

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1961 SESSION

CHAPTER 591
SENATE BILL 179

1 AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH
2 CAROLINA SO AS TO PERMIT NEW RESIDENTS NOT QUALIFIED TO VOTE
3 ONLY BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT RESIDENCE TIME, TO VOTE FOR
4 PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:
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8 **Section 1.** Article VI, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina
9 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence at the end of said Section:

10 "The General Assembly may, however, reduce the time of residence, preceding a
11 Presidential Election, for a person possessing all other qualifications of a voter, in which such
12 person shall be entitled to vote for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the
13 United States only. Any person eligible to vote for electors for President and Vice President of
14 the United States by reason of a reduction in time of residence shall not thereby become
15 eligible to hold office in this State."

16 **Sec. 2.** This amendment shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the entire State
17 at the next general election following the ratification of this Act.

18 **Sec. 3.** The electors favoring the adoption of this amendment shall vote a ballot on
19 which shall be written or printed:

20 "For amendment permitting General Assembly to reduce time of residence for persons to
21 vote for Presidential and Vice Presidential Electors, if otherwise qualified."

22 Those opposed shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words:

23 "Against amendment permitting General Assembly to reduce time of residence for persons
24 to vote for Presidential and Vice Presidential Electors, if otherwise qualified."

25 **Sec. 4.** The election upon the amendment shall be conducted in the same manner
26 and under the same rules and regulations as is provided by the laws governing general
27 elections, and if a majority of the votes cast be in favor of the amendment, it shall be the duty
28 of the Governor of the State to certify the amendment under the seal of the State to the
29 Secretary of State, who shall enroll the said amendment so certified among the permanent
30 records of his office, and the same shall be in force, and every part thereof, from and after the
31 date of such certification.

32 **Sec. 5.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

33 **Sec. 6.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

34 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 2nd day of June,
35 1961.