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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO IMPROVE VOTER PARTICIPATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PART 1 – MAIL REGISTRATION**

Section 1.1. Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 163-72.4. Registration by mail.**

(a) In addition to any other procedure provided by this Article, a person may apply by mail under this section to do any or all of the following:

- (1) Register to vote;
- (2) Change party affiliation or unaffiliated status;
- (3) Report a change of address within a county;
- (4) Report a change of name.

(b) The State Board of Elections shall develop a registration by mail form, which shall request sufficient information to enable officials of the county where a person resides to satisfactorily process the application for any purpose permitted under subsection (a) of this section. The State Board of Elections shall print sufficient copies of the form so that they may be publicly distributed. Registration forms shall be available from the State Board of Elections and county boards of elections, and may be distributed by any person. The single form shall permit all of the purposes listed under subsection (a) of this section to be carried out by filling in the appropriate information and marking boxes to indicate the action requested.

(c) In order to be valid, the registration form shall be signed by the applicant. To be valid for an election, the form must be postmarked at least 30 days before the

1 election. The application form shall request the applicant's telephone number to assist  
2 the appropriate board of elections in contacting the voter if needed in processing the  
3 application. The application shall require the voter to state if the voter is currently  
4 registered to vote anywhere, and at what address, so that any prior registration can be  
5 cancelled. If that address is in the county where the voter applies to register, the  
6 application shall be processed as if it had been submitted under G.S. 163-72.2.

7 (d) The application shall ask for political party affiliation and briefly explain the  
8 law relating to party affiliation with respect to voting in primary elections.

9 (e) Reports received under this section of:

10 (1) Change in party affiliation shall be processed as if made under G.S.  
11 163-74(b);

12 (2) Change of address within a county shall be processed as if made under  
13 G.S. 163-72.2(c); and

14 (3) Change of name shall be processed as if made under G.S. 163-69.1;

15 except for the different deadline imposed under subsection (c) of this section.

16 (f) The application made under this section shall be under oath, and any person  
17 who wilfully and knowingly and with fraudulent intent gives false information under  
18 oath shall be guilty of a Class I felony.

19 (g) Upon receipt of any or all of the following:

20 (1) An application to register;

21 (2) A change of party affiliation;

22 (3) A report of address change;

23 (4) A report of change of name

24 under this section, the county board of elections shall send to the postal address on the  
25 registration form a notice of registration, or a notice of change of party affiliation,  
26 address, or name. The notice shall include an assignment of precinct and polling place,  
27 or a reminder of precinct and polling place if the voter is reporting only a change of  
28 party affiliation or name. The county board of elections shall send the notice by  
29 nonforwardable first-class mail. If the notice is returned as undeliverable, the county  
30 board of elections shall send a second nonforwardable first-class mailing. If that notice  
31 is returned as undeliverable, the county board of elections shall cancel the registration if  
32 it has been approved and shall reject it if it has not yet been approved.

33 (h) If a registration form is a duplicate of a registration already made, it shall not  
34 be processed, and the applicant shall be so notified. The notification shall include the  
35 voter's precinct and polling place.

36 (i) If the voter has listed a previous registration not in that county, the county  
37 board of elections shall treat it as an authorization to cancel the previous registration and  
38 also process it as such under the procedures of G.S. 163-72.1(c) through (e).

39 (j) The application shall require that the applicant pay the full postage required  
40 by federal law, except that if federal law provides that it may be carried without  
41 postage, the application shall contain the appropriate franking language to allow it to be  
42 carried without postage."

43 Sec. 1.2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of  
44 Elections the sum of seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$77,500) for the

1 1992-93 fiscal year to implement the mail registration provisions of Section 1.1 of this  
2 part.

3 Sec. 1.3. Section 1.1 of this part becomes effective July 1, 1993. Section 1.2  
4 of this part becomes effective July 1, 1992.

## 6 PART 2 – MOTOR VOTER

7 Sec. 2.1. G.S. 163-81 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 163-81. Driver license examiners ~~authorized to accept applications to register~~**  
9 **voters.**

10 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, ~~the State Board of Elections is~~  
11 ~~authorized to appoint as special registration commissioners duly appointed driver~~  
12 ~~license examiners of the Division of Motor Vehicles.~~

13 ~~The State Board of Elections may appoint such number of license examiners as it~~  
14 ~~deems necessary as special registration commissioners, and the persons appointed shall~~  
15 ~~serve at the pleasure of the State Board of Elections, and may be removed as a~~  
16 ~~registration commissioner at any time for any reason satisfactory to the Board.~~

17 ~~Before entering upon the duties of the office each special registration commissioner~~  
18 ~~shall take the oath of office prescribed in Section 7 of Article VI of the North Carolina~~  
19 ~~Constitution. drivers license examiners are ex officio special registration commissioners~~  
20 ~~for the purpose of this section. No additional oath is required.~~

21 (b) Special registration commissioners appointed under this section are  
22 authorized to accept applications to register persons who are qualified for registration  
23 regardless of that person's voting precinct or county of residence in the State. The  
24 special registration commissioners appointed pursuant to this section ~~shall possess those~~  
25 ~~qualifications set forth in G.S. 163-41(b), and shall have the same authority to accept~~  
26 applications to register voters as is conferred upon registration officials in this Chapter.

27 (c) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall, pursuant to the rules ~~and regulations~~  
28 adopted by the State Board of Elections, ~~afford a~~ modify its forms so that any eligible  
29 person who applies for original issuance, renewal or correction of a driver's license or  
30 special identification card issued under G.S. 20-37.7 may, on a part of the form, an  
31 ~~opportunity to complete an application to register to vote or to update his registration if~~  
32 ~~the voter has changed his address or moved from one precinct to another or from one~~  
33 ~~county to another. Every application shall be under oath. The necessary forms shall be~~  
34 ~~prescribed by the State Board of Elections. All applications shall be forwarded by the~~  
35 ~~Department of Transportation to the appropriate county board of elections. The form~~  
36 ~~must ask for the previous voter registration address of the voter, if any. If a previous~~  
37 ~~address is listed, and it is not in the county of residence of the applicant, the appropriate~~  
38 ~~county board of elections shall treat the application as an authorization to cancel the~~  
39 ~~previous registration and also process it as such under the procedures of G.S. 163-~~  
40 ~~72.1(c) through (e). If a previous address is listed and that address is in the county~~  
41 ~~where the voter applies to register, the application shall be processed as if it had been~~  
42 ~~submitted under G.S. 163-72.2.~~

43 Registration shall become effective as provided in G.S. 163-67(a). Every special  
44 registration commissioner appointed under this section shall accept applications to vote

1 in an election until the deadline established in G.S. 163-67(a), and no person who  
2 applies to that special registration commissioner shall be denied the vote in that election  
3 for failure to apply earlier than that deadline.

4 (d) The State Board of Elections is authorized to promulgate rules ~~and regulations~~  
5 necessary to implement the provisions of this section."

6 Sec. 2.2. G.S. 163-80 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 163-80. Officers authorized to register voters.**

8 (a) Only the following election officials shall be authorized to register voters:

9 (1) Any member of a county board of elections who has been duly  
10 appointed pursuant to G.S. 163-22(c) and properly installed as required  
11 by G.S. 163-30 and 163-31.

12 (2) The supervisor of elections of a county board of elections appointed  
13 pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 163-35.

14 (3) Precinct registrars and judges of election appointed pursuant to the  
15 provisions of G.S. 163-41.

16 (4) Special registration commissioners appointed pursuant to the authority  
17 and limitation contained in G.S. 163-41(b) , or serving ex officio  
18 pursuant to G.S. 163-81.

19 (5) Full-time and salaried deputy supervisors of elections employed by the  
20 county board of elections and who work under the direct supervision  
21 of the board's supervisor of elections appointed pursuant to the  
22 provisions contained in G.S. 163-35.

23 (6) Local public library employees designated by the governing board of  
24 such public library to be appointed by the county board of elections as  
25 special library registration deputies. Appointment of such deputies is  
26 mandatory for libraries covered by G.S. 153A-272; appointment is  
27 optional for other libraries. Persons appointed under this subsection  
28 shall be given the oath contained in G.S. 163-41(b), and shall be  
29 authorized to accept applications to register on those days and during  
30 those hours said special deputies are on duty with their respective  
31 libraries. If, for good and valid reasons, the local public library director  
32 shall request that the county board of elections appoint 'replacement'  
33 special library registration deputies before the two-year term ends, the  
34 county board of elections shall do so.

35 (7) Public high school employees appointed under this subdivision. A  
36 local board of education may, but is not required to, designate high  
37 school employees to be appointed by the county board of elections as  
38 special high school registration commissioners. Only employees who  
39 volunteer for this duty, and who are acceptable to the county board of  
40 elections, may be designated by boards of education. A special high  
41 school registration commissioner may register voters only while on  
42 duty as a high school employee and only at times and under  
43 arrangements approved by the local school board of education. A

1 person appointed under this subdivision shall take the oath prescribed  
2 in G.S. 163-41(b).

3 (b) All election officials authorized to register voters under authority of this  
4 section shall not be authorized to register voters who reside outside the boundaries of  
5 their respective counties except in those specific instances involving municipalities  
6 which lie within the boundaries of two or more counties and except as provided by G.S.  
7 163-81. The State Board of Elections shall have authority to promulgate rules for the  
8 processing of voters in such instances.

9 (c) All election officials authorized by this section to register voters shall register  
10 any qualified voter without regard to political party affiliation and without  
11 discrimination in any manner whatsoever.

12 (d) The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules for the proper training of  
13 those persons qualifying under this section as registrars."

14 Sec. 2.3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State  
15 Department of Transportation the sum of fifty-five thousand four hundred dollars  
16 (\$55,400) for the 1992-93 fiscal year to implement the voter registration provisions of  
17 Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of this part.

18 Sec. 2.4. Section 2.1 and 2.2 of this part become effective on January 1,  
19 1994, or the date on which the Division of Motor Vehicles has in place the necessary  
20 equipment to enforce those sections, whichever date is earlier. Section 2.3 of this part  
21 becomes effective July 1, 1992.

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### 23 **PART 3 – THREE-WEEK REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

24 Sec. 3.1. G.S. 163-67 reads as rewritten:

25 "(a) The county boards of elections shall establish, prior to January 1, 1971, a full-  
26 time system of registration, as prescribed by the State Board of Elections, under which  
27 the registration books, process, and records shall be open continuously for the  
28 acceptance of registration applications and for the registration of voters at all reasonable  
29 hours and time consistent with the daily function of all other county offices. In such  
30 counties no registration shall entitle a registrant to vote in any primary, general or  
31 special election unless the registrant shall have made application not later than the  
32 ~~twenty-first-sixteenth~~ day, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, immediately preceding  
33 such primary, general or special election, provided that nothing shall prohibit registrants  
34 from registering to vote in future elections during such period.

35 When full-time registration has been established in a county, the official record of  
36 registration shall be made and kept in the form of an application to register which, as  
37 prescribed by the State Board of Elections, shall contain all information necessary to  
38 show the applicant's qualifications to register. In such a county, no person shall be  
39 registered to vote without first making a written, sworn, and signed application to  
40 register upon the form prescribed by the State Board of Elections. If the applicant  
41 cannot write because of physical disability, his name shall be written on the application  
42 for him by the election official to whom he makes application, but the specific reason  
43 for the applicant's failure to sign shall be clearly stated upon the face of the application.

1 Registrars, judges of election, and special registration commissioners appointed  
2 under the provisions of G.S. 163-41 may take registration applications from and  
3 administer registration oaths to qualified applicants without regard to the precinct  
4 residence of the registrar, judge of election, special registration commissioner, or  
5 applicant.

6 Applications to register which have been completed by persons who have taken the  
7 required oath shall be forwarded promptly, and in no case more than 72 hours after the  
8 close of registration, to the county board of elections. Failure to forward the application  
9 within 72 hours shall not disqualify an otherwise properly qualified voter from voting.  
10 An application to register shall constitute a valid registration unless the county board of  
11 elections shall notify the applicant of its rejection within 30 days after its completion;  
12 provided that where the application is completed during the last 51 days prior to the  
13 election but at least ~~21~~16 days, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, prior to the election,  
14 the notification of rejection shall be made no less than ~~14~~seven days prior to the  
15 election or the application shall constitute a valid registration. If the application is  
16 rejected after the close of the registration books as provided in G.S. 163-67(a) the  
17 board shall notify the applicant at least ~~14~~seven days before the election that it has  
18 rejected his application. The applicant may appear before the board and, if he  
19 establishes his qualifications to register prior to the election, he shall be permitted to  
20 vote. The loose-leaf binders containing the precinct records and the duplicate  
21 registration record, required by G.S. 163-65(a), shall be kept at all times in a safe place.

22 For the purpose of receiving registration applications, registrars shall attend the  
23 voting places in their precincts only on such days and at such hours as may be fixed by  
24 the county board of elections: Provided, the county board of elections shall not require  
25 registrars to be present at the voting places for this purpose on any day later than the  
26 ~~twenty-first~~sixteenth day, excluding Saturdays and Sundays, prior to a primary or  
27 election. In its discretion, the county board of elections may require no attendance by  
28 registrars at the voting places for the purpose of receiving registration applications.

29 The county board of elections is authorized to make reasonable rules and  
30 regulations, not inconsistent with law and State Board regulations, to insure full-time  
31 registration as provided in this section."

32 Sec. 3.2. G.S. 163-69.1(b) reads as rewritten:

33 "(b) A voter whose name has been changed shall report such change of name to an  
34 official authorized to register voters under G.S. 163-80 no later than the ~~twenty-first day~~  
35 ~~(excluding Saturdays and Sundays)~~last day for making application to register under G.S.  
36 163-67 prior to an election, primary, or special election in order to vote in said election  
37 if the name change occurred on or before that date. Alternatively, the voter may report  
38 such change to the registrar at the polls, and, if otherwise eligible, may vote. A voter  
39 wishing to vote by absentee ballot may report the name change to the county board of  
40 elections, by mail or in person, along with that voter's application for absentee ballot;  
41 and if otherwise eligible, may vote.

42 Any report made under this section shall be made under oath, and on a form  
43 prescribed by the county board of elections. A name-change form shall be included in  
44 any mailing to a voter of an absentee ballot application form."

1           Sec. 3.3. G.S. 163-72.2(e) reads as rewritten:

2           "(e) No report filed under this section shall be effective for a primary or election  
3 unless received by the board of elections on or before the ~~twenty-first day (excluding~~  
4 ~~Saturdays and Sundays)~~ last day for making application to register under G.S. 163-67  
5 before the primary or election, except that if the report is submitted before the deadline  
6 but more information is requested, such report shall be effective for the primary or  
7 election if sufficient information is received more than ~~14~~ seven days before the primary  
8 or election."

9           Sec. 3.4. G.S. 163-74(b) reads as rewritten:

10          "(b) Change of Party Affiliation or Unaffiliated Status. – No registered elector  
11 shall be permitted to change the record of his party affiliation or unaffiliated status for a  
12 primary, second primary or special or general election after the close of the registration  
13 books immediately prior to any such election. Any registrant who desires to have the  
14 record of his party affiliation or unaffiliated status changed on the registration book  
15 shall, no later than the ~~twenty-first day (not including Saturdays and Sundays)~~ last day for  
16 making application to register under G.S. 163-67 before the election go to the chairman  
17 or the supervisor of elections of the county board of elections or to other registration  
18 officials specified in G.S. 163-80 and request that the change be made. Before being  
19 permitted to have the change made, the chairman, supervisor of elections or other  
20 registration official shall require the registrant to take the following oath, and it shall be  
21 the duty of the elections officer to administer it:

22           (1) If the voter desires to change from one political party to another, or  
23 from unaffiliated to a political party:

24                 I, ....., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I desire in good faith  
25 to change my party affiliation from the ..... Party (or from  
26 unaffiliated status) to the ..... Party, and that such change of  
27 affiliation be made on the registration records in the manner provided  
28 by law, so help me, God.

29           (2) If the voter desires to change his affiliation with any political party to  
30 unaffiliated status:

31                 I, ....., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I desire in good faith  
32 to change my party affiliation with the ..... Party to unaffiliated and  
33 that such change of affiliation be made on the registration records in  
34 the manner provided by law, so help me, God.

35          Upon receipt of the required oath, the county board of elections shall immediately  
36 change the record of the registrant's party affiliation, or unaffiliated status, to conform to  
37 that stated in the oath. Thereafter the voter shall be considered registered and qualified  
38 to vote in accordance with the effected change.

39          Provided, in the event that a registrant has the record of his party affiliation or  
40 unaffiliated status changed later than the ~~21st day (not including Saturdays and Sundays)~~  
41 last day for making application to register under G.S. 163-67 before a primary, the  
42 registrant shall not be entitled to vote in that primary."

43           Sec. 3.5. G.S. 163-59 reads as rewritten:

44          "§ 163-59. Right to participate or vote in party primary.

1 No person shall be entitled to vote or otherwise participate in the primary election of  
2 any political party unless he

3 (1) Is a registered voter, and

4 (2) Has declared and has had recorded on the registration book or record  
5 the fact that he affiliates with the political party in whose primary he  
6 proposes to vote or participate, and

7 (3) Is in good faith a member of that party.

8 Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, any unaffiliated voter who is authorized  
9 under G.S. 163-74(a1) may also vote in the primary if the voter is otherwise  
10 eligible to vote in that primary except for subdivisions (2) and (3) of the previous  
11 paragraph.

12 Any person who will become qualified by age or residence to register and vote in the  
13 general election or regular municipal election for which the primary is held, even  
14 though not so qualified by the date of the primary, shall be entitled to register for the  
15 primary and general or regular municipal election prior to the primary and then to vote  
16 in the primary after being registered. Such person may register not earlier than 60 days  
17 nor later than the ~~21st day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays)~~ last day for making  
18 application to register under G.S. 163-67 prior to the primary. In addition, persons who  
19 will become qualified by age to register and vote in the general election or regular  
20 municipal election for which the primary is held, who do not register during the special  
21 period may register to vote after such period as if they were qualified on the basis of  
22 age, but until they are qualified by age to vote, they may vote only in primary  
23 elections."

24 Sec. 3.6. G.S. 163-213.2 reads as rewritten:

25 "**§ 163-213.2. Primary to be held; date; qualifications and registration of voters.**

26 On the Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1992, and every four years thereafter,  
27 the voters of this State shall be given an opportunity to express their preference for the  
28 person to be the presidential candidate of their political party.

29 Any person otherwise qualified who will become qualified by age to vote in the  
30 general election held in the same year of the presidential preference primary shall be  
31 entitled to register and vote in the presidential preference primary. Such persons may  
32 register not earlier than 60 days nor later than the ~~21st day~~ last day for making  
33 application to register under G.S. 163-67 prior to the said primary. In addition, persons  
34 who will become qualified by age to register and vote in the general election for which  
35 the primary is held, who do not register during the special period may register to vote  
36 after such period as if they were qualified on the basis of age, but until they are qualified  
37 by age to vote, they may vote only in primary elections."

38 Sec. 3.7. G.S. 163-288(c)(3) reads as rewritten:

39 "(3) METHOD C. – The county board of elections shall permit the  
40 municipal board of elections to copy county registration books from  
41 the precinct binder record or from the duplicate required to be  
42 maintained by said county board of elections. During the period  
43 beginning on the ~~twenty first day before each municipal election~~  
44 ~~(excluding Saturdays and Sundays)~~ last day for making application to



1 register under G.S. 163-67, the municipal board of elections shall  
2 compare the municipal registration books with the appropriate county  
3 books and shall add or delete registration certificates in order that the  
4 city and county records shall agree. The precincts established for  
5 municipal elections may differ from those established by the county  
6 board of elections."

