

Constitution and Elections

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H1072 - GSC Technical Corrections 2020. (SL 2020-69)

S.L. 2020-69 contains corrections of a technical nature to the General Statutes and session laws. This act also includes an amendment to provide that the register of deeds does not need to verify the capacity or authority of the person listed as the drafter of a deed or deed of trust. This act has various effective dates. Please see the full summary for more detail.

H1169 - Bipartisan Elections Act of 2020. (SL 2020-17)

Session Law 2020-17 does the following:

- For the 2020 general election, allows for one witness for the casting of absentee ballots and provide for voter assistance by individuals working as part of multipartisan teams. For all remaining elections in 2020, provides flexibility in the filling of positions for precinct officials and allow for completed absentee request forms to be e-mailed or faxed to county boards of elections.
- Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the State Board of Elections (State Board) to develop guidelines on how to safely allow multipartisan teams to assist registered voters within a congregate living situation during the 2020 elections.
- Requires applications for absentee ballots to have a bar code allowing the county board of elections and the voter to track a voted ballot following its return to the county board.
- Provides an additional two weeks for county boards of elections to approve applications for absentee ballots.
- Clarifies that voters can call the State Board or a county board of elections and request a blank absentee ballot request form be sent to the voter by mail, e-mail, or fax.
- Provides that the State Board or its Executive Director cannot deliver absentee ballots to a voter who did not submit a valid request form or order an election using all mail-in absentee ballots.
- Requires the State Board to create an online portal for voters to submit online requests for absentee ballots by September 1, 2020.
- Creates a Class I felony for any member serving on or employed by the State Board or a county board of elections to knowingly send or deliver an unrequested absentee ballot.
- Allows for special identification cards for nonoperators issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to be renewed online.
- Allows for government-issued public assistance cards to be accepted for photo identification for voting identification.
- Appropriates funds to the State Board to respond to COVID-19.

Except as otherwise provided, this act became effective on June 12, 2020.

S217 - UI/Precinct Workers/2020 General Election. (SL 2020-71)

S.L. 2020-71 exempts payments by county boards of elections to precinct officials for training and working on general election day in 2020 from income for purposes of unemployment insurance.

S782 - Merchandise Sales Limit/Meck Dist Ct. (SL 2020-84)

S.L. 2020-84 does both of the following:

- Raises the maximum amount a political party executive committee or an affiliated committee can raise from the sale of goods or services in an election cycle from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
- Returns District Court judicial elections in Mecklenburg County to at-large.

Exempt Sales.