



CHAPTER 163

ARTICLE 20 - ABSENTEE BALLOT

N.C.G.S. § 163-228.

Register of absentee requests, applications, and ballots issued; a public record.

SOURCE	LAST AMENDMENT IN THIS TEXT	RETRIEVED	SOURCE FINGERPRINT
General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2023-140, ss. 1(e), 35 — seventeenth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 04:21 UTC	d861b5ccdb696c79baca4084 - 4d862dbedf1cc6bcd41aea1 - a8dd3f30a6ea0174

§ 163-228(a)

With respect to each request for mail-in absentee ballots, the State Board shall approve an official register in which the county board of elections in each county of the State shall record the following information:

- (1) Name of voter for whom application and ballots are being requested, and, if applicable, the name and address of the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian who requested the application and ballots for the voter.
- (2) Number of assigned voter's application when issued.
- (3) Precinct in which the applicant is registered.
- (4) Address to which ballots are to be mailed.
- (5) Repealed by Session Laws 2009-537, s. 3, effective January 1, 2010, and applicable with respect to elections held on or after that date.
- (6) Date request for application for ballots is received by the county board of elections.
- (7) The voter's party affiliation.
- (8) The date the ballots were mailed or delivered to the voter.
- (9) Whatever additional information and official action may be required by this Article.

§ 163-228(a1)

Recodified as G.S. 163-166.50 by Session Laws 2023-140, s. 1(e), effective January 1, 2024, and applicable to elections on or after that date.

§ 163-228(b) The State Board may provide for the official register required by this section to be kept by electronic data processing equipment.

§ 163-228(c) The official register required by this section shall be confidential and not a public record until the opening of the voting place in accordance with G.S. 163-166.25, at which time the official register shall constitute a public record.

§ 163-228(d) The State Board shall require the county board of elections to transmit information in the official register provided for in this section and the list required by G.S. 163-232 to the State Board. The State Board shall adopt rules to implement this subsection, including frequency of transmittal.

§ 163-228(e) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, the State Board or a county board of elections shall inform the voter of the status of that voter's request for mail-in absentee ballots upon inquiry of the voter or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian.

END OF SECTION TEXT

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APPARATUS I
17 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1939	c. 159, ss. 3, 9	ENACTED
02	1945	c. 758, s. 8	AMENDED
03	1953	c. 1114	AMENDED
04	1963	c. 457, s. 3	AMENDED
05	1965	c. 1208	AMENDED
06	1967	c. 775, s. 1	AMENDED
07	1967	c. 952, s. 4	AMENDED

08	1973	c. 536, s. 1	AMENDED
09	1977	c. 469, s. 1	AMENDED
10	1991	c. 636, s. 21	AMENDED
11	1999	S.L. 1999-455, s. 7	AMENDED
12	2009	S.L. 2009-537, s. 3	AMENDED
13	2017	S.L. 2017-6, s. 3	AMENDED
14	2018	S.L. 2018-144, s. 3.4(h)	AMENDED
15	2018	S.L. 2018-146, ss. 3.1(a), (b), 4.9	AMENDED
16	2019	S.L. 2019-239, s. 1.1(a)	AMENDED
17	2023	S.L. 2023-140, ss. 1(e), 35	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
3 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 163-166.50	(a1)	<i>"Recodified as"</i>
G.S. 163-166.25	(c)	<i>"the voting place in accordance with"</i>
G.S. 163-232	(d)	<i>"section and the list required by"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-228 (2023).

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