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EXPLANATION OF THE PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

This Publication Schedule is prepared by the Office of Administrative Hearings as a public service and the computation of time periods are not to be deemed binding or controlling. Time is computed according to 26 NCAC 2C .0302 and the Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 6.

GENERAL

The North Carolina Register shall be published twice a month and contains the following information submitted for publication by a state agency:

- (1) temporary rules;
- (2) text of proposed rules;
- (3) text of permanent rules approved by the Rules Review Commission;
- (4) emergency rules
- (5) Executive Orders of the Governor;
- (6) final decision letters from the U.S. Attorney General concerning changes in laws affecting voting in a jurisdiction subject of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as required by G.S. 120-30.9H; and
- (7) other information the Codifier of Rules determines to be helpful to the public.

COMPUTING TIME: In computing time in the schedule, the day of publication of the North Carolina Register is not included. The last day of the period so computed is included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday, in which event the period runs until the preceding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday.

FILING DEADLINES

ISSUE DATE: The Register is published on the first and fifteen of each month if the first or fifteenth of the month is not a Saturday, Sunday, or State holiday for employees mandated by the State Human Resources Commission. If the first or fifteenth of any month is a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday for State employees, the North Carolina Register issue for that day will be published on the day of that month after the first or fifteenth that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday for State employees.

LAST DAY FOR FILING: The last day for filing for any issue is 15 days before the issue date excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays for State employees.

NOTICE OF TEXT

EARLIEST DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING: The hearing date shall be at least 15 days but not later than 60 days after the date a notice of the hearing is published.

END OF REQUIRED COMMENT PERIOD
An agency shall accept comments on the text of a proposed rule for at least 60 days after the text is published.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT TO THE RULES REVIEW COMMISSION: The Commission shall review a rule submitted to it on or before the twentieth of a month by the last day of the next month.

Note from the Codifier: The notices published in this Section of the NC Register include the text of proposed rules. The agency must accept written comments on any proposed rules for at least 60 days from the publication date, or until the date of any public hearing, whichever is longer. If the agency adopts a rule that differs substantially from a prior published notice, the agency must publish the text of the proposed different rule and accept comment on the proposed different rule for 60 days. Statutory reference: G.S. 150B-21.2.

TITLE 04 – DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3A(c)(2)g. that the Rural Electrification Authority intends to readopt with substantive changes the rules cited as 04 NCAC 08 .0101, .0102, .0202, .0302, and readopt without substantive changes the rules cited as 04 NCAC 08 .0107, .0201, .0206, .0301, .0304, .0306, .0313, .0401, and .0404.

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.2(c)(1), the text of the rule(s) proposed for readoption without substantive changes are not required to be published. The text of the rules are available on the OAH website: <http://reports.oah.state.nc.us/ncac.asp>.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.rea.nc.gov/>

Proposed Effective Date: January 31, 2027

Instructions on How to Demand a Public Hearing: (must be requested in writing within 15 days of notice): Submit to Angie McLeod at angie.mcleod@commerce.nc.gov.

Reason for Proposed Action: REA is making changes to these rules to clarify details of the telephone cooperative's membership complaint process and clarifying details regarding submitting USDA loan and grant requests to the agency for board consideration.

Comments may be submitted to: Angie McLeod, 313 Chapanoke Rd., Raleigh, NC 27603; phone (984) 236-4295; email angie.mcleod@commerce.nc.gov

Comment period ends: July 14, 2026

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit a written objection to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive letters via U.S. Mail, private courier service, or hand delivery to 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, or via email to oah.rules@oah.nc.gov. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please review 26 NCAC 05 .0110 or call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- State funds affected
- Local funds affected
- Substantial economic impact (\geq \$1,000,000)
- Approved by OSBM
- No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 08 - RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY

SECTION .0100 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

04 NCAC 08 .0101 PURPOSE

(a) The purpose of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority ("the Authority") is to secure and continue to provide dependable electric and telephone services to customers served by the electric membership corporations ("EMCs") and the telephone membership corporations ("TMCs") in predominately rural areas of the state at the lowest possible cost and on a nondiscriminatory basis, as set forth in G.S. 117-16.1. To accomplish this purpose, the Authority shall act as an agent in securing loans or grants from any agency of the United States Government. The Authority also serves as a forum to receive and investigate complaints from members of the electric cooperatives to arrive at a just and satisfactory solution to the member complaints. The Authority also serves as a forum to receive and investigate complaints from members of the telephone cooperatives to arrive at a just and satisfactory solution to the member complaints.

(b) The Authority, pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. LA. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 (1996)("the Act") shall establish procedural schedules for Petitions for Arbitration of interconnection agreements between TMCs and other local and wireless providers. The Authority shall render final decisions for these arbitrations based on information received from testimony, discovery and hearings. The Authority shall review and approve the interconnection agreements and their amendments in accordance with Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

(c) The Board of the Authority shall choose a Secretary, who is also the Administrator of the Authority.

Authority G.S. 117-2; 117-2(11a); 117-3.1; 117-4; 117-26; 117-31; 117-32; 47 U.S.C. 251.

04 NCAC 08 .0102 ADDRESS OF THE AUTHORITY

(a) The office of the Authority is located in Raleigh, North Carolina at 313 Chapanoke Road, ~~Suite 210~~, and the mailing address is 4321 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4321.

(b) The website address for the Authority is rea.nc.gov.

(c) All correspondence shall be addressed to the attention of the Administrator or to the Chairman of the Authority. The office is

open to the public Monday through Friday during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is closed on all state holidays.

Authority G.S. 117-1.

04 NCAC 08 .0107 MEETINGS (READOPTION WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES)

SECTION .0200 - ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATIONS

04 NCAC 08 .0201 DEFINITIONS (READOPTION WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES)

04 NCAC 08 .0202 LOAN APPLICATIONS AND CATEGORIES

(a) All EMCs, both domestic and domesticated, shall petition the Authority to apply for any funds in the form of grants or loans issued from any agency of the United States Government for use in the State. The EMC shall send all loan documents to the Administrator ~~three~~ two weeks prior to the Board meeting in accordance with Rule .0107 of this Chapter.

(b) Domesticated corporations shall include only the funds for use in this State in its petition for the loan or grant.

(c) A checklist for Rural Utility Service (RUS) loans and Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants (REDLG) may be found on the Authority's website.

Authority G.S. 117-26; 117-28.

SECTION .0300 - TELEPHONE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATIONS

04 NCAC 08 .0301 DEFINITIONS (READOPTION WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES)

04 NCAC 08 .0302 LOAN APPLICATIONS

(a) All TMCs shall petition the Authority to apply for any funds in the form of grants or loans issued from any agency of the United States government for use in the State.

(b) The TMC shall send all loan documents to the Administrator ~~three~~ two weeks prior to the Board meeting in accordance with Rule .0107 of this Chapter.

Authority G.S. 117-2(11).

