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SENATE BILL DRS15310-LU-137A

Short Title: Universal Voter Registration. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Woodard, Clark, and Lowe (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AT DRIVERS  
3 LICENSE OFFICES, PUBLIC AGENCIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND  
4 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
5 AND REQUIRING THE BIPARTISAN STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS  
6 ENFORCEMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN INFORMING  
7 CITIZENS ABOUT AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. G.S. 163A-862 reads as rewritten:

10 "**§ 163A-862. Voter registration application ~~forms~~forms; automatic voter registration at**  
11 **certain agencies.**

12 (a) Form Developed by State Board. – The State Board shall develop an application form  
13 for voter registration. Any person may use the form to apply to do any of the following:

- 14 (1) Register to vote.  
15 (2) Change party affiliation or unaffiliated status.  
16 (3) Report a change of address within a county.  
17 (4) Report a change of name.

18 The county board of elections for the county where the applicant resides shall accept the form  
19 as application for any of those purposes if the form is submitted as set out in G.S. 163A-862.

20 (b) Interstate Form. – The county board of elections where an applicant resides shall  
21 accept as application for any of the purposes set out in subsection (a) of this section the interstate  
22 registration form designed by the Federal Election Commission pursuant to section 9 of the  
23 National Voter Registration Act, if the interstate form is submitted in accordance with  
24 G.S. 163A-865.

25 (c) Agency ~~Application Form~~Application. – The county board of elections where an  
26 applicant resides shall accept as application for any of the purposes set out in subsection (a) of  
27 this section a ~~form~~automatic voter registration developed pursuant to G.S. 163A-883 or  
28 G.S. 163A-884."

29 SECTION 2. G.S. 163A-865 reads as rewritten:

30 "**§ 163A-865. Acceptance of application forms.**

31 (a) How the Form May Be Submitted. – The county board of elections shall accept any  
32 form described in G.S. 163A-862 if the applicant submits the form by mail, facsimile  
33 transmission, transmission of a scanned document, or in ~~person~~person or by automatic voter  
34 registration pursuant to G.S. 163A-883, 163A-884, 115D-5, or 116-11. The applicant may  
35 delegate the submission of the form to another person. Any person who communicates to an  
36 applicant acceptance of that delegation shall deliver that form so that it is received by the



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1 appropriate county board of elections in time to satisfy the registration deadline in subdivision  
 2 (1) or (2) of subsection (d) of this section for the next election. It shall be a Class 2 misdemeanor  
 3 for any person to communicate to the applicant acceptance of that delegation and then fail to  
 4 make a good faith effort to deliver the form so that it is received by the county board of elections  
 5 in time to satisfy the registration deadline in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (d) of this section  
 6 for the next election. It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge of failing to make a good faith  
 7 effort to deliver a delegated form by the registration deadline that the delegatee informed the  
 8 applicant that the form would not likely be delivered in time for the applicant to vote in the next  
 9 election. It shall be a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to sell or attempt to sell a completed  
 10 voter registration form or to condition its delivery upon payment.

11 ...

12 (d) Registration Deadlines for a Primary or Election. – In order to be valid for a primary  
 13 or election, the form:

- 14 (1) If submitted by mail, must be postmarked at least 25 days before the primary  
 15 or election, except that any mailed application on which the postmark is  
 16 missing or unclear is validly submitted if received in the mail not later than 20  
 17 days before the primary or election,
- 18 (2) If submitted in person, by facsimile transmission, ~~or~~ by transmission of a  
 19 scanned document, or by automatic voter registration, must be received by the  
 20 county board of elections by a time established by that board, but no earlier  
 21 than 5:00 P.M., on the twenty-fifth day before the primary or election,
- 22 (3) If submitted through a delegatee who violates the duty set forth in subsection  
 23 (a) of this section, must be signed by the applicant and given to the delegatee  
 24 not later than 25 days before the primary or election, except as provided in  
 25 subsection (f) of this section.

26 ...."

