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SENATE DRS45040-LU-18C (12/15)

Short Title: Notice to Vote Absentee Ballot W/out Photo ID. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bryant, Robinson, and Foushee (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO NOTIFY A  
3 REGISTERED VOTER OF THE OPTION TO COMPLETE A WRITTEN REQUEST  
4 FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT A ONE-STOP VOTING LOCATION WHEN THE  
5 VOTER PRESENTS WITHOUT AN ELIGIBLE FORM OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-166.13 reads as rewritten:

8 "...

9 (c) ~~Any~~ Except as provided in subsection (c1) of this section, any voter who does not  
10 comply with subsection (a) of this section shall be permitted to vote a provisional official ballot  
11 which shall be counted in accordance with G.S. 163-182.1A.

12 (c1) Any voter voting in person in accordance with G.S. 163-227.2 who does not comply  
13 with subsection (a) of this section shall be notified of the option and permitted to complete a  
14 written request for an absentee ballot in accordance with G.S. 163-227.2(b1).

15 ...."

16 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-227.2 is amended by adding the following new subsection  
17 to read:

18 "(b1) Any voter who fails to present an eligible form of photo identification in accordance  
19 with G.S. 163-166.13 shall be notified of the option and permitted to complete a written request  
20 form for an absentee ballot at the one-stop absentee voting location in accordance with  
21 G.S. 163-230.2. The county board of elections shall provide to the voter notice of each of the  
22 following:

- 23 (1) The option to complete a written request form for an absentee ballot at the  
24 one-stop absentee voting location, so long as the completed request form is  
25 received by the county board of elections not later than 5:00 P.M. on the  
26 Tuesday before the election as provided in G.S. 163-230.1(a).
- 27 (2) The option to complete the request form using the last four digits of the  
28 voter's social security number as provided under G.S. 163-230.2(a)(4)c. or  
29 by providing a copy of any of the documents under G.S. 163-166.12(b)(2).
- 30 (3) The instructions for completing the absentee ballot in accordance with  
31 G.S. 163-230.1, along with the deadlines for returning the absentee ballot.
- 32 (4) The means by which the voter may transmit the executed ballot to the county  
33 board of elections as provided in G.S. 163-231, including through delivery in  
34 person to an election official at a one-stop voting location.

35 Upon receiving notice pursuant to this subsection, a voter shall sign a form acknowledging that  
36 the voter was notified of the option to complete the absentee ballot and opted to (i) complete



1 the request for an absentee ballot, (ii) take the application for an absentee ballot with him or  
2 her, or (iii) declined the option to complete or receive the absentee ballot. The list of names of  
3 those voters who signed an acknowledgment is a public record.

4 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules requiring signage to be displayed at all  
5 one-stop absentee voting locations notifying voters who do not have eligible photo  
6 identification of the option to complete a written request form for an absentee ballot as  
7 provided in this subsection."

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