

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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CHAPTER 520  
HOUSE BILL 1329

AN ACT TO ALLOW A VOTER CASTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO RECEIVE THE SAME ASSISTANCE AS IF THE PERSON WAS VOTING ON ELECTION DAY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-227.2(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) The voter shall vote his absentee ballot in a voting booth and the county board of elections shall provide a voting booth for that purpose, provided however, that the county board of elections may in the alternative provide a private room for the voter adjacent to the office of the board, in which case the voter shall vote his absentee ballot in that room. The voting booth shall be in the office of the county board of elections. If the voter needs assistance in getting to and from the voting booth and in preparing and marking his ballots ~~or if he is a blind voter, the provisions of G.S. 163-152 and G.S. 163-152.1 shall apply, except that only~~ a member of the county board of elections, the supervisor of elections, or an employee of the board of elections authorized by the board may provide assistance as if they were a registrar, judge, or precinct assistant, ~~a near relative of the voter as defined in G.S. 163-227(c)(4), or the voter's legal guardian shall be entitled to assist the voter.~~"

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective with respect to primaries and elections held on or after January 1, 1990, and shall expire January 1, 1991, and shall not apply with respect to primaries or elections held on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 1989.