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HOUSE BILL 990

Short Title: Increase Participation/Lower the Age to Run. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Burr and Jordan (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 28, 2016

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO REDUCE THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD ELECTED OFFICE FROM TWENTY-ONE TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO ENCOURAGE THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG NORTH CAROLINIANS IN LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina reads as rewritten:

"Sec. 6. Eligibility to elective office.

Every qualified voter in North Carolina who is ~~21~~18 years of age, except as in this Constitution disqualified, shall be eligible for election by the people to office."

SECTION 2. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at a statewide election to be held on November 8, 2016, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

"[] FOR [] AGAINST

Constitutional amendment to reduce the age of eligibility for election by the people to office from 21 to 18 years of age."

SECTION 3. If a majority of votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment set out in Section 1 of this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall enroll the amendment so certified among the permanent records of that office.

SECTION 4. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act is effective upon certification.

SECTION 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.

