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SENATE BILL DRS15355-LU-100

Short Title: Retention of Election Voting Records. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Alexander (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE 2022 DEADLINE FOR ONE YEAR REGARDING RETENTION
3 OF THE 2020 ELECTION RECORDS AND TO REQUIRE CONTAINER-RETURN
4 ENVELOPES USED TO MAIL IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS BE RETAINED FOR
5 TWENTY-TWO MONTHS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Except as otherwise required by federal law and notwithstanding any
8 other provision of law to the contrary, the deadline for retaining records and papers regarding the
9 2020 election is extended from September 2022 to September 2023. The State Board of Elections,
10 in collaboration with county boards of elections, shall ensure 2020 election records and papers
11 are retained in accordance with this section.

12 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-234(10) reads as rewritten:

13 "(10) The county board of elections shall retain all container-return envelopes and
14 absentee ballots, in a safe place, for at least ~~four~~ 22 months, and longer if any
15 contest is pending concerning the validity of any ballot."

16 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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