GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1993

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HOUSE BILL 240

Short Title:	Victims' Rights Amendment.	(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nye, Grady, and Redwine; Alphin, Arnold, Balmer, Barbee, Beall, Berry, Bowen, Bowie, Bowman, Brawley, J. Brown, Brubaker, Crawford, Creech, Culp, Cummings, Cunningham, Daughtry, Decker, DeVane, Dickson, Dockham, Edwards, Ellis, Esposito, Flaherty, Gamble, Gardner, Gottovi, Gray, Hall, Hayes, Hightower, Holmes, Howard, H. Hunter, Ives, Justus, Kuczmarski, Lemmond, Luebke, Lutz, Mavretic, McAllister, McCombs, McCrary, McLawhorn, Mercer, Miner, Mitchell, Morgan, Nichols, Oldham, C. Preston, J. Preston, Robinson, Rogers, Russell, Smith, Stamey, Stewart, Tallent, G. Thompson, R. Thompson, Warner, Weatherly, Wilkins, Wilmoth, C. Wilson, P. Wilson, Wood, and Wright.

Referred to: Constitutional Amendments and Referenda.

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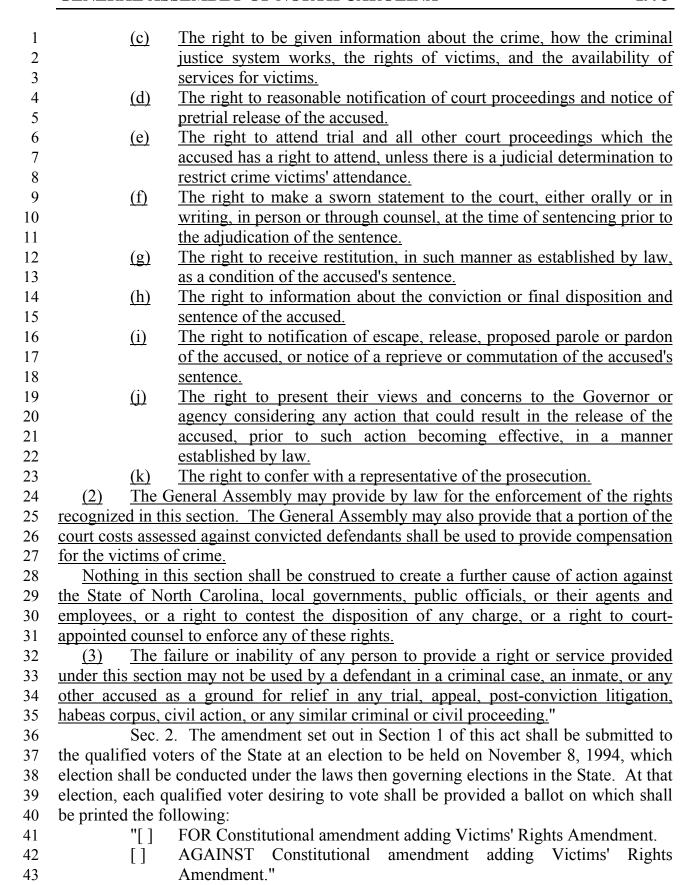
February 24, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO
ESTABLISH RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
Section 1. Article I of the Constitution of North Carolina is amended by adding a new section to read:
"Sec. 37. Rights of victims of crime.

- (1) Crime victims or their lawful representatives, including the next of kin in the case of homicide, shall have the following rights:
 - (a) The right to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity throughout the criminal justice process.
- (b) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused or any persons acting on the accused's behalf throughout the criminal justice process.



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shall vote by making an X or a check mark in the square beside the statement beginning "FOR," and those qualified voters opposed to that amendment shall vote by making an X or a check mark in the square beside that statement beginning "AGAINST." Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of the section, voting machines

Those qualified voters favoring the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act

may be used in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Elections.

- Sec. 3. If a majority of votes cast thereon are in favor of the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the Secretary of State, who shall enroll the amendment so certified among the permanent records of this office, and the amendment becomes effective upon such certification.
 - Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.