

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 930

Short Title: Qualifications/Consistency.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Goodwin.

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform.

April 6, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO MAKE
2 CONSISTENT THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE SO THAT
3 QUALIFIED VOTERS UNDER TWENTY-ONE MAY SERVE UNLESS THE
4 CONSTITUTION OTHERWISE PROHIBITS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. Section 6 of Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina reads
8 as rewritten:

9 "**Sec. 6. Eligibility to elective office.** Every qualified voter in North Carolina who is
10 ~~21 years of age, Carolina,~~ except as in this Constitution disqualified, shall be eligible for
11 election by the people to office."

12 Section 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to
13 the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 2000, which election
14 shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting
15 systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes.
16 The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

17 " FOR AGAINST

18 Constitutional amendment to make the qualifications for elective office
19 consistent by allowing qualified voters under 21 to be elected to office unless the
20 Constitution otherwise prohibits."

1 Section 3. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of the
2 amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the
3 amendment to the Secretary of State. The amendment becomes effective upon this
4 certification. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the
5 permanent records of that office.

6 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.