

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 103

Short Title: Notice to Vote Absentee Ballot W/out Photo ID. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Bryant, Robinson, Foushee (Primary Sponsors); Lowe, Smith, and Smith-Ingram.

Referred to: Redistricting.

February 23, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO NOTIFY A  
3 REGISTERED VOTER OF THE OPTION TO COMPLETE A WRITTEN REQUEST  
4 FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT A ONE-STOP VOTING LOCATION WHEN THE  
5 VOTER PRESENTS WITHOUT AN ELIGIBLE FORM OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 163-166.13 reads as rewritten:

8 "...

9 (c) Any-Except as provided in subsection (c1) of this section, any voter who does not  
10 comply with subsection (a) of this section shall be permitted to vote a provisional official ballot  
11 which shall be counted in accordance with G.S. 163-182.1A.

12 (c1) Any voter voting in person in accordance with G.S. 163-227.2 who does not comply  
13 with subsection (a) of this section shall be notified of the option and permitted to complete a  
14 written request for an absentee ballot in accordance with G.S. 163-227.2(b1).

15 ...."

16 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 163-227.2 is amended by adding the following new subsection  
17 to read:

18 "(b1) Any voter who fails to present an eligible form of photo identification in accordance  
19 with G.S. 163-166.13 shall be notified of the option and permitted to complete a written request  
20 form for an absentee ballot at the one-stop absentee voting location in accordance with  
21 G.S. 163-230.2. The county board of elections shall provide to the voter notice of each of the  
22 following:

23 (1) The option to complete a written request form for an absentee ballot at the  
24 one-stop absentee voting location, so long as the completed request form is  
25 received by the county board of elections not later than 5:00 P.M. on the  
26 Tuesday before the election as provided in G.S. 163-230.1(a).

27 (2) The option to complete the request form using the last four digits of the  
28 voter's social security number as provided under G.S. 163-230.2(a)(4)c. or  
29 by providing a copy of any of the documents under G.S. 163-166.12(b)(2).

30 (3) The instructions for completing the absentee ballot in accordance with  
31 G.S. 163-230.1, along with the deadlines for returning the absentee ballot.

32 (4) The means by which the voter may transmit the executed ballot to the county  
33 board of elections as provided in G.S. 163-231, including through delivery in  
34 person to an election official at a one-stop voting location.



1 Upon receiving notice pursuant to this subsection, a voter shall sign a form acknowledging that  
2 the voter was notified of the option to complete the absentee ballot and opted to (i) complete  
3 the request for an absentee ballot, (ii) take the application for an absentee ballot with him or  
4 her, or (iii) declined the option to complete or receive the absentee ballot. The list of names of  
5 those voters who signed an acknowledgment is a public record.

6 The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules requiring signage to be displayed at all  
7 one-stop absentee voting locations notifying voters who do not have eligible photo  
8 identification of the option to complete a written request form for an absentee ballot as  
9 provided in this subsection."

10 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.