

Amendments to the North Carolina Constitution of 1971*

Session Law	Article Affected	Topic	Date	Vote		Result
				Yes	No	
1969, ch.1258		Revising and Amending the Constitution of North Carolina	11/03/1970	393,759	251,132	Adopted
1969, ch. 827	Art. IX, sec. 10	Reassigning Benefits of Escheats	11/03/1970	362,097	248,451	Adopted
1969, ch. 872	Art. V, sec. 2(6)	Authorizing the GA to Fix Personal Income Tax Exemptions	11/03/1970	336,600	282,697	Adopted
1969, ch. 932	Art. III, sec. 5(10)	Executive Reorganization Amendment	11/03/1970	400,892	248,795	Adopted
1969, ch. 1004	Art. VI, sec.4	Repealing Literacy Requirement for Voting	11/03/1970	279,132	355,347	Rejected
1969, ch. 1200	Art. V	Revising Finance Article	11/03/1970	323,131	281,087	Adopted
1969, ch. 1270	Art. II	Authorizing Calling of Extra Legislative Sessions on Petition of Legislators	11/03/1970	332,981	285,581	Adopted
1971, ch. 201	Art. VI, sec. 1	Lowering Voting Age to 18	11/07/1972	762,651	425,708	Adopted
1971, ch. 451	Art. IV, sec. 8	Requiring Legislative Age Limit for Justices and Judges	11/07/1972	811,440	304,489	Adopted
1971, ch. 560	Art. IV, sec. 17	Authorizing Legislative Provision for Censure or Removal of Justices and Judges	11/07/1972	807,960	272,470	Adopted
1971, ch. 630	Art. XIV, sec. 5	Declaring State Policy to Conserve and Protect Natural Resources	11/07/1972	976,581	146,895	Adopted
1971, ch. 857	Art. VII, sec. 1	Limiting the Incorporation of Towns Near Existing Towns	11/07/1972	694,921	374,184	Adopted
1973, ch. 394	Art. IV, sec. 18	Changing Title of Solicitor to District Attorney	11/05/1974	474,199	249,452	Adopted
1973, ch. 1222		Authorizing Legislation to Provide for Tax-exempt Industrial Revenue Bonds	11/05/1974	317,285	376,269	Rejected
1975, ch. 641	Art. V, sec. 8	Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Finance or Refinance Health Care Facility Projects	03/23/1976	382,091	311,300	Adopted

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1975, ch. 826	Art. V, sec. 9	Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Finance Industrial Development and Pollution Control Projects for Public Utilities	03/23/1976	373,033	304,938	Adopted
1977, ch. 80	Art. X, sec. 2	Extending the Benefit of the Homestead Exemption to Surviving Spouses of Either Sex	11/08/1977	517,366	59,714	Adopted
1977, ch. 115	Art. X, sec. 5	Permitting Any Person (Not Only a Husband) to Insure His or Her Own Life for the Benefit of His or Her Spouse or Children or Both, free from Claims of Creditors of the Insured or the Insured's Estate	11/08/1977	513,526	57,835	Adopted
1977, ch. 363	Art. III, sec. 2(2)	Empowering the Voters to Elect the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for Two Consecutive Terms	11/08/1977	307,754	278,013	Adopted
1977, ch. 528	Art. V, sec. 10	Permitting Municipalities that Generate or Distribute Electric Power to Own and Operate Generating and Distribution Facilities Jointly with Public or Private Entities Engaged in That Business	11/08/1977	349,935	180,624	Adopted
1977, ch. 690	Art. III, sec. 5(3)	Requiring that the State Budget be Balanced at All Times	11/08/1977	443,453	104,935	Adopted
1979, ch. 638	Art. IV, sec. 22	Providing that Only Persons Authorized to Practice Law in the Courts of this State are Eligible to be Justices and Judges of the General Court of Justice	11/04/1980	888,634	352,714	Adopted
1981, ch. 504		Increasing the Terms of State Senators and Representatives from Two to Four Years	06/29/1982	163,058	522,181	Rejected
1981, ch. 513	Art. IV, sec. 8	Authorizing Legislation to Provide for the Recall of Retired State Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeals Judges to Serve Temporarily on Either Court	06/29/1982	356,895	295,638	Adopted

