GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-99 SENATE BILL 322

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PETITIONS TO QUALIFY INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT FOR COUNTY OFFICE IN AVERY COUNTY RECEIVE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF SIGNATURES FROM EACH PRECINCT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. In the application of G.S. 163-122(a)(3) to county offices elected at large within the county, petitions must be signed by qualified voters of each precinct equal in number to four percent (4%) of the total number of registered voters in each precinct, rather than four percent (4%) of the total number of voters in the county. If the certification of registered voters to the State Board of Elections required by that subdivision is not broken down on a precinct-by-precinct basis, then the records of the county board of elections at the time the petition is submitted shall govern.

Section 2. This act applies to Avery County only.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 27th day of May, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker Speaker of the House of Representatives