

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 1020

Short Title: Rights of Ex-Offenders. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Pierce, Womble, Farmer-Butterfield, Adams (Primary Sponsors); Bryant, Harrison, Insko, Luebke, and Wainwright.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

March 27, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO FACILITATE VOTER REGISTRATION BY FORMER FELONS UPON  
3 THE COMPLETION OF THEIR SENTENCE AND THE RESTORATION OF  
4 THEIR CITIZENSHIP.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Article 7A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes is amended  
7 by adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 163-82.20A. Voter registration upon restoration of citizenship.**

9 The State Board of Elections, the Department of Correction, and the Administrative  
10 Office of the Courts shall jointly develop and implement educational programs and  
11 procedures for persons to apply to register to vote at the time they are restored to  
12 citizenship and all filings required have been completed under Chapter 13 of the  
13 General Statutes. Those procedures shall be designed to do both of the following:

- 14 (1) Inform the person that the restoration of rights removes the person's  
15 disqualification from voting but that in order to vote, the person must  
16 register to vote.  
17 (2) Provide an opportunity to that person to register to vote.

18 At a minimum, the program shall include a written notice to the person whose  
19 citizenship has been restored, informing that person that the person may now register to  
20 vote, with a voter registration form enclosed with the notice."

21 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.