GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015

SENATE BILL 587

Short Title:    Postage Paid on Return/Voted Absentee Ballots.     (Public)

Sponsors:      Senators D. Davis, Smith-Ingram (Primary Sponsors); and Lowe.

Referred to:   Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 30, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY
PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPES, POSTAGE PAID UPON RETURN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163-231(b)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Transmitting Executed Absentee Ballots to County Board of Elections. – The sealed
container-return envelope in which executed absentee ballots have been placed shall be
transmitted to the county board of elections who issued those ballots as follows:

1. All ballots issued under the provisions of this Article and Article 21A of this
Chapter shall be transmitted by mail in the pre-addressed envelope, postage
paid upon return or by commercial courier service, at the voter's expense,
service or delivered in person, or by the voter's near relative or verifiable
legal guardian and received by the county board not later than 5:00 p.m. on
the day of the statewide primary or general election or county bond election.

2. Ballots issued under the provisions of Article 21A of this Chapter may also
be electronically transmitted.

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SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections
held on or after that date.