

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 14**

Short Title: Constitutional Amendment/Repeal Literacy Test. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Hanig, Hise, and Moffitt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

January 30, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO REPEAL THE LITERACY TEST REQUIREMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 4 of Article VI of the North Carolina Constitution is repealed.

**SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the statewide general election to be held on November 3, 2026, which election shall be conducted under the laws governing elections at that time. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

" [ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

Constitutional amendment to repeal the requirement that every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language."

**SECTION 3.** The State Board of Elections shall certify the results of the referendum conducted under Section 2 of this act. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment among the permanent records of that office. If a majority of votes cast on the question are against the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment shall have no effect.

**SECTION 4.** If the certification from the State Board of Elections under Section 3 of this act reflects that a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act is effective upon certification.

**SECTION 5.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.



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