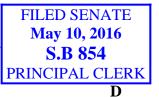
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2015



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SENATE BILL DRS45471-LUa-131A* (04/14)

Short Title:	Automatic Voter Registration/Drivers License.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Lowe and Smith (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT MANDATING THAT THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES OFFER VOTER
3	REGISTRATION WHEN A PERSON SEEKS ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A DRIVERS
4	LICENSE OR VALID NORTH CAROLINA IDENTIFICATION CARD.
5	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6	SECTION 1. G.S. 163-82.19 reads as rewritten:
7	"§ 163-82.19. Voter registration at drivers license offices; coordination on data interface.
8	(a) Voter Registration at Drivers License Offices. – The Division of Motor Vehicles shall,
9	pursuant to the rules adopted by the State Board of Elections, modify its forms so that any eligible
10	person who applies for original issuance, renewal or correction of a drivers license, or special
11	identification card issued under G.S. 20-37.7 may, shall, on a part of the form, complete an
12	application to register to vote, or to update the voter's registration if the voter has changed his or
13	her address or moved from one precinct to another or from one county to another. The person
14	taking the application shall ask if the applicant is a citizen of the United States. If the applicant
15	states that the applicant is not a citizen of the United States, or declines to answer the question, the
16	person taking the application shall inform the applicant that it is a felony for a person who is not a
17	citizen of the United States to apply to register to vote. Any person who willfully and knowingly
18	and with fraudulent intent gives false information on the application is guilty of a Class I felony.
19	The application shall state in clear language the penalty for violation of this section. The necessary
20	forms shall be prescribed by the State Board of Elections. The form must ask for the previous
21	voter registration address of the voter, if any. If a previous address is listed, and it is not in the
22	county of residence of the applicant, the appropriate county board of elections shall treat the
23	application as an authorization to cancel the previous registration and also process it as such under
24	the procedures of G.S. 163-82.9. If a previous address is listed and that address is in the county
25	where the voter applies to register, the application shall be processed as if it had been submitted
26	under G.S. 163-82.9. In addition to providing the information requested in this subsection and
27	listed under G.S. 163-82.4, an applicant shall provide a notation on the form attesting that the
28	applicant meets all the voter eligibility requirements, including United States citizenship, and
29	whether the applicant affirmatively declined to become a registered voter while conducting
30	business at the drivers license office.
31	Registration shall become effective as provided in G.S. 163-82.7. Applications to register to
32	vote accepted at a drivers license office under this section until the deadline established in

vote accepted at a drivers license office under this section until the deadline established in G.S. 163-82.6(c)(2) shall be treated as timely made for an election, and no person who completes an application at that drivers license office shall be denied the vote in that election for failure to apply earlier than that deadline.



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1	All-Unless an applicant affirmatively declines to become a registered ve	oter or update the
2	applicant's voter registration while at the drivers license office, all applications	-
3	by the Department of Transportation to the appropriate board of elections r	not later than five
4	business days after the date of acceptance, according to rules which shall be p	romulgated by the
5	State Board of Elections. Those rules shall provide for a paperless, instant, ele	ectronic transfer of
6	applications to the appropriate board of elections.	
7	Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring the Department of	f Transportation to
8	determine eligibility for voter registration and voting.	
9	(b) Coordination on Data Interface. – The Department of Transportation	5
10	State Board of Elections shall develop and operate a computerized interface to	
11	in the database of the statewide voter registration system with the drivers lice	
12	the Division of Motor Vehicles to the extent required to enable the State Boar	
13	the Department of Transportation to verify the accuracy of the informa	1
14	applications for voter registration, whether the applications were received at driv	
15	or elsewhere. The Department of Transportation and the State Board sha	-
16	provisions of this subsection so as to comply with section 303 of the Help An	
17	2002. The Department of Transportation shall enter into an agreement with the	
18	Social Security so as to comply with section 303 of the Help America Vote Act	
19	SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to t	
20	Elections the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 201	-
21	for the purpose of implementing the requirements for automatic voter registratio	
22	SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act becomes effective January 1, 20	
23	elections held on or after that date. The remainder of this act becomes effective I	fuly 1, 2016.