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HOUSE BILL 683

Short Title: Absentee Ballot Integrity Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Pittman, Sasser, and Carter (Primary Sponsors).

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

Referred to: Elections and Ethics Law, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 11, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE A PERSON REQUESTING OR DELIVERING A WRITTEN REQUEST FORM FOR AN ABSENTEE APPLICATION AND BALLOT FOR A VOTER WHO IS IN A NURSING HOME, ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE, OR RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FIRST TO CONSULT THAT VOTER'S NEAR RELATIVE OR VERIFIABLE LEGAL GUARDIAN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 163A-1309(a), as amended by Section 1.2(e) of S.L. 2018-144, reads as rewritten:

"(a) Valid Types of Written Requests. – A completed written request form for an absentee ballot as required by G.S. 163A-1308 is valid only if it is on a form created by the State Board and signed by the voter requesting absentee ballots or that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian. The State Board shall make the form available at its offices, online, and in each county board of elections office, and that form may be reproduced. A voter may make a request in person or by writing to the county board for the form to request an absentee ballot. However, a person shall not request or deliver a written request form for an absentee application and ballot for a voter voting under this Part who is in a nursing home licensed under Part 1 of Article 6 of Chapter 131E of the General Statutes, an assisted living residence licensed under Part 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 131D of the General Statutes, or a residential facility licensed under Article 2 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes without first consulting that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian. The request form for an absentee ballot shall require at least the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the residence of the voter.
- (2) The name and address of the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian if that individual is making the request.
- (3) The address of the voter to which the application and absentee ballots are to be mailed if different from the residence address of the voter.
- (4) The identification required in accordance with State Board rules, as provided in subsection (f) of this section.
- (5) The voter's date of birth.
- (6) The signature of the voter or of the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian if that individual is making the request."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to written requests for absentee applications and ballots on or after that date.



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