04 NCAC 08 .0304 LOAN APPLICATIONS AND CATEGORIES (READOPTION WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES)

04 NCAC 08 .0306 REQUIRED DISCLOSURES (READOPTION WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES)

04 NCAC 08 .0313 ARBITRATION POLICIES (READOPTION WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES)

SECTION .0400 - PETITIONS: HEARINGS: TEMPORARY RULES: DECLARATORY RULINGS: CONTESTED CASES

04 NCAC 08 .0401 PETITIONS FOR RULE-MAKING HEARINGS (READOPTION WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES)

04 NCAC 08 .0404 DECLARATORY RULINGS (READOPTION WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES)

TITLE 08 – STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the State Board of Elections intends to amend the rules cited as 08 NCAC 09 .0106, .0107, and .0110.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.ncsbe.gov/about-elections/legal-resources/rulemaking>

Proposed Effective Date: September 1, 2026

Public Hearing:

Date: June 8, 2026

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: State Board of Elections, Dobbs Building, 430 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27603

Reason for Proposed Action: Under N.C.G.S. 163-182.7 and 163-182.7A, the State Board of Elections is required to adopt rules for the conduct of recounts following an election. Boards of elections may conduct discretionary recounts to complete the canvass of the election, or candidates in an election can demand a mandatory recount under certain circumstances. The State Board is proposing amendments to three existing rules pertaining to the conduct of a recount. In rule 08 NCAC 09 .0106, the proposed amendments make changes to how a bipartisan team of four is chosen and establish when a recount is officially considered to be completed. In rule 08 NCAC 09 .0107, the proposed amendments establish how personnel conducting a machine recount are chosen and assigned and establish two options for how ballots rejected by a tabulator in the recount are to be recounted. In rule 08 NCAC 09 .0110, the proposed amendment changes the deadline for when a county board of elections must begin a hand-to-eye recount.

Comments may be submitted to: Adam Steele, P.O. Box 27255, Raleigh, NC 27611; email rulemaking.sboe@ncsbe.gov (Comments may be submitted online during the comment period at <https://www.ncsbe.gov/about-elections/legal-resources/rulemaking>)

Comment period ends: July 14, 2026

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit a written objection to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive letters via U.S. Mail, private courier service, or hand delivery to 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, or via email to oah.rules@oah.nc.gov. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please review 26 NCAC 05 .0110 or call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- State funds affected
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- Approved by OSBM
- No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 09 - CONDUCT OF VOTE RECOUNTS BY COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS

08 NCAC 09 .0106 GENERAL GUIDELINES

(a) Prior to each recount under G.S. 163-182.7, the county board of elections or State Board shall inform the political parties and candidates of the recount and describe to them the process of conducting recounts. A county board of elections shall notice the recount at least 48 hours prior to the start of the recount. The county board shall send notice by email to the county board's regular notice list, county party chairs, and the candidates in the contest subject to the recount.

(b) In the case of tie votes, the winner shall be determined by lot only in the case set out in G.S. 163-182.8(2). Where there are 5,000 or fewer votes cast, there shall be only one determination by lot for each tied election. There shall be no determination by lot until the time has expired for the affected candidate(s) to request a recount, unless all of the affected candidate(s) waive their right in writing to request a recount.

(c) During the conduct of recounts, ballots shall be counted in accordance with the principles in G.S. 163-182.1(a).

(d) In conducting ~~hand-to-eye recounts~~ hand-to-eye recounts pursuant to G.S. 163-182.7A and Rule .0110 of this Chapter, or recounts of paper ballots, a bipartisan team of four officials shall be ~~used~~ assigned: two officials (one from each of the two parties in the State with the largest number of registered voters) to relay the results of each ballot with one person reading the ballot and the other official observing the ballot and the person reading the results of the ballot, and two officials (one from each of the two parties in the State with the largest number of registered voters) each separately recording the tally of votes for each candidate on paper while stating aloud after each choice is read on the fifth tally for a particular candidate, the word "tally." ~~If, after diligently~~

~~seeking to fill the positions with voters affiliated with each of the two parties in the State with the largest number of registered voters, the county board still has an insufficient number of officials for the recount, the~~ The county board by a majority vote of its members, including at least one board member of each political party represented on the board, may ~~appoint~~ assign to the bipartisan team an unaffiliated voter or voter affiliated with one of the other political ~~parties~~ parties recognized in the State under G.S. 163-96. In no instance shall the county board ~~appoint~~ assign more than two ~~members~~ officials to a bipartisan team who are unaffiliated or affiliated with one of the other political ~~parties~~ parties, and a bipartisan team of four shall include at least one official from each of the two parties in the State with the largest number of registered voters. Bipartisan team ~~members~~ officials shall be registered voters in the ~~State~~ State and shall wear identification during the recount to make observers aware of the official's role in the recount. County board members shall not serve on the bipartisan team.

(e) The county board of elections shall conduct recounts only as follows:

- (1) the recount is mandatory under G.S. 163-182.7(b) or (c) or G.S. 163-182.7A; or
- (2) ~~the recount is not mandatory but~~ the county board of elections or the State Board of Elections determines, using its authority in G.S. 163-182.7(a), that in order to complete the canvass a recount is necessary.

(f) A candidate shall have the right to call for a ~~hand-eye hand-to-eye~~ hand-to-eye recount within 24 hours after the board of elections having jurisdiction over the ballot item under G.S. 163-182.7 declares the completion of a discretionary ~~machine~~ recount ~~in~~ that is ordered pursuant to G.S. 163-182.7(a) or by noon on the next business day of the ~~county~~ board of elections office, whichever is later, if the apparent winner is the apparent loser after the discretionary recount. A candidate shall have the right to call for a ~~hand-eye hand-to-eye~~ hand-to-eye sample ~~recount~~ recount, pursuant to G.S. 163-182.7A, within 24 hours after the board of elections having jurisdiction over the ballot item under G.S. 163-182.7 declares the completion of a mandatory machine ~~recount~~, pursuant to G.S. 163-182.7A. recount. A machine recount shall not be declared completed until the results have been reported to the State Board. For machine recounts of ballot items under the jurisdiction of a county board of elections, the declaration of the completion of the recount may be delegated by the county board to the bipartisan team of two county board members overseeing the recount. For machine recounts of ballot items under the jurisdiction of the State Board, the declaration of the completion of the recount may be delegated by the State Board to the Executive Director of the State Board.

(g) Any candidate in the contest subject to a recount shall have the right to file an election protest within 24 hours after a recount is declared completed or by noon of the next business day of the county board office, whichever is later, if the protest relates to the conduct of the recount. Allegations unrelated to the recount may not be included in the protest.

(h) Recounts shall be performed in the presence of a quorum of county board members or in the presence of a bipartisan team of two county board members. Determinations of voter intent shall

be made by a quorum of the board and at least one board member of each political party shall be represented.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-182.1; 163-182.7; 163-182.7A.

08 NCAC 09 .0107 FIRST RECOUNT

(a) In the first recount conducted by the county board of elections in accordance with G.S. 163-182.7, all ballots that were originally counted shall be recounted by machine, notwithstanding the method by which the ballots were originally counted.

(b) In conducting the machine recount, the county board of elections shall assign a bipartisan team of two officials for each tabulator, consisting of a tabulator attendant to feed ballots into the tabulator and a tabulator observer to provide individual ballots to the tabulator attendant. The county board shall assign at least one additional official to manage the distribution of the voted ballots that are subject to the recount. Trained personnel, county board of elections staff, or precinct officials appointed pursuant to G.S. 163-41, G.S. 163-42, or G.S. 163-166.35(b), shall be assigned by the county board to operate the tabulator in place of the bipartisan team only when those personnel are overseen by a bipartisan team of supervisors. A bipartisan team of supervisors shall consist of two officials and shall be assigned to oversee the operation of no more than four tabulators. For the purpose of this Rule, "bipartisan team" or "bipartisan team of supervisors" refers to a team of two officials assigned by the county board of elections with one official each being registered as affiliated with one of the two parties in the State with the largest number of registered voters. County board members shall not serve on the bipartisan team or bipartisan team of supervisors.

