



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 14A - VOTING

N.C.G.S. § 163-166.45.

Retrievable ballots.

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If a county uses a voting system with retrievable ballots, that county's board of elections may by resolution elect to conduct early voting according to the provisions of this Part. In a county in which the board has opted to do so, a voter during early voting shall cast the ballot and then shall deposit the ballot in the ballot box or voting system in the same manner as if such box or system was in use in a precinct on election day. At the end of each business day, or at any time when there will be no employee or officer of the board of elections on the premises, the ballot box or system shall be secured in accordance with a plan approved by the State Board, which shall include that no additional ballots have been placed in the box or system. Any county board desiring to conduct early voting according to this section shall submit a plan for doing so to the State Board. The State Board shall adopt standards for conducting early voting under this section and shall approve any county plan that adheres to its standards. The county board shall adhere to its State Board-approved plan. The plan shall provide that each ballot cast during early voting shall have a ballot number or an equivalent identifier to allow for retrievability. The ballot number or equivalent identifier shall not be a public record.

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APPARATUS I
33 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº YEAR ACT CHARACTER

01	1973	c. 536, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1975	c. 844, s. 12	AMENDED
03	1977	c. 469, s. 1	AMENDED
04	1977	c. 626, s. 1	AMENDED
05	1979	c. 107, s. 14	AMENDED
06	1979	c. 799, ss. 1-3	AMENDED
07	1981	c. 305, s. 2	AMENDED
08	1985	c. 600, s. 4	AMENDED
09	1987	c. 583, s. 4	AMENDED
10	1989	c. 520	AMENDED
11	1989	1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 991, s. 2	AMENDED
12	1989	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 53	AMENDED
13	1995	c. 243, s. 1	AMENDED
14	1995	c. 509, ss. 117, 118	AMENDED
15	1995	1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 561, s. 4	AMENDED
16	1997	S.L. 1997-510, s. 2	AMENDED
17	1999	S.L. 1999-455, s. 6	AMENDED
18	2000	S.L. 2000-136, s. 2	AMENDED
19	2001	S.L. 2001-319, s. 5(a)-(c)	AMENDED
20	2001	S.L. 2001-337, s. 2	AMENDED
21	2001	S.L. 2001-353, s. 9	AMENDED
22	2003	S.L. 2003-278, s. 11	AMENDED
23	2005	S.L. 2005-428, ss. 5(a), 6(a), 7	AMENDED
24	2007	S.L. 2007-253, s. 3	AMENDED
25	2007	S.L. 2007-391, s. 34(a)	AMENDED
26	2009	S.L. 2009-541, s. 23	AMENDED
27	2013	S.L. 2013-381, ss. 2.7, 16.5, 25.1, 25.2, 25.3, 30.7	AMENDED
28	2014	S.L. 2014-111, s. 3	AMENDED
29	2015	S.L. 2015-103, ss. 6(b), 8(b), (c)	AMENDED
30	2017	S.L. 2017-6, s. 3	AMENDED

31	2018	S.L. 2018-13, s. 3.11(b)	AMENDED
32	2018	S.L. 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b)	AMENDED
33	2023	S.L. 2023-140, recodified from N.C. Gen. Stat. 163-227.5 by 2023-140, ss. 1(b), 27(c)	AMENDED

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-166.45 (2023).

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