27 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 163A-883 reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 163A-883. Voter Automatic voter registration at drivers license offices; coordination on**  
 29 **data interface.**

30 (a) Automatic Voter Registration at Drivers License Offices. – ~~The Beginning January 1,~~  
 31 2019, the Division of Motor Vehicles shall, pursuant to the rules adopted by in consultation with  
 32 the State Board, modify its forms so that implement a method by which any eligible person who  
 33 applies for original issuance, renewal or correction of a drivers license, or special identification  
 34 card issued under G.S. 20-37.7 may, on a part of the form, complete an application to registershall  
 35 be automatically registered to vote, or able to update the voter's registration if the voter has  
 36 changed his or her address or moved from one precinct to another or from one county to another.  
 37 The person taking the application shall ask if the applicant is a citizen of the United States. If the  
 38 applicant states that the applicant is not a citizen of the United States, or declines to answer the  
 39 question, the person taking the application shall inform the applicant that it is a felony for a  
 40 person who is not a citizen of the United States to apply to register to vote. The application shall  
 41 state in clear language the penalty for violation of this section. The necessary forms shall be  
 42 prescribed by the State Board. The form must ask for the previous voter registration address of  
 43 the voter, if any. If a previous address is listed, and it is not in the county of residence of the  
 44 applicant, the appropriate county board of elections shall treat the application as an authorization  
 45 to cancel the previous registration and also process it as such under the procedures of  
 46 G.S. 163A-870. If a previous address is listed and that address is in the county where the voter  
 47 applies to register, the application shall be processed as if it had been submitted under  
 48 G.S. 163A-870. inform the applicant of the following:

- 49 (1) That the applicant shall be registered to vote or have the applicant's voter  
 50 registration record updated, as applicable, unless the applicant declines.
- 51 (2) The qualifications to vote under G.S. 163A-841.

- 1           (3)   That the applicant should not register if the applicant does not meet the  
2           qualifications described under subdivision (2) of this subsection.  
3           (4)   That any person who willfully and knowingly and with fraudulent intent gives  
4           false information on the application is guilty of a Class I felony.  
5           (5)   That if the applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that the applicant has  
6           declined to register will remain confidential and be used for voter registration  
7           purposes only.  
8           (6)   Information regarding the address confidentiality program under Chapter 15C  
9           of the General Statutes, including how to register for the program and how  
10          voter registration may impact participation in the program.

11          (a1)   Requirements. – If the applicant does not decline voter registration, the person taking  
12          the application shall require the applicant to provide all information requested of the applicant  
13          under G.S. 163A-863, including declaring a preference to be affiliated with a political party or a  
14          preference to be an unaffiliated voter. If the applicant fails to declare a political party affiliation,  
15          the applicant's political affiliation shall be designated as unaffiliated. The applicant shall provide  
16          an electronic signature as required under G.S. 163A-865(b), subject to the penalty of perjury, by  
17          which the applicant attests that the information provided by the applicant is true and the applicant  
18          meets all qualifications to become a registered voter.

19          (a2)   When Registration Effective. – Registration shall become effective as provided in  
20          G.S. 163A-867. Applications to register to vote accepted at a drivers license office under this  
21          section until the deadline established in G.S. 163A-865(d)(2) shall be treated as timely made for  
22          an election, and no person who completes an application at that drivers license office shall be  
23          denied the vote in that election for failure to apply earlier than that deadline.

24          (a3)   Transmittal from Department of Transportation to Board of Elections. – All  
25          applications shall be forwarded by the~~The~~ Department of Transportation shall electronically  
26          transmit the applications of applicants who have not declined voter registration to the appropriate  
27          board of elections not later than five business days after the date of acceptance, according to rules  
28          which shall be promulgated by the State Board. Those rules shall provide for a paperless, instant,  
29          electronic transfer of applications to the appropriate board of elections.

30          (a4)   Confidentiality of Declination to Register. – No information relating to a declination  
31          to register to vote in connection with a voter registration application at a Division of Motor  
32          Vehicles office may be used for any purpose other than voter registration. The State Board shall  
33          ensure that information acquired for purposes of automatic voter under this section is kept  
34          confidential in accordance with G.S. 163A-863(b), including compliance with any voter  
35          registration requirements under G.S. 163A-871(d).

36          (b)   Ineligible Applications Prohibited. – ~~Any~~ If a person who is ineligible to vote  
37          becomes registered to vote pursuant to this section, the presumption shall be that the person's  
38          registration is deemed officially authorized and shall not be attributed to any fault of the person.  
39          However, any person who willfully and knowingly and with fraudulent intent gives false  
40          information on the application [~~described in subsection (a) of this section~~ described under this  
41          section] is guilty of a Class I felony.

42          (c)   Coordination on Data Interface. – The Department of Transportation jointly with the  
43          State Board shall develop and operate a computerized interface to match information in the  
44          database of the statewide voter registration system with the drivers license information in the  
45          Division of Motor Vehicles to the extent required to enable the State Board and the Department  
46          of Transportation to verify the accuracy of the information provided on applications for voter  
47          registration, whether the applications were received at drivers license offices or elsewhere. The  
48          Department of Transportation and the State Board shall implement the provisions of this  
49          subsection so as to comply with section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The  
50          Department of Transportation shall enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Social  
51          Security so as to comply with section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

1       (d) No Requirement to Determine Eligibility. – Nothing in this section shall be construed  
 2 as requiring the Department of Transportation to determine eligibility for voter registration and  
 3 voting."

4       **SECTION 4.** G.S. 163A-884 reads as rewritten:

5       "**§ 163A-884. Voter registration at other public agencies;agencies; automatic voter**  
 6 **registration.**

7       (a) Voter Registration Agencies. – Every office in this State which accepts:

- 8       (1) Applications for a program of public assistance under Article 2 of Chapter  
 9 108A of the General Statutes or under Article 13 of Chapter 130A of the  
 10 General Statutes;  
 11       (2) Applications for State-funded State or local government programs primarily  
 12 engaged in providing services to persons with disabilities, with such office  
 13 designated by the State Board; or  
 14       (3) Claims for benefits under Chapter 96 of the General Statutes, the Employment  
 15 Security Law, is designated as a voter registration agency for purposes of this  
 16 section.

17       (b) Duties of Voter Registration Agencies;Agencies; Automatic Voter Registration  
 18 Information. – A Beginning January 1, 2020, a voter registration agency described in subsection  
 19 (a) of this section shall, unless the applicant declines, in writing, to register to vote; in consultation  
 20 with the State Board, provide, with each application for service or assistance, and with each  
 21 recertification, renewal, or change of address relating to such service or assistance, an application  
 22 process for automatic voter registration. The person taking the application shall inform the  
 23 applicant of the following:

- 24       (1) ~~Distribute with each application for service or assistance, and with each~~  
 25 ~~recertification, renewal, or change of address relating to such service or~~  
 26 ~~assistance:~~  
 27       a. ~~The voter registration application form described in G.S. 163A-863(a)~~  
 28 ~~or (b); or~~  
 29       b. ~~The voter registration agency's own form, if it is substantially~~  
 30 ~~equivalent to the form described in G.S. 163A-863(a) or (b) and has~~  
 31 ~~been approved by the State Board, provided that the agency's own~~  
 32 ~~form may be a detachable part of the agency's paper application or may~~  
 33 ~~be a paperless computer process, as long as the applicant is required to~~  
 34 ~~sign an attestation as part of the application to register.~~  
 35       That the applicant shall be registered to vote or have the applicant's voter  
 36 registration record updated, as applicable, unless the applicant declines.  
 37       (2) ~~Provide a form that contains the elements required by section 7(a)(6)(B) of~~  
 38 ~~the National Voter Registration Act; and~~The qualifications to vote under  
 39 G.S. 163A-841.  
 40       (3) ~~Provide to each applicant who does not decline to register to vote the same~~  
 41 ~~degree of assistance with regard to the completion of the registration~~  
 42 ~~application as is provided by the office with regard to the completion of its~~  
 43 ~~own forms.~~That the applicant should not register if the applicant does not meet  
 44 the qualifications described under subdivision (2) of this subsection.  
 45       (4) That any person who willfully and knowingly and with fraudulent intent gives  
 46 false information on the application is guilty of a Class I felony.  
 47       (5) That if the applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that the applicant has  
 48 declined to register will remain confidential and be used for voter registration  
 49 purposes only.

1           (6) Information regarding the address confidentiality program under Chapter 15C  
2           of the General Statutes, including how to register for the program and how  
3           voter registration may impact participation in the program.

