

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 351

Short Title: Party Change During Early Voting. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Allred; Blackwood, Current, Harrison, McGee, Setzer, Steen,  
and West.

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Judiciary I.

March 2, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW CHANGES OF PARTY AFFILIATION DURING ONE-STOP  
3 EARLY VOTING.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-82.6A(e) reads as rewritten:

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

13 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-82.17(a) reads as rewritten:

14 "(a) Registrant's Duty to Report. – Any registrant who desires to have the record of his  
15 party affiliation or unaffiliated status changed on the registration list shall, no later than the last  
16 day for making application to register under G.S. 163-82.6 before the election, indicate the  
17 change on an application form as described in G.S. 163-82.3 or on a voter registration card  
18 described in G.S. 163-82.8. ~~No~~ Except as provided by G.S. 163-82.6A(e) for a first primary, no  
19 registrant shall be permitted to change party affiliation or unaffiliated status for a primary,  
20 second primary, or special or general election after the deadline for registration applications for  
21 that election as set out in G.S. 163-82.6."

22 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective September 1, 2009.