(c) All ballots that are rejected for tabulation purposes by the machines during the recount shall be recounted ~~by hand by a bipartisan team of four in accordance with 08 NCAC 09 .0106(d).~~ using one of the following methods:

- (1) By hand. The hand count shall be done by a bipartisan team of four in accordance with Rule .0106(d) of this Chapter, and any questions regarding voter intent in the hand recount of those ballots shall be resolved in accordance with Rule .0109 of this Chapter.
- (2) By ballot duplication. The ballot duplication shall be performed by a bipartisan team assigned under Paragraph (b) of this Rule. The bipartisan team shall replicate the voter's selections in all contests on the rejected ballot onto a blank ballot that is reviewed by the county board members in attendance and then fed into the tabulator. Any questions regarding voter intent in the selections on the ballot shall be resolved in accordance with Rule .0109 of this Chapter prior to replicating the selections onto the blank ballot. The duplicated ballot shall be marked by the bipartisan team with an identifier that it is a duplicated ballot, and the duplicated ballot shall be securely stored with the rejected ballot after it has been successfully read by the machine.

Ballots accepted by the machines during the recount shall not be counted by hand, regardless of whether the ballot is marked, contains overvotes, or is blank.

(d) The board of elections having jurisdiction over the ballot item shall schedule the first recount to begin within three business days of the demand for a mandatory recount or the decision to conduct a discretionary recount under G.S. 163-182.7, except any mandatory recount shall begin no earlier than the conclusion of the county canvass meeting pursuant to G.S. 163-182.5.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-182.7.

08 NCAC 09 .0110 SECONDARY RECOUNTS

For any hand-to-eye recount conducted under G.S. 163-182.7A, each county board of elections involved in the recount shall provide notice at least 24 hours in advance of the recount by email to the county board's notice list under G.S. 143-318.12(b)(2), county party chairs, and the candidates in the contest subject to the recount. No separate notice of a hand-to-eye recount is required if the hand-to-eye recount occurs on the same day as and following the conclusion of the first recount under 08 NCAC 09 .0107 and the notice of the first recount stated that a hand-to-eye recount, if required, could take place upon the conclusion of the first recount. The board of elections having jurisdiction over the ballot item under G.S. 163-182.7 shall schedule any hand-to-eye recount to begin within ~~two~~ three business days of the demand for a hand-to-eye recount, whether that recount is a sample recount or a full recount.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-182.7; 163-182.7A.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the State Board of Elections intends to adopt the rules cited as 08 NCAC 10C .0101-.0104.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.ncsbe.gov/about-elections/legal-resources/rulemaking>

Proposed Effective Date: September 1, 2026

Public Hearing:

Date: June 29, 2026

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: State Board of Elections, Dobbs Building, 430 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27603

Reason for Proposed Action: *The State Board of Elections is authorized to adopt rules governing the conduct of elections and is proposing a series of rules pertaining to voting sites. The proposed rules will guide how county boards of elections establish buffer zones and electioneering zones under G.S. 163-166.4, curbside voting areas under G.S. 163-166.9, and how elections officials maintain peace and good order about the voting site under G.S. 163-48. Proposed rule 08 NCAC 10C .0101 is a definitions rule. Proposed rule 08 NCAC 10C .0102 provides direction on establishing and marking buffer zones and curbside*

voting areas. Proposed rule 08 NCAC 10C .0103 provides direction on establishing and marking electioneering areas. Proposed rule 08 NCAC 10C .0104 provides direction on where electioneering may occur at a voting site and how loud noise or sound amplification devices at a voting site are to be addressed.

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Comment period ends: July 14, 2026

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Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- State funds affected
Local funds affected
Substantial economic impact (>= \$1,000,000)
Approved by OSBM
No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 10 - BALLOT ROTATION RULES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS

SUBCHAPTER 10C – VOTING SITES

08 NCAC 10C .0101 DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Subchapter:

- (1) "Chief judge" means the precinct official appointed as the chief judge for a voting site in accordance with G.S. 163-41 or G.S. 163-166.35.
(2) "Curbside buffer zone" means the area designated by a county board of elections where the activities under G.S. 163-166.4(a) are prohibited around a curbside voting zone.
(3) "Curbside voting zone" means the area designated by a county board of elections for qualified voters to vote curbside at a voting site

pursuant to 08 NCAC 10B .0109(g) and G.S. 163-166.9.

- (4) "Electioneering zone" means the area designated by a county board of elections where the activities under G.S. 163-166.4(b) are permitted at a voting site.
(5) "Judge" means the precinct official appointed as a judge of election for a voting site in accordance with G.S. 163-41 or G.S. 163-166.35.
(6) "Voting enclosure" means the room or designated area within the voting place that is used for voting.
(7) "Voting place" means the building, or part thereof, used for voting on election day in each precinct established under G.S. 163-128 or during early voting at an early voting site approved in an early voting plan under G.S. 163-166.35. Voting place shall mean the county board of elections office when that building, or part thereof, is used for voting.
(8) "Voting place buffer zone" means the area designated by a county board of elections where the activities under G.S. 163-166.4(a) are prohibited at a voting site.
(9) "Voting site" means the property on which the voting place is located.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-129; 163-166.4; 163-166.5; 163-166.6; 163-166.7; 163-166.9.

08 NCAC 10C .0102 VOTING SITE BUFFER ZONES

(a) The voting place buffer zone at a voting site shall be established as follows:

- (1) Before each election, the county board of elections shall adopt a resolution establishing a voting place buffer zone at each voting site in the county in accordance with G.S. 163-166.4(a). When adopting a resolution establishing a voting place buffer zone, the county board shall take into account the physical layout and dimensions of the voting site, location of the entrances for ingress to and egress from the voting place, parking areas at the voting site, and the electioneering zone established under Rule .0103 of this Subchapter and G.S. 163-166.4(b). If a voting place has multiple entrances, the county board shall establish a voting place buffer zone at each entrance. Notice of the resolution shall be given to the public in accordance with G.S. 163-166.4.
(2) Prior to the start of voting, the chief judge or a judge designated by the chief judge shall mark the boundary of the voting place buffer zone consistent with the county board of election's resolution adopted under Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule. The zone shall be marked or caused to be marked with signage, cones, rope,

tape, or some other visible marker that the chief judge determines is appropriate for ensuring peace and good order at the voting place in accordance with 08 NCAC 10B .0101(b)(18) and (19) when taking into account the physical layout, dimensions, and parking areas of the voting site.

(b) The curbside voting zone and curbside buffer zone at a voting site shall be established as follows:

- (1) Before each election, the county board of elections shall adopt a resolution establishing a curbside voting zone at each voting site in the county. The curbside voting zone shall be sufficient in size to accommodate at least two vehicles for voters to engage in the act of voting curbside in accordance with 08 NCAC 10B.0108.
- (2) Before each election, the county board of elections shall adopt a resolution establishing a curbside buffer zone at each voting site in the county. The county board of elections shall establish the curbside buffer zone of a distance no less than 6 feet and no more than 15 feet as measured in a straight line from the nearest marked boundary of the curbside voting zone, taking into account the physical layout and dimensions of the voting site, parking areas, voting place buffer zone, and the electioneering zone at the voting site. Notice of the resolution shall be given to the public in accordance with G.S. 163-166.4.
- (3) Prior to the start of voting, the chief judge or a judge designated by the chief judge shall mark the boundary of the curbside voting zone and curbside buffer zone consistent with the county board of election's resolution adopted under this Rule in the same manner as marking the voting place buffer zone under Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-129; 163-166.4; 163-166.5; 163-166.6; 163-166.7; 163-166.9.

08 NCAC 10C .0103 VOTING SITE ELECTIONEERING ZONE

(a) Before each election, the county board of elections shall adopt a resolution establishing an electioneering zone at each voting site in the county in accordance with G.S. 163-166.4(b) that shares a physical border with the voting place buffer zone. When adopting a resolution establishing an electioneering zone, the county board shall take into account the physical layout and dimensions of the voting site, parking and access areas at the voting site, and the voting and buffer zones established under Rule .0103 of this Subchapter. The county board shall establish additional electioneering zones at a voting site that do not share a border with the voting place buffer zone if the county board determines that the physical layout of the voting site will result in an insufficient amount of space for electioneers to engage in the election-related activity permitted under G.S. 163-166.4(b) as a result of there

being only a single electioneering zone. Notice of the resolution shall be given to the public in accordance with G.S. 163-166.4.

