

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1069

Short Title: Send Death Certificate/Co. Bd.'s of Elections. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Zachary, Yarborough, Davis, and Elmore (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 27, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE DEATH CERTIFICATE NOTICES BE SENT DIRECTLY TO COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS WHERE THE DECEASED PERSON RESIDED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163-82.14(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Death. – The Department of Health and Human Services shall ~~furnish free of charge to the State Board of Elections every month, in a format prescribed by the State Board of Elections, the names of deceased persons who were residents of the State. The State Board of Elections shall distribute every month to each county board of elections the names on that list~~ each month send free of charge to each county's board of elections a list of the names of deceased persons who were residents of that county. The Department of Health and Human Services shall maintain a record of the names sent to each county and the dates the lists were sent. The Department of Health and Human Services shall base each list upon information supplied by death certifications it received during the preceding month. Upon the receipt of those names, each county board of elections shall remove from its voter registration records any person the list shows to be dead. Within 30 days of receipt of the monthly list of deaths in the county provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, the county board of elections shall remove from the voter rolls those persons listed who were registered to vote and who resided in the county. Within the same 30-day period, the county board of elections shall then certify under oath to the State Board of Elections the names the county board of elections removed from its voter registration records. Each county board of elections shall also remove from its voter registration records a person identified as deceased by a signed statement of a near relative or personal representative of the estate of the deceased voter. The county board need not send any notice to the address of the person so removed."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