4           (b1) Requirements. – If the applicant does not decline voter registration, the person taking  
5           the application shall require the applicant to provide all information requested of the applicant  
6           under G.S. 163A-863, including declaring a preference to be affiliated with a political party or a  
7           preference to be an unaffiliated voter. If the applicant fails to declare a political party affiliation,  
8           the applicant's political affiliation shall be designated as unaffiliated. The applicant shall provide  
9           an electronic signature as required under G.S. 163A-865(b), subject to the penalty of perjury, by  
10           which the applicant attests that the information provided by the applicant is true and the applicant  
11           meets all qualifications to become a registered voter.

12           (c) Employment Security Law Applicants. – Provided that voter registration agencies  
13           designated under subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall only be required to provide the services  
14           set out in this subsection to applicants for new claims, reopened claims, and changes of address  
15           under Chapter 96 of the General Statutes, the Employment Security Law.

16           (d) Home Registration for Disabled. – If a voter registration agency provides services to  
17           a person with disability at the person's home, the voter registration agency shall provide the  
18           services described in subsection (b) of this section at the person's home. However, the agency is  
19           not required to provide automatic voter registration at the person's home.

20           ...

21           (f) Confidentiality of Declination to Register. – No information relating to a declination  
22           to register to vote in connection with an application made at a voter registration agency may be  
23           used for any purpose other than voter registration. The State Board shall ensure that information  
24           acquired for purposes of automatic voter under this section is kept confidential in accordance  
25           with G.S. 163A-863(b), including compliance with any voter registration requirements under  
26           G.S. 163A-871(d).

27           (g) Transmittal From Agency to Board of Elections. – ~~Any voter registration application~~  
28           ~~completed at a voter registration agency shall be accepted by that agency in lieu of the applicant's~~  
29           ~~mailing the application. Any such application so received shall be transmitted~~The agency shall  
30           electronically transmit the applications of applicants who did not decline voter registration to the  
31           appropriate board of elections not later than five business days after acceptance, according to  
32           rules which shall be promulgated by the State Board.

33           ...

34           (i) Ineligible Applications Prohibited. – No person shall make application to register to  
35           vote under this section if that person is ineligible on account of age, citizenship, lack of residence  
36           for the period of time provided by law, or because of conviction of a felony. However, if a person  
37           who is ineligible to vote becomes registered to vote pursuant to this section, the presumption  
38           shall be that the person's registration is deemed officially authorized and shall not be attributed  
39           to any fault of the person.

40           (j) No Requirement to Determine Eligibility. – Nothing in this section shall be construed  
41           as requiring agencies to determine eligibility for voter registration and voting."

42           **SECTION 5.(a)** G.S. 163A-885 reads as rewritten:

43           **"§ 163A-885. Voter registration upon restoration of citizenship.**

44           The State Board, the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of  
45           Public Safety, and the Administrative Office of the Courts shall jointly develop and implement  
46           educational programs and procedures for persons to apply to register to vote at the time they are  
47           restored to citizenship and all filings required have been completed under Chapter 13 of the  
48           General Statutes. Those procedures shall be designed to do both of the following:

49           (1) Inform the person that the restoration of rights removes the person's  
50           disqualification from voting, but that in order to vote the person must register  
51           to vote.

- 1 (2) Provide an opportunity to that person to register to ~~vote~~vote, including  
 2 informing the person of automatic voter registration in accordance with  
 3 G.S. 163A-883 or G.S. 163A-884.

4 At a minimum, the program shall include a written notice to the person whose citizenship has  
 5 been restored, informing that person that the person may now register to vote, with a voter  
 6 registration form enclosed with the notice."

7 **SECTION 5.(b)** G.S. 163A-885, as amended by subsection (a) of this section, reads  
 8 as rewritten:

9 **"§ 163A-885. Voter registration upon restoration of citizenship.**

10 The State Board, the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of  
 11 Public Safety, and the Administrative Office of the Courts shall jointly develop and implement  
 12 educational programs and procedures for persons to apply to register to vote at the time they are  
 13 restored to citizenship and all filings required have been completed under Chapter 13 of the  
 14 General Statutes. Those procedures shall be designed to do both of the following:

- 15 (1) Inform the person that the restoration of rights removes the person's  
 16 disqualification from voting, but that in order to vote the person must register  
 17 to vote.  
 18 (2) Provide an opportunity to that person to register to vote, including informing  
 19 the person of automatic voter registration in accordance ~~with G.S. 163A-883~~  
 20 ~~or G.S. 163A-884.~~G.S. 163A-883, 163A-884, 115D-5, or 116-11.

