to vote by mail beginning July 1, 1993; and

Whereas, the Congress will be enacting the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, which will require all States to implement the programs described above by January 1, 1995; and

Whereas, some changes in North Carolina's 1992 legislation will be required to comply with the new uniform federal act; and

Whereas, it will be easier for election officials and voters to implement both the State and federal laws at the same time; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Section 18(c) of Chapter 1044, Session Laws of 1991, reads as rewritten:

"(c) Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective ~~July 1, 1993.~~ January 1, 1995. Subsection (b) of this section is effective July 1, 1992."

Sec. 2. Section 19(d) of Chapter 1044, Session Laws of 1991, reads as rewritten:

"(d) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section become effective on January 1, ~~1994, or the date on which the Division of Motor Vehicles has in place the necessary equipment to enforce those sections, whichever date is earlier.~~ 1995. Subsection (c) of this section is effective July 1, 1992."

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of
May, 1993.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives