## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA** SESSION 2017

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## **HOUSE BILL 147**

Short Title:	Amend NC Constitution - Remove Secession.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Sponsors:Representatives Speciale, Cleveland, and Pittman (Primary Sponsors).For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.	
Referred to:	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	
February 22, 2017		
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION 4 OF ARTICLE I OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION.		

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Article I of the North Carolina Constitution is repealed.

6 **SECTION 2.** The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the 7 qualified voters of the State at a statewide election to be conducted in November of 2018, which 8 election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. The question to 9 be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

10 "[] FOR [] AGAINST Repeal the portion of the North Carolina Constitution that prohibits secession." 11

SECTION 3. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment 12 13 set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the 14 permanent records of that office. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act becomes effective 15 upon certification. 16 17

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

