



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 20 - ABSENTEE BALLOT

N.C.G.S. § 163-230.3.

Online request for absentee ballots.

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§ 163-230.3(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 163-230.1 and G.S. 163-230.2, a qualified voter who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot under G.S. 163-226, or that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, may submit a request for absentee ballots online using the procedures set forth in this section in lieu of the completed written request on a form established by the State Board. All other provisions in G.S. 163-230.1 and G.S. 163-230.2 shall apply.

§ 163-230.3(b) The State Board shall establish a secure website to permit individuals described in subsection (a) of this section to submit an online request for absentee ballots. The website must be able to track the IP address of anyone who accesses the website. The website must require that the voter or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian provide all of the following information:

- (1) All information required for a valid written request for absentee ballots in G.S. 163-230.2.
- (2) An electronic signature, as defined in G.S. 66-312 of the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act, of the voter, or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, if requesting on the voter's behalf.

§ 163-230.3(c) Upon receipt of an online request for absentee ballots, the State Board shall submit the request to the county board of elections in which the voter resides. The county board of elections shall process the online request in the same manner as processing a completed written request for absentee ballots submitted under G.S. 163-230.1. (2020-17, s. 7(a); 2025-25, s. 29(5).)

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4 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

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REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 163-230.1	(a)	"Notwithstanding"
G.S. 163-230.2	(a)	"Notwithstanding G.S. 163-230.1 and"
G.S. 163-226	(a)	"to vote by absentee ballot under"
G.S. 66-312	(b)(2)	"An electronic signature, as defined in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

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