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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR IN-PERSON REGISTRATION AND VOTING AT  
ONE-STOP ABSENTEE VOTING SITES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 7A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended  
by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 163-82.6A. In-person registration and voting at one-stop sites.**

(a) Who May Register in Person. – In accordance with the provisions in this section, an individual who is qualified to register to vote may register in person and then vote at a one-stop voting site in the person's county of residence during the period for one-stop voting provided under G.S. 163-227.2. For purposes of this section, a one-stop voting site includes the county board of elections office, if that office is used for one-stop voting.

(b) Documentation and Sworn Statement Required. – To register and vote under this section, the person shall provide proof of residence and complete a registration form as prescribed in G.S. 163-82.4, including the attestation requirement of G.S. 163-82.4(b) that the person meets each eligibility requirement. Such attestation is signed under penalty of a Class I felony under G.S. 163-275(13). The presentation of any of the following valid documents that show the person's current name and current address is required as proof of residence: a North Carolina drivers license, photo identification from a government agency, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document. The State Board of Elections may designate additional documents or methods that suffice and shall prescribe procedures for establishing proof of residence.

(c) Voting With Retrieval Ballot. – A person who registers under this section shall vote a retrievable absentee ballot as provided in G.S. 163-227.2 immediately after registering. If a person declines to vote immediately, the registration shall be processed, and the person may later vote at a one-stop voting site under this section in the same election.

1       (d) Verification of Registration; Counting of Ballot. – Within two business days  
2 of the person's registration under this section, the county board of elections in  
3 conjunction with the State Board of Elections shall verify the North Carolina drivers  
4 license or Social Security number in accordance with G.S. 163-82.12, update the  
5 statewide registration database and search for possible duplicate registrations, and  
6 proceed under G.S. 163-82.7 to verify the person's address. The person's vote shall be  
7 counted unless the county board determines that the applicant is not qualified to vote in  
8 accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

9       (e) Change of Registration at One-Stop Voting Site. – A person who is already  
10 registered to vote in the county may update the information in the registration record in  
11 accordance with procedures prescribed by the State Board of Elections, but an  
12 individual's party affiliation may not be changed during the one-stop voting period  
13 before any first or second partisan primary in which the individual is eligible to vote."

14       **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-82.6(c) reads as rewritten:

15       "(c) Registration Deadlines for an Election. – In order to be valid for an election,  
16 except as provided in G.S. 163-82.6A, the form:

- 17       (1) If submitted by mail, must be postmarked at least 25 days before the  
18 election, except that any mailed application on which the postmark is  
19 missing or unclear is validly submitted if received in the mail not later  
20 than 20 days before the election,
- 21       (2) If submitted in person, by facsimile transmission, or by transmission of  
22 a scanned document, must be received by the county board of elections  
23 by a time established by that board, but no earlier than 5:00 P.M., on  
24 the twenty-fifth day before the election,
- 25       (3) If submitted through a delegatee who violates the duty set forth in  
26 subsection (a) of this section, must be signed by the applicant and  
27 given to the delegatee not later than 25 days before the election, except  
28 as provided in subsection (d) of this section."

29       **SECTION 3.** G.S. 163-227.2(a) reads as rewritten:

30       "(a) Any voter eligible to vote by absentee ballot under G.S. 163-226 may request  
31 an application for absentee ballots, complete the application, and vote under the  
32 provisions of this ~~section~~ section and of G.S. 163-82.6A, as applicable."

33       **SECTION 4.** The State Board of Elections shall monitor the implementation  
34 of this act and determine the feasibility and timetable for expanding same-day  
35 registration and voting to all voting places on Election Day. The State Board shall report  
36 its findings no later than March 1, 2008, to the Joint Legislative Commission on  
37 Governmental Operations of the General Assembly.

38       **SECTION 5.** Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act become effective July 1, 2007,  
39 and shall apply to all primaries and elections held on or after that date. The remainder of  
40 this act is effective when it becomes law.