7 Sec. 3.8. G.S. 163-283 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 163-283. Right to participate or vote in party primary.**

9 No person shall be entitled to vote or otherwise participate in the primary election of  
10 any political party unless he

11 (1) Is a registered voter, and

12 (2) Has declared and has had recorded on the registration book or record  
13 the fact that he affiliates with the political party in whose primary he  
14 proposes to vote or participate, and

15 (3) Is in good faith a member of that party.

16 Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, any unaffiliated voter who is authorized  
17 under G.S. 163-74(a1) may also vote in the primary if the voter is otherwise  
18 eligible to vote in that primary except for subdivisions (2) and (3) of the previous  
19 paragraph.

20 Any person who will become qualified by age or residence to register and vote in the  
21 general election for which the primary is held, even though not so qualified by the date  
22 of the primary election, shall be entitled to register while the registration books are open  
23 during the regular registration period prior to the primary and then to vote in the  
24 primary after being registered, provided however, under full-time and permanent  
25 registration, such an individual may register not earlier than 60 days nor later than the  
26 ~~21st day last day for making application to register under G.S. 163-67~~ prior to the  
27 primary. In addition, persons who will become qualified by age to register and vote in  
28 the general election for which the primary is held, who do not register during the special  
29 period may register to vote after such period as if they were qualified on the basis of  
30 age, but until they are qualified by age to vote, they may vote only in primary  
31 elections."

32 Sec. 3.9. G.S. 163-288.2(a) reads as rewritten:

33 **"§ 163-288.2. Registration in area proposed for incorporation or annexed.**

34 (a) Whenever the General Assembly incorporates a new city and provides in the  
35 act of incorporation for a referendum on the question of incorporation or for a special  
36 election for town officials or for both, or whenever an existing city or special district  
37 annexes new territory under the provisions of Chapter 160A, Article 4A, or other  
38 general or local law, the board of elections of the county in which the proposed city is  
39 located or in which the newly annexed territory is located shall determine those  
40 individuals eligible to vote in the referendum or special election or in the city or special  
41 district elections. In determining the eligible voters the board may, in its discretion, use  
42 either of the following methods:

43 METHOD A. – The board of elections shall prepare a list of those registered voters  
44 residing within the proposed city or newly annexed territory. The board shall make this

1 list available for public inspection in its office for a two-week period ending on the  
2 ~~twenty first day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) last day for making application to~~  
3 register under G.S. 163-67 before the day of the referendum or special election, or the  
4 next scheduled city or special district election. During this period, any voter resident  
5 within the proposed city or newly annexed territory and not included on the list may  
6 cause his name to be added to the list. At least one week and no more than two weeks  
7 before the day the period of public inspection is to begin, the board shall cause notice of  
8 the list's availability to be posted in at least two prominent places within the proposed  
9 city or newly annexed territory and may cause the notice to be published in a newspaper  
10 of general circulation within the county. The notice shall state that the list has been  
11 prepared, that only those persons listed may vote in the referendum or special election,  
12 that the list will be available for public inspection in the board's office, that any  
13 qualified voter not included on the list may cause his name to be added to the list during  
14 the two-week period of public inspection, and that persons in newly annexed territory  
15 should present themselves so their registration records may be activated for voting in  
16 city or special district elections in the newly annexed territory. Notice may additionally  
17 be made on a radio or television station or both, but such notice shall be in addition to  
18 the newspaper and other required notice.

