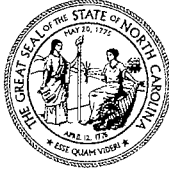


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GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 68, AN ACT TO REPEAL G.S. 126-5(D)(2C), AS ENACTED BY S.L. 2016-126; TO REPEAL PART I OF S.L. 2016-125; AND TO CONSOLIDATE THE FUNCTIONS OF ELECTIONS, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, LOBBYING, AND ETHICS UNDER ONE QUASI-JUDICIAL AND REGULATORY AGENCY BY CREATING THE NORTH CAROLINA BIPARTISAN STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS ENFORCEMENT.

Similar legislation to this was held unconstitutional by a three judge panel in a unanimous decision, and I believe this repackaged bill is also unconstitutional. This legislation will result in deadlocked votes on the Board of Elections, and will undermine North Carolina's ability to conduct fair, legal elections that maximize voter participation.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 20th day of April 2017, at 10:26 AM for reconsideration by that body.

Received from the
Governor:
April 21, 2017
@ 10:45 a.m.
Sarah Lang