



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 7A - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

N.C.G.S. § 163-82.10.

Official record of voter registration.

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§ 163-82.10(a) Official Record. - The State voter registration system is the official voter registration list for the conduct of all elections in the State. The State Board and the county board of elections may keep copies of voter registration data, including voter registration applications, in any medium and format expressly approved by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources pursuant to standards and conditions established by the Department and mutually agreed to by the Department and the State Board. A completed and signed registration application form, if available, described in G.S. 163-82.3, once approved by the county board of elections, becomes backup to the official registration record of the voter.

§ 163-82.10(a1) Personal Identifying Information. - Full or partial social security numbers; dates of birth; the identity of the public agency at which the voter registered under G.S. 163-82.20; any email address submitted under this Article, Article 20, or Article 21A of this Chapter; photographs for voter photo identification under G.S. 163-82.8A-; photocopies of identification for voting; and drivers license numbers, whether held by the State Board or a county board of elections, are confidential and shall not be considered public records and subject to disclosure to the general public under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. Cumulative data based on those items of information may be publicly disclosed as long as information about any individual cannot be discerned from the disclosed data. Disclosure of information in violation of this subsection shall not give rise to a civil cause of action. This limitation of liability does not apply to the disclosure of information in violation of this subsection as a result of gross negligence, wanton conduct, or intentional wrongdoing that would otherwise be actionable.

§ 163-82.10(a2) Voter Signatures. - The signature of the voter, either on the paper application or an electronically captured image of it, whether held by the State Board or a county board of elections, may be viewed by the public but may not be copied or traced except by election officials for election administration purposes. Any such copy or tracing is not a public record.

§ 163-82.10(b) Paperless, Instant Electronic Transfer. - The application described in G.S. 163-82.3 may be either a paper hard copy or an electronic document.

§ 163-82.10(c) Access to Registration Records. - Upon request by that person, the county board of elections shall provide to any person a list of the registered voters of the county or of any precinct or precincts in the county. The county board may furnish selective lists according to party affiliation, gender, race, date of registration, precinct name, precinct identification code, congressional district, senate district, representative district, and, where applicable, county commissioner district, city governing board district, fire district, soil and water conservation district, and voter history including primary, general, and special districts, or any other reasonable category. No list produced under this section shall contain a voter's date of birth. However, lists may be produced according to voters' ages. Both the following shall apply to all counties:

- (1) The county board of elections shall make the voter registration information available to the public on electronic or magnetic medium. For purposes of this section, "electronic or magnetic medium" means any of the media in use by the State Board of Elections at the time of the request.
- (2) Information requested on electronic or magnetic medium shall contain the following: voter name, county voter identification number, residential address, mailing address, sex, race, age but not date of birth, party affiliation, precinct name, precinct identification code, congressional district, senate district, representative district, and, where applicable, county commissioner district, city governing board district, fire district, soil and water conservation district, and any other district information available, and voter history including primary, general, and special districts, or any other reasonable category.

The county board shall require each person to whom a list is furnished to reimburse the board for the actual cost incurred in preparing it, except as provided in subsection (d) of this section. Actual cost for the purpose of this section shall not include the cost of any equipment or any imputed overhead expenses. When furnishing information under this subsection to a purchaser on a magnetic medium provided by the county

board or the purchaser, the county board may impose a service charge of up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

§ 163-82.10(d)

Free Lists. - A county board shall provide, upon written request, one free list of all the registered voters in the county to the State chair of each political party and to the county chair of each political party once in every odd-numbered year, once during the first six calendar months of every even-numbered year, and once during the latter six calendar months of every even-numbered year. Each free list shall include the name, address, gender, age but not date of birth, race, political affiliation, voting history, precinct, precinct name, precinct identification code, congressional district, senate district, representative district, and, where applicable, county commissioner district, city governing board district, fire district, soil and water conservation district, and voter history including primary, general, and special districts of each registered voter. All free lists shall be provided as soon as practicable on one of any electronic or magnetic media, but no later than 30 days after written request. Each State party chair shall provide the information on the media received from the county boards or a copy of the media containing the data itself to candidates of that party who request the data in writing. As used in this section, "political party" means a political party as defined in G.S. 163-96.

