GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

H HOUSE BILL 1188

Short Title: Protection of Voter Rolls. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Blue and Hensley (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform.

April 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW PROTECTION OF VOTER RECORDS IN CASE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE PROTECTIVE ORDERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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SECTION 1. G.S. 163-82.10 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(d) Exception for Address of Certain Registered Voters. – Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c) of this section, if a registered voter submits to the county board of elections a copy of a protective order issued to that person under G.S. 50B-3, accompanied by a signed statement that the voter has good reason to believe that the physical safety of the voter or a member of the voter's family residing with the voter would be jeopardized if the voter's address were open to public inspection, that voter's address is not a public record, and the registrar shall exclude that voter's address from public inspection as long as the protective order remains in effect. That voter's name, precinct, and the other data contained in that voter's registration record remain a public record. That voter's signed statement is also a public record but shall be kept confidential. That voter's address shall be available for inspection by a law enforcement agency or by a person identified in a court order, if inspection of the address by that person is directed by that court order."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2001.