(b) Prior to the start of voting at the voting site, the chief judge or a judge designated by the chief judge shall mark the boundary of the electioneering zone consistent with the county board of election's resolution adopted under this Rule. The zone shall be marked or caused to be marked with signage, cones, rope, tape, or some other visible marker that the chief judge determines is appropriate for ensuring peace and good order at the voting place in accordance with 08 NCAC 10B .0101(b)(18) and (19) when taking into account the physical layout, dimensions, and parking areas of the voting site.

(c) This Rule does not apply to a voting site that has been granted approval to not permit election-related activities at the voting site under G.S. 163-166.4(c).

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-129; 163-166.4; 163-166.5; 163-166.6; 163-166.7.

08 NCAC 10C .0104 CONDUCT AT VOTING SITES

(a) The chief judge and judges shall ensure peace and good order at the voting site in accordance with 08 NCAC 10B .0101 and G.S. 163-48 by requiring persons at the voting site to comply with this Rule. This Rule applies to persons who are located on a portion of the voting site property that is subject to the control of the county board of elections and to persons who make or cause noise that is audible within the voting enclosure, regardless of their location.

(b) Persons at a voting site shall only engage in election-related activities while in the designated electioneering zone.

(c) Noise and sound that is disruptive to the voting site shall be addressed by the chief judge or a judge as follows:

- (1) No person outside of the voting place at a voting site during the hours of voting shall make or cause any noise at a volume that is audible to the chief judge or a judge when that official is in the voting enclosure. If the chief judge or a judge determines that a person has made or is making a noise in violation of this Rule, they shall inform the person that the noise is disrupting the orderly conduct of voting and the ability for persons to communicate when they are within the voting enclosure. The chief judge or judge shall require the person to decrease the volume such that it is no longer audible in the voting enclosure.
- (2) No person outside of the voting place at a voting site shall use a sound amplification device during the hours of voting. If the chief judge or a judge determines that a person at the voting site is using a sound amplification device in violation of this Rule, they shall inform the person that the use of the device is disrupting the orderly conduct of voting and the ability for persons to communicate when they are within the voting enclosure and electioneering zones. The chief judge or judge shall require the person to cease operation of the device and remove the device from the voting site. For the

purposes of this Rule, "sound amplification device" means a mechanical or electronic device that increases a sound's volume, including portable speakers, bullhorns, megaphones, public address systems, vehicle-mounted speakers or audio systems, and any vehicle's internal audio system that is audible beyond the interior of the vehicle. A sound amplification device does not include a device that is used for accessibility or emergency purposes, or that is used by or at the request of the chief judge or a judge when facilitating the orderly conduct of voting at the voting site.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-48; 163-129; 163-166.4; 163-166.5; 163-166.6; 163-166.7.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the State Board of Elections intends to amend the rules cited as 08 NCAC 17 .0101, and .0109.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.ncsbe.gov/about-elections/legal-resources/rulemaking>

Proposed Effective Date: September 1, 2026

Public Hearing:

Date: June 9, 2026

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Location: State Board of Elections, Dobbs Building, 430 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27603

Reason for Proposed Action: The State Board of Elections is authorized to adopt rules governing the conduct of elections and is proposing to amend two rules to refine county board processes pertaining to the photo identification requirement for in-person and absentee voting. The proposed amendments to rule 08 NCAC 17 .0101 will align the deadlines for certain actions in the rule with statutory deadlines, will re-order the manner in which provisional voting options are listed in the rule, and will make a county board of elections decision on an in-person voter's exception affidavit be by majority vote. The proposed amendments to rule 08 NCAC 17 .0109 will align the deadlines for certain actions in the rule with statutory deadlines and will make a county board of elections decision on an absentee voter's exception affidavit be by majority vote.

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CHAPTER 17 - PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

08 NCAC 17 .0101 VERIFICATION OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION DURING IN-PERSON VOTING

(a) When a person presenting to vote checks in at a voting site, an election official shall ask the voter to show photo identification in accordance with G.S. 163-166.16 and this Rule. The election official shall examine any photo identification provided by the person presenting to vote and shall determine the following:

- (1) The photo identification is of the type acceptable for voting purposes pursuant to G.S. 163-166.16(a). A valid United States passport book or passport card is acceptable pursuant to G.S. 163-166.16(a)(1)c.
- (2) The photograph appearing on the photo identification bears a reasonable resemblance to the person presenting to vote. A reasonable resemblance is a similarity in appearance such that an ordinary person would conclude that the photograph on the identification is more likely than not the person presenting to vote. The election official shall make this determination based on the totality of the circumstances, bearing in mind that there are many reasons that a person's appearance could change (such as, for illustrative purposes only, changes in hair, facial hair, or weight; or the effects of medical conditions, aging, or medical treatment). The election official shall also be guided by the purpose of the photo identification requirement, which is to confirm the person presenting to vote is the registered voter on the voter registration records.

- (3) The name appearing on the photo identification is the same as or substantially equivalent to the name contained in the voter's voter registration record. The election official shall make this determination based on the totality of the circumstances, construing all evidence, along with any explanation or documentation voluntarily offered by the person presenting to vote, in the light most favorable to that person. The election official shall consider the name appearing on the photo identification to be substantially equivalent to the name contained in the registration record if differences are attributable to a reasonable explanation, which shall include but is not limited to one or more of the following reasons:
- (A) Omission or inclusion of one or more parts of the name (such as, for illustrative purposes only, Mary Beth Smith versus Beth Smith, or Patrick Todd Jackson, Jr. versus Patrick Todd Jackson, or Maria Guzman-Santana versus Maria Guzman);
 - (B) Use of a variation or nickname rather than a formal name (such as, for illustrative purposes only, Bill versus William, or Sue versus Susanne);
 - (C) Use of an initial in place of one or more parts of a given name (such as, for illustrative purposes only, A.B. Sanchez versus Aaron B. Sanchez);
 - (D) Use of a former name, including maiden names (such as, for illustrative purposes only, Emily Jones versus Emily Gibson), or a variation that includes or omits a hyphenation or hyphen (such as, for illustrative purposes only, Chantell D. Jacobson-Smith versus Chantell D. Jacobson or Chantell D. Jacobson Smith), an accent (such as, for illustrative purposes only, José Muñoz versus Jose Munoz), or an apostrophe (such as, for illustrative purposes only, Andrea D'Antonio versus Andrea Dantonio);
 - (E) Ordering of names (such as, for illustrative purposes only, Maria Eva Garcia Lopez versus Maria E. Lopez-Garcia); or
 - (F) Variation in spelling or typographical errors (such as, for illustrative purposes only, Dennis McCarthy versus Denis McCarthy, or Aarav Robertson versus Aarav Robertsson).

If a voter is casting a provisional ballot because the voter's record does not appear in the poll book, the election official shall instead compare the name on the photo identification with the name provided by the voter on the provisional ballot application.

(b) The election official checking in the person presenting to vote, when examining the photo identification of that person, shall not require the voter to provide any evidence regarding the identification apart from the identification itself. If the face of the person presenting to vote is covered to such an extent that the election official cannot determine reasonable resemblance under Subparagraph (a)(2) of this Rule, then the election official shall inform the voter that the face covering is preventing the official from determining that the photo on the identification is that of the voter and shall offer the voter the option to briefly remove the face covering. If the voter chooses not to remove the covering, then the election official shall enter a challenge in accordance with Subparagraph (d)(3) of this Rule.

(c) Differences between the address appearing on the photo identification of a person presenting to vote and the address contained in the registration record of that person shall not be considered as evidence that the photographic identification fails to meet the requirements of G.S. 163-166.16 or this Rule.

