

1 In the first general election following the date on which a new political party qualifies
2 under the provisions of G.S. 163-96, it shall be entitled to have the names of its candidates for
3 national, State, congressional, and local offices printed on the official ballots upon paying a
4 filing fee equal to that provided for candidates for the office in G.S. 163-107 or upon
5 complying with the alternative available to candidates for the office in G.S. 163-107.1.

6 For the first general election following the date on which it qualifies under G.S. 163-96, a
7 new political party shall select its candidates by party convention. Following adjournment of
8 the nominating convention, but not later than the first day of July prior to the general election,
9 the president of the convention shall certify to the State Board of Elections the names of
10 persons chosen in the convention as the new party's candidates in the ensuing general election.
11 Any candidate nominated by a new party shall be affiliated with the party at the time of
12 certification to the State Board of Elections. The requirement of affiliation with the party will
13 be met if the candidate submits at or before the time of certification as a candidate an
14 application to change party affiliation to that party. The State Board of Elections shall print
15 names thus certified on the appropriate ballots as the nominees of the new party. The State
16 Board of Elections shall send to each county board of elections the list of any new party
17 candidates so that the county board can add those names to the appropriate ballot.

18 The convention, if it nominates a candidate for Governor, must also nominate a candidate
19 for Lieutenant Governor, or the nomination for Governor shall be void. The convention, if it
20 nominates a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, must also nominate a candidate for Governor,
21 or the nomination for Lieutenant Governor is void."

22 **SECTION 4.** Effective January 1, 2020, G.S. 163-122 is amended by adding a new
23 subsection to read:

24 "(c1) In filing petitions as an unaffiliated candidate, a petition for the office of Governor
25 shall also contain the name of a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and the petition shall be a
26 petition for both. The form of the petition requesting unaffiliated candidates to be placed on the
27 ballot for Governor and Lieutenant Governor on the general election ballot shall contain on the
28 heading of each page of the petition in bold print or in all capital letters the following words:
29 "THE UNDERSIGNED REGISTERED VOTERS IN _____ COUNTY HEREBY PETITION
30 ON BEHALF OF _____ AS AN UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR AND
31 _____ AS AN UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN THE
32 NEXT GENERAL ELECTION. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY PETITION THAT THE
33 SUBJECT CANDIDATES BE PLACED ON THE APPROPRIATE BALLOT UPON
34 COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF G.S. 163-122."

35 **SECTION 5.** Effective January 1, 2020, G.S. 163-165.6 is amended by adding a
36 new subsection to read:

37 "(h) The offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be combined on the ballot
38 and the nominees of each party or unaffiliated offices listed together so that a vote for a
39 candidate for one of those offices is a vote for the candidates for both offices."

40 **SECTION 6.** Effective January 1, 2020, G.S. 163-182.1 is amended by adding a
41 new subsection to read:

42 "(c) A write-in vote for a candidate for Governor shall not be counted unless that voter
43 has also written in the name of a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. A write-in vote for a
44 candidate for Lieutenant Governor shall not be counted unless that voter has also written in the
45 name of a candidate for Governor."

46 **SECTION 7.** Effective January 1, 2020, G.S. 163-123 is amended by adding a new
47 subsection to read:

48 "(c1) Any declaration of intent filed under this section for the office of Governor shall be
49 a joint declaration with another candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor. Any
50 declaration of intent filed under this section for the office of Lieutenant Governor shall be a
51 joint declaration with another candidate for the office of Governor. The declaration shall be

1 signed by both candidates. The State Board of Elections shall provide for a joint petition form
2 for Governor and Lieutenant Governor in lieu of the one provided by subsection (d) of this
3 section."

4 **SECTION 8.** Effective January 1, 2020, G.S. 163-106(h) reads as rewritten:

5 "(h) No person may file a notice of candidacy for more than one office described in
6 subsection (c) of this section for any one election. If a person has filed a notice of candidacy
7 with a board of elections under this section for one office, then a notice of candidacy may not
8 later be filed for any other office under this section when the election is on the same date unless
9 the notice of candidacy for the first office is withdrawn under subsection (e) of this section;
10 provided that this subsection shall not apply unless the deadline for filing notices of candidacy
11 for both offices is the same. Notwithstanding this subsection, a person may file a notice of
12 candidacy (i) for a full term as United States Senator, and also file a notice of candidacy for the
13 remainder of the unexpired term of that same seat in an election held under G.S. 163-12, and
14 may file a notice of candidacy (ii) for a full term as a member of the United States House of
15 Representatives, and also file a notice of candidacy for the remainder of the unexpired term in
16 an election held under ~~G.S. 163-13~~.G.S. 163-13, and (iii) for Lieutenant Governor, and also file
17 a notice of candidacy either for State Representative or State Senator."

18 **SECTION 9.** Sections 2 through 8 of this act become effective only if the
19 constitutional amendment proposed by Section 1 of this act are approved by the qualified voters
20 as provided by this act, and if so approved, Sections 2 through 8 of this act become effective
21 January 1, 2020, and apply beginning with the 2020 election cycle.

22 **SECTION 10.** This act is effective when it becomes law.