19 METHOD B. – The board of elections shall conduct a special registration of eligible  
20 persons desiring to vote in the referendum or special election or in the newly annexed  
21 territory. The registration records shall be open for a two-week period (except Sundays)  
22 ending on the ~~twenty first day (excluding Saturdays and Sundays) last day for making~~  
23 application to register under G.S. 163-67 before the day of the referendum or special  
24 election or the next scheduled city or special district election. On the two Saturdays  
25 during that two-week period, the records shall be located at the voting place for the  
26 referendum or special election or the next scheduled city or special district election; on  
27 the other days it may, in the discretion of the board, be kept at the voting place, at the  
28 office of the board, or at the place of business of a person designated by the board to  
29 conduct the special registration. At least one week and no more than two weeks before  
30 the day the period of special registration is to begin, the board shall cause notice of the  
31 registration to be posted in at least two prominent places within the proposed city or  
32 newly annexed territory and may cause the notice to be published in a newspaper of  
33 general circulation within the county. The notice shall state the purpose and times of  
34 the special registration, the location of the registration records, that only those persons  
35 registered in the special registration may vote in the referendum or special election, and  
36 that persons in newly annexed territory should present themselves so their registration  
37 records may be activated for voting in city or special district elections in the newly  
38 annexed territory. Notice may additionally be made on a radio or television station or  
39 both, but such notice shall be in addition to the newspaper and other required notice."

40 Sec. 3.10. This part becomes effective with respect to all elections occurring  
41 on and after July 1, 1993.

#### 42 43 **PART 4 – SATELLITE VOTING PRECINCTS**



1 of Supervisors of Elections and one person recommended by the North  
2 Carolina Election Conference.

3 (2) Five shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House. Of these, the  
4 Speaker shall appoint one person recommended by the North Carolina  
5 Association of County Commissioners, one person recommended by  
6 the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and one person  
7 recommended by the State Board of Elections.

8 (3) Five shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Of  
9 these, the President Pro Tempore shall appoint two persons  
10 recommended by the Election Boards Association of North Carolina.

11 (c) The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall  
12 each designate a Cochair of the Commission from one of his five appointees. The  
13 Cochairs shall call the first meeting of the Commission as soon as all members are  
14 appointed.

15 (d) Each member of the Commission shall serve a term of two years. The first  
16 term shall begin July 1, 1992. Each appointing authority shall make his appointments  
17 immediately upon the ratification of this Article.

18 **"§ 120-191. Subsistence and travel expenses.**

19 The members of the Commission who are members of the General Assembly shall  
20 receive subsistence and travel allowances at the rate set forth in G.S. 120-3.1. Members  
21 who are officials or employees of the State of North Carolina shall receive subsistence  
22 and travel allowances at the rate set forth in G.S. 138-6. All other members shall be paid  
23 the per diem allowances at the rates set forth in G.S. 138-5.

24 **"§ 120-192. Facilities and staff.**

25 The Commission may hold its meetings in the State Legislative Building or the  
26 Legislative Office Building with the approval of the Legislative Services Commission.  
27 The Legislative Services Commission shall provide necessary professional and clerical  
28 assistance to the Commission. If necessary, the Commission may enter into contracts for  
29 services of experts outside the legislative staff in order to fulfill its duties.

30 **"§ 120-193. Duties.**

31 (a) With regard to statewide computerized voter registration, the Commission  
32 shall:

- 33 (1) Design a statewide computerized voter registration system;
- 34 (2) Decide where the system shall be housed administratively;
- 35 (3) Develop a timetable for establishment of the system; and
- 36 (4) Recommend legislation to the General Assembly to implement  
37 subdivisions (1), (2), and (3).

38 (b) With regard to campaign regulation, the Commission shall:

- 39 (1) Review Articles 22, 22A, 22B, and 22C of Chapter 163 of the General  
40 Statutes; and
- 41 (2) Recommend to the General Assembly needed changes to those  
42 Articles.

43 (c) The Commission shall report its progress to the General Assembly prior to  
44 February 1 of each year."

1           Sec. 6.2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina  
2 Commission to Improve Voter Participation the sum of two hundred fifty thousand  
3 dollars (\$250,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year to implement the provisions of Section  
4 6.1 of this part.

5           Sec. 6.3. Section 6.1 of this part becomes effective upon ratification of this  
6 act. Section 6.2 of this part becomes effective July 1, 1992.

7           Sec. 7. This act is effective upon ratification.