

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 322

Short Title: Avery Unaffiliated Petitions.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senators Kincaid and Garwood.

Referred to: State Government, Local Government, and Personnel.

March 6, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PETITIONS TO QUALIFY INDEPENDENT
CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT FOR COUNTY OFFICE IN AVERY COUNTY
RECEIVE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF SIGNATURES FROM EACH
PRECINCT.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. In the application of G.S. 163-122(a)(3) to county offices elected at large within the county, petitions must be signed by qualified voters of each precinct equal in number to four percent (4%) of the total number of registered voters in each precinct, rather than four percent (4%) of the total number of voters in the county. If the certification of registered voters to the State Board of Elections required by that subdivision is not broken down on a precinct-by-precinct basis, then the records of the county board of elections at the time the petition is submitted shall govern.

Section 2. This act applies to Avery County only.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.