

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 123

Short Title: Early Voting Constitutional Amendment. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Warren and Pike (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, Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 16, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE THAT VOTING IN PERSON PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY MAY OCCUR FOR A PERIOD OF NO LONGER THAN SEVEN DAYS AND ALL DAYS SHALL BE CONSECUTIVE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Article VI of the Constitution of North Carolina is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(3) If the General Assembly authorizes voting in person prior to Election Day, then the period of time authorizing voting in person prior to Election Day shall be no longer than seven days, all of which shall be consecutive."

SECTION 2. The amendment set out in this act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at a statewide general election to be held in November of 2024, which election shall be conducted under the laws then governing elections in this State. Ballots, voting systems, or both may be used in accordance with Chapter 163 of the General Statutes. The question to be used in the voting systems and ballots shall be:

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Constitutional amendment providing that if the General Assembly authorizes voting in person prior to Election Day, the period of time allowing for voting in person prior to Election Day shall be no longer than seven days, all of which shall be consecutive."

SECTION 3. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in favor of the amendment set out in this act, the State Board of Elections shall certify the amendment to the Secretary of State, who shall enroll the amendment so certified among the permanent records of that office. The amendment becomes effective upon certification.

SECTION 4. The amendment set out in Section 1 of this act becomes effective upon certification and applies to elections held on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.



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