



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 8 - CHALLENGES

N.C.G.S. § 163-87.

Challenges allowed during early voting and on day of primary or election.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2023-140, s. 13(a) — twenty-fourth act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 05:24 UTC	e59ad5561866acc22d62a2d2 - 194e8ecdfe098202827bfa82 - d435a4ff4ab76b71

On the day of a primary or election, or during the hours for early voting under Part 5 of Article 14A of this Chapter, at the time a registered voter offers to vote in person, any other registered voter of the county may exercise the right of challenge, and when the voter does so may enter the voting enclosure to make the challenge, but the voter shall retire therefrom as soon as the challenge is heard.

On the day of a primary or election, or during the hours for early voting under Part 5 of Article 14A of this Chapter, any other registered voter of the county may challenge a person for one or more of the following reasons:

One or more of the reasons listed in G.S. 163-85(c).

That the person has already voted in that primary or election.

If the challenge is made with respect to voting in a partisan primary, that the person is a registered voter of another political party.

Repealed by Session Laws 2018-144, s. 3.1(c), effective December 19, 2018.

The registered voter does not present photo identification in accordance with G.S. 163-166.16.

The chief judge, judge, or assistant appointed under G.S. 163-41, 163-42, or 163-166.35 may enter challenges under this section against voters in the precinct or at the early voting site for which appointed regardless of the place of residence of the chief judge, judge, or assistant.

If a person is challenged under this subsection, and the challenge is sustained under G.S. 163-85(c)(3), the voter may still transfer that voter's registration under G.S. 163-82.15(e) if eligible under that section, and the registration shall not be cancelled under G.S. 163-90.2(a) if the transfer is made. A person who has

transferred that voter's registration under G.S. 163-82.15(e) may be challenged at the precinct to which the registration is being transferred.

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APPARATUS I
24 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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1915

1969

2023

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1915	c. 101, s. 11	ENACTED
02	1917	c. 218	AMENDED
03	C.S.	s. 6031	RECODIFIED
04	1921	c. 181, s. 6	AMENDED
05	1923	c. 111, s. 14	AMENDED
06	1929	c. 164, s. 36	AMENDED
07	1953	c. 843	AMENDED
08	1955	c. 800	AMENDED
09	1955	c. 871, s. 7	AMENDED
10	1959	c. 616, s. 2	AMENDED
11	1959	c. 1203, s. 7	AMENDED
12	1963	c. 303, s. 1	AMENDED
13	1967	c. 775, s. 1	AMENDED
14	1985	c. 563, ss. 11.4, 14	AMENDED
15	1987	c. 408, s. 7	AMENDED
16	1987	1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 26	AMENDED
17	1987	1995 (Reg. Sess., 1996), c. 734, s. 4	AMENDED
18	2006	S.L. 2006-262, s. 3(a)	AMENDED
19	2009	S.L. 2009-541, s. 16.1(b)	AMENDED

20	2013	S.L. 2013-381, ss. 2.9, 20.2	AMENDED
21	2017	S.L. 2017-6, s. 3	AMENDED
22	2018	S.L. 2018-144, s. 3.1(c)	AMENDED
23	2018	S.L. 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b)	AMENDED
24	2023	S.L. 2023-140, s. 13(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
6 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. 163-85(c)	(null)(1)	"more of the reasons listed in"
G.S. 163-166.16	(null)(5)	"present photo identification in accordance with"
G.S. 163-41		"judge, judge, or assistant appointed under"
G.S. 163-85(c)(3)		"and the challenge is sustained under"
G.S. 163-82.15(e)		"still transfer that voter's registration under"
G.S. 163-90.2(a)		"registration shall not be cancelled under"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-87 (2023).

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