(d) After examining the photo identification according to Paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Rule, the election official shall proceed as follows:

- (1) If the election official determines that the photo identification meets all the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, then the election official shall allow the person to vote pursuant to G.S. 163-166.7.
- (2) If the election official determines that the photo identification is not an acceptable type of photo identification under Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, the election official shall inform the person presenting to vote of the reasons for that determination (such as, for illustrative purposes only, that the photo identification is not on the list of student identifications approved by the State Board of Elections) and shall invite the person to provide any other photo identification that is acceptable under Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule that the person may have. If the person presenting to vote does not produce photo identification that meets all the requirements of Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, then the election official shall inform the person presenting to vote of both options to vote by provisional ballot in accordance with Paragraph (e) of this Rule.
- (3) If the election official determines that the photo or name on the photo identification do not satisfy Subparagraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this Rule, the election official shall inform the person presenting to vote of the reasons for that determination and shall invite the person to provide any other photo identification that the person may have that is acceptable under Subparagraph (a)(1) and satisfies Subparagraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this Rule. If the person presenting to vote does not produce photo identification that meets all the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, then the election official shall enter a challenge

pursuant to G.S. 163-87 and immediately notify the voting site's judges of election of the challenge. The judges of election shall then conduct a challenge hearing, in accordance with the applicable procedures in G.S. 163-88. At the conclusion of the hearing, the judges of election shall vote on whether the photo appearing on the photo identification of the person presenting to vote bears a reasonable resemblance to that person or whether the name appearing on the photo identification is the same as or substantially equivalent to the name contained in the voter's voter registration record, applying the same standards as the election official initially reviewing the identification under Subparagraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3). Each judge shall record the judge's findings in writing. Only if the judges of election unanimously find that the photo appearing on the photo identification does not bear a reasonable resemblance to the person presenting to vote, or that the name appearing on the photo identification is not the same as or substantially equivalent to the name contained in the voter's voter registration record, the voter shall be offered both options to vote by provisional ballot in accordance with Paragraph (e) of this Rule. Absent such a unanimous finding, the person shall vote with a regular ballot pursuant to G.S. 163-166.7. When the judges of election conduct a challenge hearing under this Rule and the challenge is to a curbside voter, to ensure the voting enclosure remains properly attended, the judges may separately visit the curbside location to assess the voter's identification.

(e) A person presenting to vote who does not present acceptable photo identification in accordance with this Rule shall be offered both of the following options:

- (+) ~~To vote by provisional ballot with an affidavit claiming an exception to the identification requirement, pursuant to G.S. 163-166.16(d). If the voter has completed the affidavit as required in G.S. 163-166.16(d) and is otherwise eligible to vote, the county board shall count the provisional ballot unless the county board unanimously finds that the affidavit is false. The county board shall substantiate any finding of falsity with grounds recorded in a written decision, and those grounds shall be based only on facts and not speculation. Before disapproving a voter's provisional ballot because of a finding of falsity, the county board shall provide the voter advance notice and an opportunity to address the county board prior to completion of the canvass on any grounds that the county board is considering regarding the falsity of the affidavit. The notice shall identify the specific reasons the county board is considering the affidavit to be potentially false~~

~~and inform the voter how the voter may address the reasons for potential falsity, which shall include the options to provide a written explanation or documentation or to address the board at a meeting in person. The county board shall send the notice via U.S. Mail within one business day of a county board's preliminary finding of falsity, provided that the opportunity to be heard is at least five days from the date of mailing. The notice shall be mailed for next day delivery if the opportunity to be heard is less than five days from the date of mailing. Notice shall also be provided within one business day of a county board's preliminary finding of falsity by any email address or phone number that the county board possesses for the voter. The notice and opportunity to address the county board provided for in this Subparagraph shall be offered only to those provisional voters for whom a number of county board members equal to one less than all of the members of the county board, or more, have identified a specific reason, based only on facts and not speculation, to find that the affidavit claiming an exception to the identification requirement is false.~~

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To vote by provisional ballot and then bring to the office of the county board identification acceptable under G.S. 163-166.16 and this Rule before 5 p.m. on the business day before county canvass. the deadline for doing so in G.S. 163-166.16(c). If the voter brings photo identification to the office of a county board in a timely manner, a county board staff member shall examine the photo identification in accordance with Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this Rule. After examining the photo identification, the staff member shall proceed as follows:

- (A) If the photo identification meets all the requirements of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, the staff member shall recommend approval of the provisional ballot to the county board.
- (B) If the photo identification is not an acceptable type of photo identification under Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule, then the staff member shall inform the voter of the reasons for that determination, while the voter is at the county board office, and invite the voter to provide an acceptable photo identification in accordance with Subparagraph (d)(2) of this Rule. If the voter does not provide acceptable identification by 5:00 p.m. on the business day prior to the canvass, the deadline for doing so in G.S. 163-166.16(c). then county board staff

- shall recommend disapproval of the provisional ballot to the county board.
- (C) If the photo or name on the photo identification do not satisfy Subparagraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this Rule, then the staff member shall inform the voter of the reasons for that determination and shall invite the voter to provide any other photo identification that meets the requirement of Paragraph (a) of this Rule. If the voter does not produce photo identification that meets the requirement of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, then the staff member shall recommend disapproval of the provisional ballot to the county board. While the voter is at the county board office, the staff member shall inform the voter of the recommendation and provide notice to the voter of the county board meeting at which the voter's provisional ballot will be reviewed and considered by the county board. If the voter appears at that meeting and desires to address the county board on whether their photo identification meets the requirement of Paragraph (a) of this Rule, the county board members are subject to the requirements of this Rule in the same manner as a staff member initially examining a voter's photo identification.

If the voter brings photo identification that is an acceptable type of photo identification under Subparagraph (a)(1) of this Rule to the county board office before ~~5 p.m. on the business day prior to the canvass~~, the deadline for doing so in G.S. 163-166.16(c), the county board shall count the provisional ballot unless the county board unanimously decides the photo identification presented does not satisfy Subparagraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3) of this Rule, in which case the county board shall record in writing the grounds for its decision.

- (2) To vote by provisional ballot with an affidavit claiming an exception to the identification requirement, pursuant to G.S. 163-166.16(d). If the voter has completed the affidavit as required in G.S. 163-166.16(d) and is otherwise eligible to vote, the county board shall count the provisional ballot unless the county board finds by majority vote that the affidavit is false. The county board shall substantiate any finding of falsity with grounds recorded in a written decision, and those grounds shall be based only on facts and not speculation. Before disapproving a voter's provisional ballot because of a finding of falsity, the county board shall provide the voter advance notice and an opportunity to address the county board on any

grounds that the county board is considering regarding the falsity of the affidavit at the meeting at which the voter's provisional ballot will be reviewed and considered by the county board. The notice shall identify the specific reasons the county board is considering the affidavit to be potentially false and inform the voter how the voter may address the reasons for potential falsity, which shall include the options to provide a written explanation or documentation or to address the board at a meeting in person. The county board shall send the notice via U.S. Mail within one business day of a county board's preliminary finding of falsity, provided that the opportunity to be heard is at least five days from the date of mailing. The notice shall be mailed for next-day delivery if the opportunity to be heard is less than five days from the date of mailing. Notice shall also be provided within one business day of a county board's preliminary finding of falsity by email to any email address or by phone to any phone number that the county board possesses for the voter. The notice and opportunity to address the county board provided for in this Subparagraph shall be offered only to those provisional voters for whom a majority of county board members, or more, have identified a specific reason, based only on facts and not speculation, to find that the affidavit claiming an exception to the identification requirement is false.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-166.7; 163-166.11; 163-166.16.

