

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 146

Short Title: Citizen's Allegiance to U.S. Constitution. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Speciale, Cleveland, Pittman, and Presnell (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

February 22, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION TO CLARIFY A  
CITIZEN'S ALLEGIANCE IS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Section 5 of Article I of the North Carolina Constitution reads as  
rewritten:

**"Sec. 5. Allegiance to the United States.**

Every citizen of this State owes paramount allegiance to the Constitution ~~and government~~ of  
the United States, and no law or ordinance of the State in contravention or subversion thereof can  
have any binding force."

**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 conducted in November of 2018, which  
election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in the State. The question to  
be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

"[ ] FOR [ ] AGAINST

Modify the North Carolina Constitution to clarify a citizen's allegiance is to the United  
States Constitution."

**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. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act becomes effective  
upon certification.

**SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

