

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1979 SESSION

CHAPTER 797
HOUSE BILL 1319

AN ACT TO SHORTEN THE OATHS ADMINISTERED TO VOTERS WHEN REGISTERING AND MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS IN THE ELECTIONS LAWS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 163-72(a), as the same appears in the 1976 Replacement Volume 3D of the General Statutes, is amended by rewriting as follows:

"Before questioning any applicant for registration as to his qualifications, the registrar shall present to the applicant a certification which shall be read by or to the applicant on his request and then signed by the applicant: 'I hereby certify that the information I shall give with respect to my qualifications and identity is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of applicant)"

Sec. 2. G.S. 163-72(b) is amended by rewriting the oath, appearing after the colon, as follows:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitutions of the United States and the State of North Carolina; that I will have been a resident of this State and this precinct for 30 days by the date of the next election; that I have not registered, nor will I vote in any other county or State, so help me, God."

Sec. 3. G.S. 163-251(b) is amended in the first sentence by deleting the words "together with the original of all applications for military absentee ballots received by him".

Sec. 4. G.S. 163-255 is amended in the last sentence of the second paragraph by deleting the words "6:00 P.M." and inserting in lieu thereof the words "5:00 P.M."

Sec. 5. G.S. 163-108(b) is amended by deleting the words "Prior to the fourth Saturday before the primary election" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "No later than 10 days after the time for filing notices of candidacy under the provisions of G.S. 163-106(c) has expired".

Sec. 6. G.S. 163-137(b) is amended by striking the words "30 days" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "60 days".

Sec. 7. This act is effective on September 1, 1979.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 6th day of June, 1979.