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Short Title: Online Voter Registration. (Public)

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Referred to: Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MAKE SIMPLER THE PROCESS OF FILLING OUT A VOTER  
3 REGISTRATION FORM AND TO ALLOW VOTERS THE ABILITY TO REGISTER TO  
4 VOTE ONLINE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "**§ 163A-862. Voter registration application forms.**

8 (a) Form Developed by State Board. – The State Board shall develop an application form  
9 for voter ~~registration~~ registration that may be (i) printed out in blank form or (ii) filled in online  
10 and printed out for mailing as described in subsection (a1) of this section. Any person may use  
11 the form to apply to do any of the following:

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

16 (a1) Online Fillable Form. – The online fillable voter registration form shall provide for  
17 each of the following:

- 18 (1) Allow a user with the proper software to save the data.
- 19 (2) Prompt the user to easily do any of the following:
  - 20 a. Download the mailing address of the appropriate county board of  
21 elections based on the county of residence.
  - 22 b. Download a list of all county boards of election mailing addresses.

23 (a2) Form Accepted by County Board. – The county board of elections for the county  
24 where the applicant resides shall accept the form as application for any of ~~those~~ the purposes  
25 described in subsection (a) of this section if the form is submitted as set out in ~~G.S. 163A-862~~ this  
26 section.

27 ...."

28 **SECTION 2.** Part 2 of Article 17 of Chapter 163A of the General Statutes is amended  
29 by adding a new section to read:

30 "**§ 163A-864.1. Online voter registration.**

31 (a) This section applies to an individual who meets each of the following:

- 32 (1) Is eligible to register to vote in accordance with this Article.
- 33 (2) Possesses one of the following that is current and valid:



1           a. A North Carolina drivers license issued under Article 2 of Chapter 20  
2           of the General Statutes, including a learner's permit or a provisional  
3           license.

4           b. A special identification card for nonoperators issued under  
5           G.S. 20-37.7.

6       (b) An individual who meets the requirements of subsection (a) of this section may  
7       submit a voter registration application online using the procedures set forth in this section. The  
8       State Board shall establish a secure Internet Web site to permit individuals described in  
9       subsection (a) of this section to complete and submit online voter registration applications.

10       (c) The secure Web site established under subsection (b) of this section shall allow an  
11       individual described in subsection (a) of this section to submit:

12           (1) An application for any of the following:

13           a. Voter registration.

14           b. Reporting of a change of name, address, or party affiliation. If the  
15           individual is already registered to vote and the change of address is to  
16           another county, it shall be treated as an application to register to vote.

17           (2) An affirmation that the applicant is a U.S. citizen.

18           (3) Information to establish that the individual is eligible to register online under  
19           this section.

20       (d) When an individual submits an application under this section, in accordance with  
21       procedures established by the State Board pursuant to this Article, the Division of Motor Vehicles  
22       shall compare the information submitted by the applicant with the information maintained in its  
23       database to verify that the applicant possesses a current and valid form of identification described  
24       under subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

25       (e) If the Division of Motor Vehicles confirms the applicant possesses a current and valid  
26       form of identification as described under subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the Division of Motor  
27       Vehicles shall submit the completed application and information it compiled, including transfer  
28       of the digital signature of the applicant in the Division of Motor Vehicles records, to the county  
29       board of elections where the applicant currently resides in accordance with procedures  
30       established by the State Board.

31       (f) If the Division of Motor Vehicles cannot confirm the applicant possesses a current  
32       and valid form of identification as described under subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the Division  
33       of Motor Vehicles shall send to the county board of elections in the county where the applicant  
34       currently resides the application submitted by the applicant and information it compiled  
35       indicating that the Division of Motor Vehicles cannot confirm the information and that the  
36       applicant's application cannot be processed. The county board of elections shall then notify the  
37       applicant of this fact by U.S. mail or e-mail, if the applicant provided an e-mail address with the  
38       online registration. The applicant shall be offered an opportunity to register in accordance with  
39       G.S. 163A-865 or G.S. 163A-866, as applicable."

40       **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2019.