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HOUSE BILL 1252

Short Title: In-Laws Aid Voters.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Holt.

Referred to: Judiciary.

April 12, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO GIVE IN-LAWS THE SAME RIGHTS TO ASSIST PERSONS IN
2 VOTING AND OBTAINING ABSENTEE BALLOTS AS OTHER RELATIVES
3 HAVE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 163-152(d) reads as rewritten:

7 "(d) Meaning of 'Near Relative'. – As used in this section, the words 'near
8 relative' shall include the voter's husband, wife, brother, sister, parent, child, brother-in-
9 law, sister-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law,
10 grandparent, and grandchild, but no other relative."

11 Sec. 2. G.S. 163-227(c)(4) reads as rewritten:

12 "(4) Who Is Authorized to Request Applications for Absentee Ballots. – A
13 voter may personally request an application for absentee ballots or
14 may cause such request to be made through a near relative or legal
15 guardian. For the purpose of this Article, 'near relative or legal
16 guardian' means spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child,
17 brother-in-law, sister-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law,
18 daughter-in-law, or grandchild."

19 Sec. 3. G.S. 163-231(b) reads as rewritten:

20 "(b) Transmitting Executed Absentee Ballots to Chairman of County Board of
21 Elections. – The sealed container-return envelope in which executed absentee ballots
22 have been placed shall be transmitted to the chairman of the county board of elections
23 who issued them as follows: All ballots issued under the provisions of Articles 20 and
24 21 of this Chapter shall be transmitted by mail, at the voter's expense, or delivered in

1 person, or by the voter's spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, brother-in-
2 law, sister-in-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or
3 grandchild not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the statewide primary or general
4 election or county bond election. If such ballots are received later than that hour, they
5 shall not be accepted for voting."

6 Sec. 4. This act shall become effective with respect to primaries and
7 elections held on or after January 1, 1990.