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Referred to:	Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform.

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1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT VOTERS BE ASKED TO PRESENT
3	IDENTIFICATION BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE.
4	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
5	SECTION 1. G.S. 163-150(a) reads as rewritten:
6	"(a) Checking Registration. – A person seeking to vote shall enter the voting
7	enclosure at the voting place through the appropriate entrance and shall at once state his
8	name and place of residence to one of the judges of election. In a primary election, the
9	voter shall also state the political party with which he affiliates and in whose primary he
10	desires to vote, or if the voter is an unaffiliated voter permitted to vote in the primary of
11	a particular party under G.S. 163-119, the voter shall state the name of the authorizing
12	political party in whose primary he wishes to vote. The judge to whom the voter gives
13	this information shall announce the name and residence of the voter in a distinct tone of
14	voice. A voter shall display one of the following types of valid identification:
15	(1) <u>A North Carolina drivers license.</u>
16	(2) <u>A special identification card issued under G.S. 20-37.7.</u>
17	(3) <u>A passport.</u>
18	(4) An identification card issued by the United States Department of
19	Defense.
20	(5) <u>A social security card and one other type of identification showing the</u>
21	name and a picture of the voter.
22	A voter who does not show one of those types of identification shall be allowed to mark
23	a ballot. That ballot shall be sealed in an envelope on which it shall be noted that the
24	voter did not display identification in compliance with the statute. The county board of
25	elections shall determine if the voter is eligible to cast the ballot and, if so, shall count it,
26	and if not, shall not count it. The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules which

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