



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 6 - QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS

N.C.G.S. § 163-59.

Right to participate or vote in party primary.

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No person shall be entitled to vote or otherwise participate in the primary election of any political party unless that person complies with all of the following:

Is a registered voter.

Has declared and has had recorded on the registration book or record the fact that the voter affiliates with the political party in whose primary the voter proposes to vote or participate.

Is in good faith a member of that party.

Notwithstanding the previous paragraph, any unaffiliated voter who is authorized under G.S. 163-119 may also vote in the primary if the voter is otherwise eligible to vote in that primary except for subdivisions (2) and (3) of the previous paragraph.

Any person who will become qualified by age to register and vote in the general election for which the primary is held, even though not so qualified by the date of the primary, shall be entitled to register for the primary and general election prior to the primary and then to vote in the primary after being registered. Such person may register not earlier than 60 days nor later than the last day for making application to register under G.S. 163-82.6(d) prior to the primary. In addition, persons who will become qualified by age to register and vote in the general election for which the primary is held, who do not register during the special period may register to vote after such period as if they were qualified on the basis of age, but until they are qualified by age to vote, they may vote only in primary elections.

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APPARATUS I

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1915	c. 101, s. 5	ENACTED
02	1917	c. 218	AMENDED
03	C.S.	s. 6027	RECODIFIED
04	1959	c. 1203, s. 6	AMENDED
05	1967	c. 775, s. 1	AMENDED
06	1971	c. 1166, s. 4	AMENDED
07	1973	c. 793, s. 20	AMENDED
08	1981	c. 33, s. 1	AMENDED
09	1983	c. 324, s. 3	AMENDED
10	1987	c. 408, s. 4	AMENDED
11	1987	c. 457, s. 1	AMENDED
12	1987	1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 1032, s. 5	AMENDED
13	1987	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 23	AMENDED
14	2007	S.L. 2007-391, s. 28	AMENDED
15	2008	S.L. 2008-187, s. 33(a)	AMENDED
16	2009	S.L. 2009-541, s. 6	AMENDED
17	2013	S.L. 2013-381, s. 16.2	AMENDED
18	2017	S.L. 2017-6, s. 3	AMENDED
19	2018	S.L. 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b)	AMENDED

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
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G.S. 163-119

"unaffiliated voter who is authorized under"

G.S. 163-82.6(d)

"for making application to register under"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-59 (2018).

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HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE

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