

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 655

Short Title: Election Equipment/Grants to Counties. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Lewis.

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

Referred to: State and Local Government II, if favorable, Appropriations

April 11, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST COUNTY
BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TO REPLACE OUTDATED ELECTIONS EQUIPMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the State Board of Elections for the purpose of establishing a matching grant program to assist county boards of elections with costs of replacing outdated voting equipment.

SECTION 2. The State Board of Elections shall offer matching grants to each county of up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for purchasing voting equipment that complies with the requirements of federal law and Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, including hardware and software. The county shall expend at an amount equal to the grant from the State Board on voting equipment that complies with the requirements of federal law and Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, including hardware and software. Any amounts spent by the county on or after January 1, 2016, on voting equipment that complies with the requirements of federal law and Chapter 163 of the General Statutes, including hardware and software, shall be counted toward the county match.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2017.



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