08 NCAC 17 .0109 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION FOR ABSENTEE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS

- (a) Identification Requirement for Absentee-by-Mail Ballots. Photo identification accompanying a voter's absentee ballot pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1(f1) is acceptable if it is a photocopy of a type of photo identification acceptable for voting purposes under 08 NCAC 17 .0101(a)(1), is readable, and the name appearing on the identification is the same as or substantially equivalent to the name contained in the voter's voter registration record in accordance with 08 NCAC 17 .0101(a)(3). As used in this Rule, "readable" means that, on the photocopy of identification required by this Rule, the name on the identification can be read and the photograph depicts a person, as opposed to displaying, for example, a mere shadow or outline of a person. A photo identification shall not be rejected due to differences between the address appearing on an absentee voter's photo identification and any address contained in the voter's absentee request form, absentee ballot application, or registration record. A copy of photo identification that is acceptable under this Rule need include only the side of the identification (or, if the identification is a booklet, the page of the identification) where the person's name and photo appears.
- (b) Initial Review by County Board Staff. County board staff shall, upon receipt of a voter's absentee ballot application,

determine whether the application is accompanied by a photocopy of photo identification that is acceptable under Paragraph (a) of this Rule, or, if the application is accompanied by an affidavit claiming an exception to the identification requirement pursuant to G.S. 163-166.16(d), determine whether the affidavit includes the affirmations required by G.S. 163-166.16(d) for that exception and, if applicable, the personal identification number required to be provided by G.S. 163-230.1(g)(2). Staff shall review the registration records to determine whether the number provided matches the corresponding number in the registration records. The number required to be provided by G.S. 163-230.1(g)(2) is deficient only if it does not match the corresponding number listed in the voter's voter registration record.

If staff identify any deficiency, they shall mail written notice of the deficiency to the voter within one business day of identifying the deficiency, informing the voter that the voter, the voter's verifiable legal guardian or near relative, or a person of the voter's choice if the voter needs assistance due to the voter's disability, may provide a photocopy of the voter's acceptable photo identification or a completed affidavit claiming an exception. The notice shall state the photocopy or affidavit must be received by the county board by ~~5 p.m. on the business day before the county canvass~~, the deadline for doing so in G.S. 163-230.1(e1). The notice of the deficiency shall also be provided by telephone or email if the telephone number or email address was provided by the voter on the request form for the absentee ballot. The voter may transmit either of the above documentation curing the deficiency in person, by mail, or by email.

(c) Final Review by County Board. The county board shall, at the first meeting held pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1(f) after the application and ballot is received, proceed as follows:

- (1) If the voter has submitted a photocopy of their photo identification, the county board shall make its determination whether the identification is acceptable under Paragraph (a) of this Rule. A final determination that the photocopy of photo identification is not acceptable under Paragraph (a) of this Rule shall require a unanimous vote by the county board. If the county board makes a final determination that a voter's photocopy of photo identification is not acceptable, staff shall notify the voter as provided in Paragraph (b) of this Rule, and the county board shall reserve its final decision on the approval of the absentee application until the next official meeting after it receives documentation curing the deficiency or the ~~county canvass~~, meeting to count absentee ballots required under G.S. 163-234(12), whichever occurs first.
- (2) If the voter has completed an affidavit claiming an exception to the identification requirement pursuant to G.S. 163-166.16(d) and is otherwise eligible to vote, the county board may reject that person's ballot only if the county board ~~unanimously~~ finds by majority vote that the affidavit is false. The county board shall substantiate any finding of falsity with grounds recorded in a written decision, and those

grounds shall be based only on facts and not speculation. Before rejecting a voter's ballot because of a finding of falsity, the county board shall provide the voter advance notice and an opportunity to address the county board ~~prior to the completion of canvass~~ at its meeting to count absentee ballots required under G.S. 163-234(12) on any grounds that the county board is considering regarding the falsity of the affidavit. The notice shall identify the specific reasons the county board is considering the affidavit to be potentially false and inform the voter how the voter may address the reasons for potential falsity, which shall include the options to provide a written explanation or documentation or to address the board at a meeting in person. The county board shall send the notice via U.S. Mail within one business day of a county board's preliminary finding of falsity, provided that the opportunity to be heard is at least five days from the date of mailing. The notice shall be mailed for next-day delivery if the opportunity to be heard is less than five days from the date of mailing. Notice shall also be provided within one business day of a county board's preliminary finding of falsity by email to any email address or by phone to any phone number that the county board possesses for the voter. The notice and opportunity to address the county board provided for in this Subparagraph shall be offered only to those voters for whom a ~~number of majority of county board members equal to one less than all of the members of the county board~~, majority of county board members, or more, have identified a specific reason, based only on facts and not speculation, to find that the affidavit claiming an exception to the identification requirement is false.

- (3) If a voter's photocopy of photo identification or affidavit claiming an exception to the identification requirement pursuant to G.S. 163-166.16(d) is deemed deficient upon initial review under Paragraph (b) of this Rule, the county board shall reserve its final decision on the approval of the absentee application until the next official meeting after it receives documentation curing the deficiency identified pursuant to Paragraph (b) of this Rule or the ~~county canvass~~, meeting to count absentee ballots required under G.S. 163-234(12), whichever occurs first.

(d) Exception for Military and Overseas Voters. A voter who is casting a ballot pursuant to G.S. 163, Article 21A, Part 1 is not required to submit a photocopy of acceptable photo identification under Paragraph (a) of this Rule or claim an exception under G.S. 163-166.16(d).

(e) Return of Original Form of Identification. If a voter sends their original form of photo identification in the container-return

envelope, or if a voter or other person permitted to return the voter's absentee ballot hand-delivers an absentee ballot to the county board of elections that is not accompanied by a photocopy of the voter's photo identification and the voter or other person has the voter's photo identification that is a type acceptable for voting purposes under 08 NCAC 17 .0101(a)(1) on hand, the county board shall make a photocopy of the identification, which shall serve as an acceptable photo identification accompanying the voter's absentee ballot. When a voter sends their original form of photo identification in the container-return envelope, the county board shall notify the voter by mail and by any email address or phone number that the county board possesses for the voter that the original photo identification will be returned to the voter. The county board shall use a method of return that documents receipt of the photo identification.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-166.7; 163-166.16; 163-230.1.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the State Board of Elections intends to adopt the rules cited as 08 NCAC 18 .0201, and .0501-.0505.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): https://www.ncsbe.gov/about-elections/legal-resources/rulemaking

Proposed Effective Date: September 1, 2026

Public Hearing:

Date: June 22, 2026

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: State Board of Elections, Dobbs Building, 430 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, NC 27603

Reason for Proposed Action: The State Board of Elections is authorized to adopt rules that establish procedures to provide appropriate safeguards in the implementation of N.C.G.S. 163-230.1 for absentee ballots. The State Board is proposing a series of rules that will govern how county boards of elections are to proceed when a deficiency with a returned absentee ballot is identified by county board staff. Proposed rule 08 NCAC 18 .0201 is a definitions rule. Proposed rule 08 NCAC 18 .0501 directs county board staff to review for deficiencies when an absentee ballot is received. Proposed rule 08 NCAC 18 .0502 identifies deficiencies that can be cured and directs the county board staff and voter processes to do so. Proposed rule 08 NCAC 18 .0503 identifies deficiencies that cannot be cured and will result in the ballot being cancelled and reissued, if there is enough time to do so. Proposed rule 08 NCAC 18 .0504 identifies irregularities that must be documented but which do not require a cure process or the ballot to be reissued. Proposed rule 08 NCAC 18 .0505 identifies irregularities that must be documented and the voter contacted to determine whether the issue can be cured or must result in the ballot being spoiled and reissued.

