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SENATE BILL 1066

Short Title: Voter Preregistration.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Gunter.

Referred to: Constitution and Election Laws.

May 6, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR VOTER PREREGISTRATION OF SIXTEEN- AND SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLDS BY DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMINERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 7 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 163-81.1. Drivers license examiners to preregister 16- and 17-year-olds.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, special registration commissioners who are drivers license examiners pursuant to G.S. 163-81 shall accept the voter-registration applications of 16- and 17-year-olds who are qualified for registration except for their age.

(b) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall, pursuant to rules adopted by the State Board of Elections, modify its forms so that any 16- or 17-year-old person who is qualified to vote except for age may complete an application to register to vote or update voter registration when that person applies for original issuance or correction of a drivers license or special identification card. Any person who willfully and knowingly and with fraudulent intent gives false information on the application is guilty of a Class I felony. The application shall state in clear language the penalty for violation of this subsection.

(c) The Division of Motor Vehicles shall forward all applications to register made pursuant to this section to the State Board of Elections, which shall make the names available to the appropriate county board of elections. The county board of elections shall approve the applications of qualified applicants as provided in G.S. 163-67(a), with the following modifications: When the applicant has attained the age of

1 eligibility to be registered to vote under G.S. 163-55 or G.S. 163-59 and appears from  
2 the records available to be otherwise eligible to be registered to vote, the appropriate  
3 county board of elections shall send a notice to each applicant by nonforwardable first-  
4 class mail to the postal address on the registration form. If the notice is returned as  
5 undeliverable, the county board of elections shall send a second nonforwardable first-  
6 class mailing. If that notice is returned as nondeliverable, the county board of elections  
7 shall cancel the registration if it has been approved and shall reject it if has not been  
8 approved.

9 (d) The State Board of Elections is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to  
10 implement the provisions of this section."

11 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 1995, or upon the  
12 implementation of a statewide computerized voter registration system, whichever occurs  
13 later.