

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 671

Short Title: Voter List Sale Restricted.

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Sponsors: Representatives Jeralds; and Warner.

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Referred to: Courts, Justice, Constitutional Amendments and Referenda.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT VOTER LISTS MAY BE PROVIDED BY COUNTY  
2 BOARDS OF ELECTIONS ONLY FOR POLITICAL ENTITIES AND FOR JURY  
3 SELECTION PURPOSES.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 163-66 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 163-66. Custody of registration records and pollbooks; access; obtaining copies.**

8 In all counties the registration records, books, registration certificates, indexes,  
9 computer lists, discs, labels and tapes and other records of registration and voting shall  
10 be and remain in the possession of the county board of elections. The county board of  
11 elections shall keep all such records in a safe and secure place where they may not be  
12 tampered with, stolen or destroyed. If possible, the board shall keep them in a fireproof  
13 vault or file. The board may exercise supervision and control of these records through  
14 its properly designated officers and employees. It shall be the duty of the county board  
15 of elections, on application of any candidate, or the county chairman of any political  
16 party, or any ~~other person~~ political committee, to furnish a list of the persons registered to  
17 vote in the county or in any precinct or precincts therein. No list may be provided to any  
18 person or entity other than listed in the previous sentence, except that federal, State, and  
19 county agencies may obtain lists for jury selection purposes. No registrar shall furnish  
20 lists of registered voters or permit the registration records of his precinct to be copied.  
21 The county board of elections shall furnish such lists and upon request, it may furnish  
22 selective lists according to party affiliation, sex, race, date of registration, or any other  
23 reasonable category. In all instances, however, the county board of elections shall  
24 require persons to whom any list is furnished to make full reimbursement for the

1 expense incurred in preparing it. Notwithstanding the above, however, the chairman of  
2 each political party in the county, as defined in G.S. 163-96, shall be entitled biennially,  
3 upon written request, to one free list of all registered voters in his county showing the  
4 name, address, sex, political affiliation and precinct of each registered voter, provided,  
5 that in counties having voter records maintained on electronic data processing  
6 equipment, such lists shall not be furnished biennially but instead on the following  
7 schedule: once in each odd-numbered year, once during the first six calendar months of  
8 each even-numbered year, and once during the last six months of each even-numbered  
9 year. In addition to the typed, mimeographed, xeroxed or computer print-out lists  
10 required hereinabove, each county that provides voters' lists from computers shall, upon  
11 written request from the State chairman of each political party, provide once in each  
12 odd-numbered year, once during the first six calendar months of each even-numbered  
13 year, and once during the last six months of each even-numbered year a computer disc  
14 or tape containing the name, address, sex, race, age, political affiliation and precinct of  
15 each registered voter and it shall be the responsibility of each State chairman receiving  
16 such discs or tapes to provide them to candidates for election who are candidates of  
17 their respective political parties and who request the discs or tapes in writing. The free  
18 list to be furnished to the county chairman of each political party shall group the  
19 registered voters by precinct and shall be furnished as soon as practicable but no later  
20 than 30 days after said request. The discs or tapes to be furnished to the State chairman  
21 shall be furnished as soon as practicable but no later than 30 days after the request, and  
22 the State chairman is required to return the tapes or discs to the county board of  
23 elections within 30 days after receiving them."

24           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective September 1, 1991.