Comments may be submitted to: Adam Steele, P.O. Box 27255, Raleigh, NC 27611; email rulemaking.sboe@ncsbe.gov

(Comments may be submitted online during the comment period at https://www.ncsbe.gov/about-elections/legal-resources/rulemaking)

Comment period ends: July 14, 2026

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review: If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit a written objection to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive letters via U.S. Mail, private courier service, or hand delivery to 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, or via email to oah.rules@oah.nc.gov. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please review 26 NCAC 05 .0110 or call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- State funds affected
Local funds affected
Substantial economic impact (>= \$1,000,000)
Approved by OSBM
No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 18 - ABSENTEE BALLOTS

SECTION .0200 – GENERAL RULES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

08 NCAC 18 .0201 DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Chapter:

- (1) "Application" means the absentee ballot application printed on the ballot envelope as provided by G.S. 163-229.
(2) "Absentee ballot package" means the combination of the outer return envelope, ballot envelope, application, instructions, absentee ballot, and blank photo identification affidavit.
(3) "Absentee voter" means a registered voter who has requested to vote by absentee ballot.
(4) "Ballot envelope" means the envelope provided by a county board of elections to a voter pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1 that is designated to contain a voted absentee ballot when the ballot is returned to the county board of elections.
(5) "Curable deficiency" means a deficiency that can be cured with supplemental documentation or an attestation provided by the absentee voter.
(6) "Cure" means the process by which a voter submits additional documentation or an attestation that corrects a curable deficiency.

- (7) "Cure notice" means a written notice sent to an absentee voter identifying a curable deficiency and informing the voter that the voter, the voter's verifiable legal guardian or near relative, or a person of the voter's choice if the voter needs assistance due to the voter's disability, may cure the deficiency by submitting required documentation or a completed attestation with required information.
- (8) "Deficiency" means noncompliance with the requirements for absentee voting that requires the voter to cure the deficiency or the county board of elections to spoil the ballot and reissue the absentee ballot package.
- (9) "Irregularity" means noncompliance with the requirements for absentee voting that requires documentation and may require further action to determine if the irregularity is a curable or non-curable deficiency.
- (10) "Non-curable deficiency" means a deficiency that requires the absentee ballot to be spoiled because the deficiency does not meet the definition of a curable deficiency.
- (11) "Photo identification affidavit" means the affidavit to claim an exception to the photo identification requirement under G.S. 163-166.16 and 163-230.1.
- (12) "Photo identification documentation" means the photocopy of an acceptable photo identification or a photo identification affidavit required to be included with an application pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1(f1).
- (13) "Outer return envelope" means the envelope provided by a county board of elections to a voter for the voter to transmit the voter's sealed ballot envelope and photo identification documentation to the county board of elections.
- (14) "Spoil" means the act of cancelling an absentee ballot that has been or will be issued to a registered voter.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-229; 163-230.1; 163-231; 163-234.

SECTION .0500 – ABSENTEE DEFICIENCIES AND IRREGULARITIES

08 NCAC 18 .0501 REVIEW FOR DEFICIENCIES

County board staff shall, within one business day of the receipt of a voter's returned absentee ballot, determine whether there is a deficiency or irregularity. If staff identify a deficiency, then they shall determine whether the deficiency is one identified in Rule .0502 or Rule .0503 of this Section and proceed in accordance with the corresponding Rule. If staff identify an irregularity, then they shall determine whether the irregularity is one identified in Rule .0504 or Rule .0505 of this Section and proceed in accordance with the corresponding Rule.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-229; 163-230.1; 163-231; 163-234.

08 NCAC 18 .0502 CURABLE DEFICIENCIES

(a) A curable deficiency includes the following:

- (1) The absentee voter did not sign or make their mark on the application. If county board staff determine the voter's signature on the application appears to be the name of the voter assigned the application number on the ballot envelope that is required under G.S. 163-230.1(c)(2) and not some other person, then that is not a deficiency even if the signature is illegible.
- (2) The absentee voter signed the application in the wrong place.
- (3) The photo identification is not an acceptable type of identification under 08 NCAC 17 .0101(a)(1).
- (4) The photo identification does not meet an applicable expiration date requirement under G.S. 163-166.16(a).
- (5) The photocopy of the photo identification is not readable under 08 NCAC 17 .0109(a).
- (6) The name on the photo identification is not the same as or substantially equivalent to the name contained in the voter's voter registration record in accordance with 08 NCAC 17 .0101(a)(3).
- (7) The absentee voter did not sign the photo identification affidavit. If an absentee voter is unable to sign the affidavit due to a disability, then it is not a deficiency if the person of the voter's choice assisting the voter signed the affidavit on the absentee voter's behalf and completed the assistant certification on the application.
- (8) The absentee voter did not print their name on the photo identification affidavit. If the absentee voter signed the affidavit and that signature appears to be the name of the voter and not some other person, then the lack of a printed name is not a deficiency.
- (9) The absentee voter did not indicate their claimed exception or reasonable impediment to the photo identification requirement on the photo identification affidavit.
- (10) The absentee voter's personal identification number, when required to be provided by G.S. 163-230.1(g)(2) on the photo identification affidavit is deficient under 08 NCAC 17 .0109(b).
- (11) The absentee voter has failed to include any photo identification documentation with their application.

(b) When county board staff identify a curable deficiency under this Rule, staff shall send a cure notice to the voter by mail to the address at which the voter requested their ballot be sent within one business day of identifying the deficiency. The cure notice shall also be provided by telephone or email if the telephone number or email address was provided by the voter on the request form for the absentee ballot or, if one was not provided on the request form, in the voter's record. If the curable deficiency involves photo

identification documentation, county board staff shall also proceed in accordance with 08 NCAC 17 .0109. If county board staff identify a likely curable deficiency but are unable to make such a determination, then staff shall present the deficiency to the county board to make the determination at its next absentee meeting held pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1.

(c) The voter, the voter's verifiable legal guardian or near relative, a bipartisan assistance team appointed under G.S. 163-226.3, or a person of the voter's choice if the voter needs assistance due to the voter's disability, may transmit the cure documentation or attestation in person, by mail, or by email to the county board of elections. If the cure attestation is submitted electronically, the voter shall not use a typed name as their signature or mark unless they are unable to sign the attestation due to a disability.

(d) The cure documentation or attestation shall be timely only if received by the county board by the deadline for curing a deficiency in G.S. 163-230.1(e1). County board staff shall review an absentee voter's cure documentation or attestation within one business day of receipt to determine whether the voter's submission is responsive to what was requested in the cure notice. The county board shall consider the cure documentation together with the application and photo identification documentation when making its decision whether to approve the application. The county board shall not disapprove an application or otherwise refuse to count the absentee ballot solely because it had a curable deficiency if the county board determines that the deficiency has been cured.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-229; 163-230.1; 163-231; 163-234.

08 NCAC 18 .0503 NON-CURABLE DEFICIENCIES

(a) A non-curable deficiency includes the following:

- (1) The absentee ballot is inside the ballot envelope which is not sealed or which appears to have been opened and re-sealed, and the ballot envelope is not received in any outer return envelope.
- (2) The absentee ballot is inside the ballot envelope which is not sealed or which appears to have been opened and re-sealed, and the ballot envelope is received in an outer return envelope which is not sealed or which appears to have been opened and re-sealed.
- (3) The absentee ballot includes an indication that the voter is requesting a replacement ballot.
- (4) The ballot envelope includes an indication that the voter is requesting a replacement ballot.
- (5) The voter's signature on the application is the name of a person other than the voter assigned the application number on the ballot envelope that is required under G.S. 163-230.1(c)(2). If the voter's signature is the same signature as an assistant's signature on the application, then that is a curable deficiency and staff shall proceed in accordance with Rule .0502.
- (6) The name of a witness or an assistant is not printed on the application or is not legible such that the name can be identified, unless their

name can be identified using the witness's or assistant's signature on the application.