§ 163-82.10(e)

Exception for Address of Certain Registered Voters. - Notwithstanding subsections (c) and (d) of this section, if a registered voter submits to the county board of elections a copy of a protective order without attachments, if any, issued to that person under G.S. 50B-3 or a lawful order of any court of competent jurisdiction restricting the access or contact of one or more persons with a registered voter or a current and valid Address Confidentiality Program authorization card issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 15C of the General Statutes, accompanied by a signed statement that the voter has good reason to believe that the physical safety of the voter or a member of the voter's family residing with the voter would be jeopardized if the voter's address were open to public inspection, that voter's address is a public record but shall be kept confidential as long as the protective order remains in effect or the voter remains a certified program participant in the Address Confidentiality Program. That voter's name, precinct, and the other data contained in that voter's registration record shall remain a public record. That voter's signed statement submitted under this subsection is a public record but shall be kept confidential as long as the protective order remains in effect or the voter remains a certified program participant in the Address Confidentiality Program. It is the responsibility of the voter to provide the county board with a copy of the valid protective order in effect or a current and valid

Address Confidentiality Program authorization card issued pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 15C of the General Statutes. The voter's actual address shall be used for any election-related purpose by any board of elections. That voter's address shall be available for inspection by a law enforcement agency or by a person identified in a court order, if inspection of the address by that person is directed by that court order. It shall not be a violation of this section if the address of a voter who is participating in the Address Confidentiality Program is discovered by a member of the public in public records disclosed by a county board of elections prior to December 1, 2001. Addresses required to be kept confidential by this section shall not be made available to the jury commission under the provisions of G.S. 9-2.

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01	1901	c. 89, s. 83	ENACTED
02	Rev.	s. 4382	RECODIFIED
03	C.S.	s. 6016	RECODIFIED
04	1931	c. 80	AMENDED
05	1939	c. 263, s. 31/2	AMENDED
06	1949	c. 916, ss. 6, 7	AMENDED
07	1953	c. 843	AMENDED
08	1955	c. 800	AMENDED
09	1959	c. 883	AMENDED
10	1963	c. 303, s. 1	AMENDED
11	1965	c. 1116, s. 1	AMENDED
12	1967	c. 775, s. 1	AMENDED
13	1973	c. 793, ss. 22, 25	AMENDED

14	1975	c. 12	AMENDED
15	1975	c. 395	AMENDED
16	1979	2nd Sess., c. 1242	AMENDED
17	1981	c. 39, s. 1	AMENDED
18	1981	c. 87, s.1	AMENDED
19	1981	c. 308, s. 1	AMENDED
20	1981	c. 656	AMENDED
21	1983	c. 218, ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
22	1985	c. 211, ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
23	1985	c. 472, s. 1	AMENDED
24	1985	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 2	AMENDED
25	1985	1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 688, s. 2	AMENDED
26	2001	S.L. 2001-396, s. 1	AMENDED
27	2002	S.L. 2002-171, s. 8	AMENDED
28	2003	S.L. 2003-226, ss. 2, 3	AMENDED
29	2003	S.L. 2003-278, s. 6	AMENDED
30	2004	S.L. 2004-127, s. 17(c)	AMENDED
31	2005	S.L. 2005-428, s. 10(a), (b)	AMENDED
32	2007	S.L. 2007-391, s. 19	AMENDED
33	2008	S.L. 2008-187, s. 33(a)	AMENDED
34	2009	S.L. 2009-541, s. 12	AMENDED
35	2011	S.L. 2011-182, s. 9	AMENDED
36	2015	S.L. 2015-241, s. 14.30(s)	AMENDED
37	2017	S.L. 2017-6, s. 3	AMENDED
38	2018	S.L. 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b)	AMENDED
39	2019	S.L. 2019-239, s. 1.1(c)	AMENDED
40	2023	S.L. 2023-139, s. 6.7(b)	AMENDED
41	2025	S.L. 2025-25, s. 29(1)	AMENDED

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. 163-82.3	(a)	"application form, if available, described in"
G.S. 163-82.20	(a1)	"at which the voter registered under"
G.S. 163-82.8A	(a1)	"photographs for voter photo identification under"
G.S. 163-96	(d)	"a political party as defined in"
G.S. 50B-3	(e)	"any, issued to that person under"
G.S. 9-2	(e)	"jury commission under the provisions of"

APPARATUS III

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