

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 794
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/8/13

Short Title: Voter Freedom Act of 2013.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT
3 COMMITTEE TO STUDY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL PARTY"
4 AND THE NOMINATION PROCESS, AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR
5 UNAFFILIATED AND WRITE-IN CANDIDATES, ALLOWING FOR NOMINATION
6 BY CONVENTION BY SMALLER PARTIES, AND PROVIDING THAT SMALLER
7 PARTIES ELECTING TO HAVE PRIMARIES WILL HAVE THE RESULTS
8 DETERMINED BY PLURALITY.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee shall study
11 the topics listed in this section and report its findings, together with any recommended
12 legislation, to the 2014 Regular Session of the 2013 General Assembly upon its convening.

13 **SECTION 1.(b)** Voter Freedom Act of 2013 (H.B. 794 – Saine) – The Committee
14 may study amending the definition of "political party" and the nomination process, amending
15 the requirements for unaffiliated and write-in candidates, allowing for nomination by
16 convention by smaller parties, and providing that smaller parties electing to have primaries will
17 have the results determined by plurality.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

