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PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 684 (2017-2018) [CONFIRM RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOT](#). Filed Jun 29 2017, *A SENATE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.*

Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to the 1st edition.

Changes the term of appointment of David L. German to the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (Board of Trustees) to now expire March 31, 2021 (was, March 31, 2017). Removes from the proposed confirmed appointments to the Board of Trustees for the same term: Margaret C. Reader, Cecil Vernon Gammon, and Joshua J. Smith.

Changes the terms of appointment of Oliver A. Holley, Linder H. Gunter, and Lieutenant Colonel John H. Ebbighausen to the Board of Trustees to now expire June 30, 2021 (was, June 30, 2017). Removes Jeffrey S. Winstead from the proposed confirmed appointments to the Board of Trustees for the same term.

Intro. by Rabon.

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[Employment and Retirement, Government, State Government, Executive](#)

S 704 (2017-2018) [UNIVERSAL VOTER REGISTRATION](#). Filed Jan 12 2018, *AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION AT DRIVERS LICENSE OFFICES, PUBLIC AGENCIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AND REQUIRING THE BIPARTISAN STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS ENFORCEMENT TO IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN INFORMING CITIZENS ABOUT AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION.*

Amends GS 163A-883. Amends the caption to read "Automatic voter registration at drivers license offices; coordination on data interface." Beginning January 1, 2019, directs the Division of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement, to implement a method by which any eligible drivers' license or special identification card applicant shall be automatically registered to vote, or able to update the voter's registration if the voter has changed his or her address or moved. Requires the person taking the application, in addition to the current requirements for drivers' license applicant voter registration, to affirmatively ask if the applicant is registered, and whether the applicant would like to register, and to note the refusal or register the applicant accordingly. Specifies the procedure for when an applicant does want to register. Directs the applicant to provide an electronic signature to attest that the information provided by the applicant is true and that the applicant is eligible to become a registered voter. Provides for electronic transmission of the application to the appropriate board of elections. Does not require the Department of Transportation to determine eligibility for voter registration or voting. Directs the State Board of Elections to ensure the confidentiality of information under this statute for purposes of automatic voter registration. Effective January 1, 2019.

Amends GS 163A-884. Amends the caption to read "Voter registration at other public agencies; automatic voter registration." Deletes the provision making offices which accept applications for programs of public assistance, as specified, a voter registration agency. Requires voter registration agencies, beginning January 1, 2020, in consultation with the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement, to provide with each application for service or assistance, and recertifications, renewals, or changes of address for such service or assistance, for automatic voter registration. Provides the same requirements for the person taking the application as those for the person taking a drivers' license application under GS 163A-863, including

both current requirements and those added in this bill. Deletes the provisions requiring the voter registration agencies to distribute other types of voter registration forms, and to provide identical assistance to an applicant in filling out a voting form as is provided with the completion of the office's own forms. Provides that voter registrations are not required to provide automatic voter registration at a person's home. Directs the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement to ensure the confidentiality of information under this statute for purposes of automatic voter registration. Provides for the transmission of the application to the appropriate board of elections. Does not require the voter registration agencies to determine eligibility to register to vote. Effective January 1, 2020.

Amends GS 163A-885, requiring the educational programs for persons applying to register to vote after being restored to citizenship to inform the person of automatic voter registration. Effective January 1, 2019. Effective January 1, 2020, further amends GS 163A-885 to also require that the procedures for applying to register to vote at the time that an individual is restored to citizenship also include informing the person of automatic voter registration in accordance with 115D-5 (concerning the Administration of institutions by State Board of Community Colleges;) or GS 116-11 (powers and duties of the UNC Board of Governors).

Amends GS 115D-5 and GS 116-11 as follows. Beginning January 1, 2020, applies the same requirements for the State Board of Community Colleges and the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina (Boards), and persons taking applications for enrollment and registration for courses, as those that are required for the DMV and voter registration agencies, and persons taking applications at those offices, except that the amendments do not explicitly provide for the transmission of the applications, or contain the provision not requiring the Boards to determine eligibility to register to vote. Effective January 1, 2020.

Directs the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement to establish and implement an education and outreach program to inform voters of the automatic voter registration procedures established under this act. Effective when the act becomes law.

Makes conforming changes to GS 163A-862 and GS 163A-865. Amends the caption of GS 163-82.3 to read "Voter registration application forms; automatic voter registration at certain agencies." Effective January 1, 2019.

Makes additional technical changes.

Intro. by Woodard, Lowe, Clark.

GS 115D, GS 116, GS 163A

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Courts/Judiciary, Motor Vehicle, Education, Higher Education, Government, Elections, State Agencies, Department of Transportation

S 705 (2017-2018) **ELECTIONS/CITIES IN MORE THAN ONE CO.** Filed Jan 12 2018, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SINGLE COUNTY TO ADMINISTER ELECTIONS HELD IN CITIES THAT LIE IN MORE THAN ONE COUNTY.*

Amends GS 163A-1589 by adding that a city or special district that is in more than one county may enter into an interlocal agreement with the county boards of election in those counties where the city or district lies for the administration of the election. Requires the agreement to be approved by the State Board of Elections before it is used in a municipal or special district election and limits the duration to two years.

Intro. by Bryant.

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Government, Elections, Local Government

S 706 (2017-2018) **LACK OF POSTMARK/ABSENTEE BALLOTS.** Filed Jan 12 2018, *AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS RECEIVED BY A COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY MAIL ON THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION THAT ARE NOT POSTMARKED ARE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY UPON VERIFICATION OF RECEIPT BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS.*

Amends GS 163A-1310(b) by amending one of the three conditions under which absentee ballots received after the required hour can still be accepted, to allow the ballots to be accepted when there is no postmark but they are received by the county board of elections no later than one day after the election by 5 pm. Requires when a ballot is received by mail one day after the election without a postmark that the county board of elections verify receipt of the ballot by stamping on the ballot the date it was received.

Intro. by Bryant.

GS 163A

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Government, Elections

S 707 (2017-2018) [JT SESSION/STATE BD OF EDUCATION CONFIRMATION](#). Filed Feb 7 2018, *A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ACT ON JOINT RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.*

As title indicates.

Intro. by Rabon.

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ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS

H 90: NC TRUTH IN EDUCATION (NEW).

House: Conferees Changed

H 189: SHORT-TERM RESPONSE TO EMERGING CONTAMINANTS (NEW).

Senate: Withdrawn From Com

Senate: Re-ref Com On Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources

Senate: Sequential Referral To Appropriations/Base Budget Added

S 684: CONFIRM RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOT.

Senate: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

Senate: Com Substitute Adopted

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S 707: JT SESSION/STATE BD OF EDUCATION CONFIRMATION.

Senate: Filed

Senate: Passed 1st Reading

Senate: Placed on Today's Calendar

Senate: Passed 2nd Reading

Senate: Passed 3rd Reading

Senate: Special Message Sent To House

House: Special Message Received From Senate

House: Passed 1st Reading

House: Cal Pursuant 32

House: Placed On Cal For 02/08/2018

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