21 At a minimum, the program shall include a written notice to the person whose citizenship has  
 22 been restored, informing that person that the person may now register to vote, with a voter  
 23 registration form enclosed with the notice."

24 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 115D-5 reads as rewritten:

25 **"§ 115D-5. Administration of institutions by State Board of Community Colleges;  
 26 personnel exempt from North Carolina Human Resources Act; extension  
 27 courses; tuition waiver; in-plant training; contracting, etc., for establishment  
 28 and operation of extension units of the community college system; use of existing  
 29 public school ~~faeilities~~facilities; automatic voter registration.**

30 ...

31 (z) Automatic Voter Registration. – Beginning January 1, 2020, the State Board of  
 32 Community Colleges, in consultation with the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics  
 33 Enforcement, shall provide each person who is enrolled and registering for courses as a student  
 34 in a State community college the option for automatic voter registration as follows:

- 35 (1) Information provided to student. – In providing an automatic voter registration  
 36 application process, the person taking the application shall inform the student  
 37 of the following:  
 38 a. That the student shall be registered to vote or have the student's voter  
 39 registration record updated, as applicable, unless the student declines.  
 40 b. The qualifications to vote under G.S. 163A-841.  
 41 c. That the student should not register if the student does not meet the  
 42 qualifications described under sub-subdivision b. of this subdivision.  
 43 d. That any person who willfully and knowingly and with fraudulent  
 44 intent gives false information on the application is guilty of a Class I  
 45 felony.  
 46 e. That if the student declines to register to vote, the fact that the student  
 47 has declined to register will remain confidential and be used for voter  
 48 registration purposes only.  
 49 f. Information regarding the address confidentiality program under  
 50 Chapter 15C of the General Statutes, including how to register for the

1                    program and how voter registration may impact participation in the  
2                    program.

- 3                    (2)    Requirements. – If the student does not decline voter registration, the person  
4                    taking the application shall require the student to provide all information  
5                    requested of the student under G.S. 163A-863, including declaring a  
6                    preference to be affiliated with a political party or a preference to be an  
7                    unaffiliated voter. If the student fails to declare a political party affiliation, the  
8                    student's political affiliation shall be designated as unaffiliated. The student  
9                    shall provide an electronic signature as required under G.S. 163A-865(b),  
10                   subject to the penalty of perjury, by which the student attests that the  
11                   information provided by the student is true and the student meets all  
12                   qualifications to become a registered voter.
- 13                   (3)    Confidentiality of declination to register. – No information relating to a  
14                   declination to register to vote in connection with an application made at a State  
15                   community college may be used for any purpose other than voter registration.  
16                   The State Board shall ensure that information acquired for purposes of  
17                   automatic voter under this section is kept confidential in accordance with  
18                   G.S. 163A-863(b), including compliance with any voter registration  
19                   requirements under G.S. 163A-871(d).
- 20                   (4)    Transmittal from State community college to board of elections. – The State  
21                   community college shall electronically transmit the applications of students  
22                   who did not decline voter registration to the appropriate board of elections not  
23                   later than five business days after acceptance, according to rules which shall  
24                   be promulgated by the State Board.
- 25                   (5)    Twenty-five-day deadline for an election. – Applications to register accepted  
26                   by a State community college shall entitle a registrant to vote in any primary,  
27                   general, or special election unless the registrant shall have made application  
28                   later than the twenty-fifth calendar day immediately preceding such primary,  
29                   general, or special election, provided that nothing shall prohibit State  
30                   community colleges from continuing to accept applications during that period.
- 31                   (6)    Ineligible applications prohibited. – No person shall make application to  
32                   register to vote under this subsection if that person is ineligible on account of  
33                   age, citizenship, lack of residence for the period of time provided by law, or  
34                   because of conviction of a felony. However, if a person who is ineligible to  
35                   vote becomes registered to vote pursuant to this subsection, the presumption  
36                   shall be that the person's registration is deemed officially authorized and shall  
37                   not be attributed to any fault of the person.
- 38                   (7)    No requirement to determine eligibility. – Nothing in this subsection shall be  
39                   construed as requiring State community colleges to determine eligibility for  
40                   voter registration and voting."

