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1 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

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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.
- (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), but shall not send any notice until the applicant has attained the age of eligibility to be registered to vote under G.S. 163-55, 163-59, 163-213.2, or 163-283.

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- (d) If a person has completed an application to register under this section, but prior to the time the person has attained the age of eligibility to be registered to vote, that person obtains a:
 - (1) <u>Duplicate license under G.S. 20-7.1; or</u>
- (2) Reissued special identification card under G.S. 20-37.9, on account of change of address, that change of address shall be considered as updating the voter's application to register under this section. If the change of address is to a different county, then the first county shall not send a registration notice, and the second county shall treat the change of address notice as an application to register under this section.
- 11 (e) The State Board of Elections is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to 12 implement the provisions of this section."
 - Sec. 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 1995.