

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 780

Short Title: Postpone Voter Changes/Implement Fed.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Michaux.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

April 7, 1993

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO POSTPONE IMPLEMENTATION OF MAIL-IN VOTER  
3 REGISTRATION AND THE UPGRADED MOTOR VOTER PROVISIONS SO  
4 THEY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE SAME TIME AS SIMILAR  
5 FEDERAL LEGISLATION.

6 Whereas, the General Assembly in 1992 mandated an upgraded motor voter  
7 program whereby citizens will be able to register to vote when they apply for or renew  
8 drivers licenses without having to complete a separate hand-done form; and

9 Whereas, that legislation directed the new program to be implemented on the  
10 earlier of January 1, 1994, or when the Division of Motor Vehicles had its new  
11 computer system in place; and

12 Whereas, that new system will not be on-line until early June of 1994,  
13 making it unfeasible to implement the upgrade until after that date; and

14 Whereas, the General Assembly in 1992 mandated that citizens be allowed to  
15 register to vote by mail beginning July 1, 1993; and

16 Whereas, the Congress will be enacting the National Voter Registration Act  
17 of 1993, which will require all States to implement the programs described above by  
18 January 1, 1995; and

19 Whereas, some changes in North Carolina's 1992 legislation will be required  
20 to comply with the new uniform federal act; and

21 Whereas, it will be easier for election officials and voters to implement both  
22 the State and federal laws at the same time; Now, therefore,

23 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1           Section 1. Section 18(c) of Chapter 1044, Session Laws of 1991, reads as  
2 rewritten:

3           "(c) Subsection (a) of this section becomes effective ~~July 1, 1993.~~ January 1, 1995.  
4 Subsection (b) of this section is effective July 1, 1992."

5           Sec. 2. Section 19(d) of Chapter 1044, Session Laws of 1991, reads as  
6 rewritten:

7           "(d) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section become effective on January 1, 1994,  
8 ~~or the date on which the Division of Motor Vehicles has in place the necessary~~  
9 ~~equipment to enforce those sections, whichever date is earlier.~~ 1995. Subsection (c) of  
10 this section is effective July 1, 1992."

11           Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.