41                   **SECTION 7.** G.S. 116-11 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

42                   **"§ 116-11. Powers and duties generally.**

43                   The powers and duties of the Board of Governors shall include the following:

44                   ...

- 45                   (15)    Automatic voter registration. – Beginning January 1, 2020, the Board of  
46                   Governors, in consultation with the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and  
47                   Ethics Enforcement, shall provide each person who is enrolled and registering  
48                   for courses as a student in a State college or university in The University of  
49                   North Carolina System the option for automatic voter registration as follows:

- 1           a.     Information provided to student. – In providing an automatic voter  
2           registration application process, the person taking the application shall  
3           inform the student of the following:  
4           1.     That the student shall be registered to vote or have the student's  
5           voter registration record updated, as applicable, unless the  
6           student declines.  
7           2.     The qualifications to vote under G.S. 163A-841.  
8           3.     That the student should not register if the student does not meet  
9           the qualifications described under sub-subdivision a.2. of this  
10           sub-subdivision.  
11           4.     That any person who willfully and knowingly and with  
12           fraudulent intent gives false information on the application is  
13           guilty of a Class I felony.  
14           5.     That if the student declines to register to vote, the fact that the  
15           student has declined to register will remain confidential and be  
16           used for voter registration purposes only.  
17           6.     Information regarding the address confidentiality program  
18           under Chapter 15C of the General Statutes, including how to  
19           register for the program and how voter registration may impact  
20           participation in the program.  
21           b.     Requirements. – If the student does not decline voter registration, the  
22           person taking the application shall require the student to provide all  
23           information requested of the student under G.S. 163A-863, including  
24           declaring a preference to be affiliated with a political party or a  
25           preference to be an unaffiliated voter. If the student fails to declare a  
26           political party affiliation, the student's political affiliation shall be  
27           designated as unaffiliated. The student shall provide an electronic  
28           signature as required under G.S. 163A-865(b), subject to the penalty  
29           of perjury, by which the student attests that the information provided  
30           by the student is true and the student meets all qualifications to become  
31           a registered voter.  
32           c.     Confidentiality of declination to register. – No information relating to  
33           a declination to register to vote in connection with an application made  
34           at a State college or university in The University of North Carolina  
35           System may be used for any purpose other than voter registration. The  
36           State Board shall ensure that information acquired for purposes of  
37           automatic voter under this section is kept confidential in accordance  
38           with G.S. 163A-863(b), including compliance with any voter  
39           registration requirements under G.S. 163A-871(d).  
40           d.     Transmittal From State college or university to board of elections. –  
41           The State college or university in The University of North Carolina  
42           System shall electronically transmit the applications of students who  
43           did not decline voter registration to the appropriate board of elections  
44           not later than five business days after acceptance, according to rules  
45           which shall be promulgated by the State Board.  
46           e.     Twenty-five-day deadline for an election. – Applications to register  
47           accepted by a State college or university in The University of North  
48           Carolina System shall entitle a registrant to vote in any primary,  
49           general, or special election unless the registrant shall have made  
50           application later than the twenty-fifth calendar day immediately  
51           preceding such primary, general, or special election, provided that



1                    nothing shall prohibit State colleges or universities in The University  
2                    of North Carolina System from continuing to accept applications  
3                    during that period.

4                    f.                Ineligible applications prohibited. – No person shall make application  
5                    to register to vote under this subdivision if that person is ineligible on  
6                    account of age, citizenship, lack of residence for the period of time  
7                    provided by law, or because of conviction of a felony. However, if a  
8                    person who is ineligible to vote becomes registered to vote pursuant to  
9                    this subdivision, the presumption shall be that the person's registration  
10                   is deemed officially authorized and shall not be attributed to any fault  
11                   of the person.

12                   g.                No requirement to determine eligibility. – Nothing in this subdivision  
13                   shall be construed as requiring State colleges or universities in The  
14                   University of North Carolina System to determine eligibility for voter  
15                   registration and voting."

16                   **SECTION 8.** The Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement shall  
17 establish and implement an education and outreach campaign to inform voters of the automatic  
18 voter registration procedures established pursuant to this act.

19                   **SECTION 9.** Sections 1 through 3 and Section 5(a) of this act become effective  
20 January 1, 2019. Sections 4, 5(b), 6, and 7 of this act become effective January 1, 2020. The  
21 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.