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HOUSE BILL 655

Short Title: Election Amendments.

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Sponsors: Representative Wilson.

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

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTION LAWS CONCERNING INFORMATION
2 PROVIDED ON VOTER LISTS, PROVISION OF COMPUTER DISCS OR
3 TAPES, AND PROVIDING THAT REGISTRANTS SHALL PROVIDE THEIR
4 TELEPHONE NUMBER, IF ANY.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

8 "**§ 163-66. Custody of registration records and pollbooks; access; obtaining copies.**

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

1 in the county, as defined in G.S. 163-96, shall be entitled biennially, upon written
2 request, to one free list (or at the chairman's option, one free computer disc or tape
3 including necessary documentation for use) of all registered voters in his county
4 showing the name, address, sex, political affiliation, date of birth, voting history,
5 telephone number if any, and precinct of each registered voter, provided, that in
6 counties having voter records maintained on electronic data processing equipment, such
7 lists shall not be furnished biennially but instead on the following schedule: once in
8 each odd-numbered year, once during the first six calendar months of each even-
9 numbered year, and once during the last six months of each even-numbered year. In
10 addition to the typed, mimeographed, xeroxed or computer print-out lists required
11 hereinabove, each county that provides voters' lists from computers shall, upon written
12 request from the State chairman of each political party, provide once in each odd-
13 numbered year, once during the first six calendar months of each even-numbered year,
14 and once during the last six months of each even-numbered year a computer disc or tape
15 containing the name, address, sex, race, age, political affiliation and precinct of each
16 registered voter and it shall be the responsibility of each State chairman receiving such
17 discs or tapes to provide them to candidates for election who are candidates of their
18 respective political parties and who request the discs or tapes in writing. The free list to
19 be furnished to the county chairman of each political party shall group the registered
20 voters by precinct and shall be furnished as soon as practicable but no later than 30 days
21 after said request. The discs or tapes to be furnished to the State chairman shall be
22 furnished as soon as practicable but no later than 30 days after the request, and the State
23 chairman is required to return the tapes or discs to the county board of elections within
24 30 days after receiving them."

25 Sec. 2. G.S. 163-72(a) reads as rewritten:

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

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32 (Signature of applicant)'

33 After signing the certification, the applicant shall state as accurately as possible his
34 name, age, place of birth, place of residence, political party affiliation, if any, under the
35 provisions of G.S. 163-74, the name of any municipalities in which he resides,
36 telephone number, if any, and any other information which may be material to a
37 determination of his identity and qualification to be admitted to registration. The
38 applicant shall also present to the registrar written or documentary evidence that he is
39 the person he represents himself to be. The registrar, if in doubt as to the right of the
40 applicant to register, may require other evidence satisfactory to him as to the applicant's
41 qualifications."

42 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective September 1, 1991.