



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 7A - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

N.C.G.S. § 163-82.16.

Change of name.

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§ 163-82.16(a) Registrant's Duty to Report. - If the name of a registrant is changed in accordance with G.S. 48-1-104, G.S. 50-12, or Chapter 101 of the General Statutes, or if a married registrant assumes the last name of the registrant's spouse, the registrant shall not be required to re-register, but shall report the change of name to the county board not later than the last day for applying to register to vote for an election in G.S. 163-82.6. The registrant shall report the change on a form described in G.S. 163-82.3 or on a voter registration card described in G.S. 163-82.8 or in another written statement that is signed, contains the registrant's full names, old and new, and the registrant's current residence address.

§ 163-82.16(b) Verification of New Name by Mail. - When a county board of elections receives a notice of name change from a registrant in that county, the county board shall send a notice, by nonforwardable mail, to the registrant's residence address. The notice shall state that the registrant's records will be changed to reflect the new name if the registrant does not respond that the name change is incorrect. If the Postal Service returns the county board's notice to the registrant as undeliverable, the county board shall send to the registrant's residence address a confirmation notice as described in G.S. 163-82.14(d)(2).

If the registrant does not respond to the confirmation notice as described in G.S. 163-82.14(d)(2), then the county board shall proceed with the removal of the registrant from the list of voters in accordance with G.S. 163-82.14(d).

§ 163-82.16(c) Board's Duty to Make Change. - If the county board confirms the registrant's address in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and the registrant does not deny

making the application for the name change, the county board shall as soon as practical change the record of the registrant's name to conform to that stated in the application.

§ 163-82.16(d)

Unreported Name Change. - A registrant who has not reported a name change in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall be permitted to vote if the registrant reports the name change to the chief judge at the voting place, or to the county board along with the voter's application for an absentee ballot.

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APPARATUS I
8 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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APPARATUS II
7 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. 48-1	(a)	"registrant is changed in accordance with"

G.S. 50-12	(a)	<i>"changed in accordance with G.S. 48-1-104,"</i>
G.S. 163-82.6	(a)	<i>"to vote for an election in"</i>
G.S. 163-82.3	(a)	<i>"change on a form described in"</i>
G.S. 163-82.8	(a)	<i>"a voter registration card described in"</i>
G.S. 163-82.14(d)(2)	(b)	<i>"a confirmation notice as described in"</i>
G.S. 163-82.14(d)	(b)	<i>"list of voters in accordance with"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-82.16 (2018).

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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-82.16(a) (2018).

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HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE

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