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1981, ch. 803	Art. IV, sec. 12(1)	Authorizing Legislation to Grant the State Supreme Court Jurisdiction to Review on Direct Appeal a Final Order or Decision of the NC Utilities Commission	06/29/1982	392,886	253,629	Adopted
1981, ch. 808		Authorizing Legislation to Empower Public Bodies, in Order to Develop NC Seaports and Airports, to Acquire, Construct, Finance, Refinance, Sell or Lease Lands and Facilities and to Finance for Private Interests Seaport, Airport and Other Related Commercial Facilities	06/29/1982	292,031	342,567	Rejected
1981, ch. 887		Authorizing Legislation to Permit the State to Issue Tax-exempt Revenue Bonds to Finance or Refinance the Acquisition and Construction of Facilities for Private Institutions of Higher Education	06/29/1982	303,292	338,650	Rejected
1981, ch. 1241	Art. II, sec. 9	Providing that the Terms of State Senators and Representatives Shall Begin 1 January Next After Their Election	11/02/1982	690,218	276,432	Adopted
1981, ch. 1247		Authorizing Legislation to Permit Municipalities to Issue Tax Increment Bonds	11/02/1982	182,147	810,565	Rejected
1983, ch. 298	Art. III, sec. 7(7) Art. IV, sec. 18(1)	Providing that Only Persons Authorized to Practice Law in the Courts of this State are Eligible to be Attorney General or District Attorney	11/06/1984	1,159,460	357,796	Adopted
1983, ch. 765	Art. V, sec. 11	Authorizing Legislation to permit the Issuance by the state of Tax-exempt Revenue Bonds to Finance and Refinance Agricultural Capital Facilities	05/08/1984	420,405	360,009	Adopted

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1985, ch. 61 <i>repealed by</i> 1985, ch.1010		Authorizing Legislation to Prohibit Future Governors and Lieutenant Governors from Succeeding Themselves Except for the Present Governor and Lieutenant Governor		Note: This proposed amendment was repealed by 1985, ch.1010, and therefore did not go to a vote of the people.		
1985, ch. 768		Authorizing Legislation to provide for Election of state and county Officers in Odd-numbered Years	05/06/1986	230,159	547,076	Rejected
1985, ch. 814	Art. V, sec. 12	Permitting the General Assembly to Enact Laws to Allow Revenue Bonds to be Issued to Finance or Refinance Higher Education Facilities for Private Nonprofit Institutions	11/04/1986	675,587	448,845	Adopted
1985, ch. 920	Art. III, sec. 7(3) Art. IV, sec. 19	Providing for Elections to be Held to fill the Remainder of an Unexpired Term if Vacancy Occurs 60 Days Before Next Election	11/04/1986	740,241	365,959	Adopted
1985, ch. 933	Art. V, sec. 13	Permitting the General Assembly to Assist in the Development of New and Existing Seaports and Airports	11/04/1986	688,911	391,908	Adopted
1993, ch. 497		Authorizing Counties and Cities to issue Tax Increment Bonds Without Voter Approval	11/02/1993	197,762	651,190	Rejected
1995-5, s.3	Art. II, sec. 22 Art. III, Sec. 5	Veto Power for Governor	11/05/1996	1,652,294	544,335	Adopted
1995-429, s.3	Art. XI, sec. 1	Require Alternative Punishments	11/05/1996	1,889,620	303,596	Adopted
1995-438, s.2	Art. I, sec. 37	Victims Rights Amendment	11/05/1996	1,714,872	488,805	Adopted

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1999-268, s.3 <i>amended by:</i> 2001-217, s.3 <i>amended by:</i> 2002-3, s. 1 (Extra Session)	Art. XIV, sec. 5	State Nature and Historic Preserve	11/05/2002	1,283,375	507,426	Adopted
2003-403, s.1	Art. V, sec. 14	Local Option Project Development Financing	11/02/2004	1,504,391	1,429,179	Adopted
2003-423, s.1	Art. IX, sec. 7	School Fines and Forfeitures	11/02/2004	2,348,155	662,324	Adopted
2004-128, s.16	Art. IV, sec. 10	Amend Magistrate Term	11/02/2004	1,984,152	933,021	Adopted
2010-49, s.2	Art. VII, sec. 2	No Felon as Sheriff	11/02/2010	2,090,837	370,023	Adopted
2011-409	Art. XIV, sec. 6	Defense of Marriage	05/08/2012	1,317,178	840,802	Adopted
2013-300	Art. I, sec. 24	Criminal Defendant May Waive Jury Trial	11/04/2014	1,408,119	1,245,052	Adopted

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