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HOUSE BILL DRH10643-LUe-160A

Short Title: No Voter Registration Changes At DMV. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Ward.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE ABILITY TO UPDATE EXISTING VOTER  
3 REGISTRATION ON THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES' (DMV) WEBSITE OR  
4 AT DMV PHYSICAL LOCATIONS AND REQUIRE THAT CHANGES BE MADE AT  
5 COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-82.19 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 163-82.19. Voter registration at drivers license offices; coordination on data interface.**

9 (a) Voter Registration at Drivers License Offices. – The Division of Motor Vehicles  
10 shall, pursuant to the rules adopted by the State Board of Elections, modify its forms so that any  
11 eligible person who applies for original issuance, renewal or correction of a drivers license, or  
12 special identification card issued under G.S. 20-37.7 may, on a part of the form, complete an  
13 application to register to ~~vote, or vote.~~ A voter seeking to update the voter's registration if the  
14 voter (i) has changed his or her address or moved from one precinct to another or from one county  
15 to another, another or (ii) wants to change the voter's name or party affiliation, shall make those  
16 changes at the appropriate county board of elections. The person taking the application shall ask  
17 if the applicant is a citizen of the United States. If the applicant states that the applicant is not a  
18 citizen of the United States, or declines to answer the question, the person taking the application  
19 shall inform the applicant that it is a felony for a person who is not a citizen of the United States  
20 to apply to register to vote. The application shall state in clear language the penalty for violation  
21 of this section. The necessary forms shall be prescribed by the State Board of Elections. The form  
22 must ask for the previous voter registration address of the voter, if any. If a previous address is  
23 listed, and it is not in the county of residence of the applicant, the appropriate county board of  
24 elections shall treat the application as an authorization to cancel the previous registration and also  
25 process it as such under the procedures of G.S. 163-82.9. If a previous address is listed and that  
26 address is in the county where the voter applies to register, the application shall be processed as  
27 if it had been submitted under G.S. 163-82.9.

28 Registration shall become effective as provided in G.S. 163-82.7. Applications to register to  
29 vote accepted at a drivers license office under this section until the deadline established in  
30 G.S. 163-82.6(d)(2) shall be treated as timely made for an election, and no person who completes  
31 an application at that drivers license office shall be denied the vote in that election for failure to  
32 apply earlier than that deadline.

33 All applications shall be forwarded by the Department of Transportation to the appropriate  
34 board of elections not later than five business days after the date of acceptance, according to rules  
35 which shall be promulgated by the State Board of Elections. Those rules shall provide for a  
36 paperless, instant, electronic transfer of applications to the appropriate board of elections.



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2               **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to changes in

3 voter registration occurring on or after that date.