- (7) A witness or assistant did not print their address on the application or their address cannot be determined using the address information provided on the application.
- (8) A witness or assistant did not sign the application.
- (9) A witness or assistant signed the application on the wrong line. If the witness or assistant signed the application and included all required information, then the signature on the wrong line is not a deficiency.
- (10) The notary used to satisfy the witness requirement did not sign the application.
- (11) The notary used to satisfy the witness requirement failed to include the notarial seal on the application or the notarial seal lacks information required by law for the seal to be valid.
- (12) The county board has approved the application, but upon opening the ballot envelope determines the envelope does not contain a ballot.
- (13) The county board has approved the application, but upon opening the ballot envelope determines the envelope contains more than one ballot.

(b) When county board staff identify a non-curable deficiency, staff shall proceed as follows within one business day of identifying the deficiency:

- (1) If the deficiency is identified more than three days before the date of the election under G.S. 163-1 or G.S. 163-279, staff shall spoil the returned absentee ballot and reissue the absentee ballot package to the voter by mail to the address to which the voter requested their ballot be sent. County board staff shall include with the reissued absentee ballot package a written notice identifying the deficiency, explaining the spoil and reissue process, explaining that the voter will need to resubmit photo identification documentation when submitting the reissued ballot, and informing the voter of their options to vote in person during the early voting period or on election day. The notice shall also be provided by telephone or email if the telephone number or email address was provided by the voter on the request form for the absentee ballot or is in the voter's record.
- (2) If the deficiency is identified on or after the third day before the date of the election under G.S. 163-1 or G.S. 163-279, county board staff shall, on the same day of identifying the deficiency, contact the voter using any telephone number or email address that was provided by the voter on the request form for the absentee ballot or is in the voter's record.

Staff shall inform the voter that their ballot must be spoiled, that there is not sufficient time to mail them a reissued absentee ballot package, and that they may vote in-person during the early voting period or on election day if the time for the polls to close under G.S. 163-166.25 has not passed.

(c) If the non-curable deficiency is one that is not identified until after the application is approved, the county board of elections shall revisit the decision to approve the application, and staff shall proceed under Paragraph (b) of this Rule.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-229; 163-230.1; 163-231; 163-234.

08 NCAC 18 .0504 IRREGULARITIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION FROM THE VOTER

(a) An irregularity that does not require further action from the voter to have their application approved and ballot counted includes the following:

- (1) The absentee ballot is inside a sealed ballot envelope, but the outer return envelope is not sealed or appears to have been opened and re-sealed.
- (2) The absentee ballot is inside an unsealed ballot envelope that is hand-delivered by the voter to an early voting site or the county board office, but the voter seals the ballot envelope before an election official or county board staff take receipt of the sealed ballot envelope.

(b) When county board staff identify an irregularity listed in this Rule, the irregularity shall be documented in writing and county board staff shall inform the county board of elections of the irregularity at the meeting at which the county board will consider approval of the application. The county board shall not disapprove the application or otherwise refuse to count the absentee ballot solely based on an irregularity that is listed in this Rule.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-229; 163-230.1; 163-231; 163-234.

08 NCAC 18 .0505 IRREGULARITIES THAT REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION

(a) An irregularity that requires county board staff to contact the voter to determine whether the irregularity is a curable or non-curable deficiency includes the following:

- (1) The absentee ballot is inside the ballot envelope that appears to have been opened and re-sealed, but the ballot envelope is received by the county board of elections in a sealed outer return envelope.
- (2) The absentee ballot is not inside a sealed ballot envelope, but the ballot envelope and ballot are received by the county board of elections in a sealed outer return envelope.
- (3) The county board has approved the application, but upon the opening of the ballot envelope staff determines that the ballot in the envelope is a different ballot than the ballot transmitted to the voter.

(b) When county board staff identify an irregularity listed in this Rule, the irregularity shall be documented in writing and the voter shall be contacted in accordance with Paragraph (c) of this Rule. Staff shall, before re-sealing the absentee ballot materials, determine whether there is a deficiency under Rule .0501 of this Section.

(c) Staff shall send written notice of the irregularity to the voter by mail to the address at which the voter requested their ballot be sent. The written notice shall identify the irregularity and state that the voter is required to contact the county board to determine whether the absentee ballot can be cured or should be spoiled. The notice of the irregularity shall also be provided by telephone or email if the telephone number or email address was provided by the voter on the request form for the absentee ballot or, if one was not provided on the request form, in the voter's record. County board staff shall then proceed as follows:

- (1) If the voter attests in writing that they transmitted the absentee ballot package in the manner in which it was received, then county board staff shall treat the irregularity as cured and proceed in accordance with Rule .0502(d) of this Section. The voter shall provide the attestation in person, by mail, or by email to the county board of elections.
- (2) If the voter confirms in writing that they did not transmit the absentee ballot package in the manner in which it was received, then county board staff shall spoil the ballot and proceed in accordance with Rule .0503(b) of this Section.

Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-229; 163-230.1; 163-231; 163-234.

TITLE 13 – DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Department of Labor intends to adopt the rules cited as 13 NCAC 19 .0301 and .0302. As of the date of publication of this notice, existing rules 13 NCAC 19 .0301 and .0302 have been submitted for review at the June 25, 2026 meeting of the Rules Review Commission for repeal pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.5(b)(3).

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://www.labor.nc.gov/rules-and-regulations>

Proposed Effective Date: *September 1, 2026*

Instructions on How to Demand a Public Hearing: *(must be requested in writing within 15 days of notice): Please email Ashley Snyder (ashley.snyder@labor.nc.gov) to demand a public hearing.*

Reason for Proposed Action: *The Department of Labor proposes adoption of these two rules to establish requirements for submitting a REDA complaint.*

Comments may be submitted to: *Ashley Snyder, 1101 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; email dol.rules@labor.nc.gov*

Comment period ends: July 14, 2026

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review:

If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit a written objection to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive letters via U.S. Mail, private courier service, or hand delivery to 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, or via email to oah.rules@oah.nc.gov. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please review 26 NCAC 05 .0110 or call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- State funds affected
Local funds affected
Substantial economic impact (>= \$1,000,000)
Approved by OSBM
No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 19 - RETALIATORY EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

SECTION .0300 - INITIATION OF COMPLAINTS

13 NCAC 19 .0301 CONTENTS OF COMPLAINT

- (a) A REDA complaint shall consist of:
(1) name, phone number, address, and email, if any, of the complainant;
(2) name and address of the respondent;
(3) name, phone number, and email, if known, of human resources manager or other point of contact for respondent;
(4) name, phone number, and email, if known, of supervisor at the time of alleged retaliation;
(5) identification of the protected activity listed in G.S. 95-241(a)(1) engaged in prior to retaliation;
(6) Form 18 from any relevant Workers' Compensation claim, if one exists;
(7) explanation or summary of the actions the complainant engaged in prior to the retaliation;
(8) description of the adverse action and potential reason for the adverse action taken against the complainant by complainant's employer;
(9) date of most recent adverse action; and
(10) signature of complainant.

(b) A complainant shall not submit any additional information, including medical records, upon submission of the complaint. The contents of the complaint shall be provided to the employer pursuant to G.S. 95-242(a).

(c) If a complaint is filed by anyone other than the complainant, including an attorney, the filer shall submit a written authorization dated and signed by the complainant allowing such person to file the complaint on the complainant's behalf.

Authority G.S. 95-245.

13 NCAC 19 .0302 FILING OF COMPLAINTS

(a) A complaint is filed when all of the contents listed in Rule .0301 of this Section are received by the Retaliatory Employment Discrimination Bureau.

- (b) A complaint shall be filed by submitting the complaint:
(1) via the Department of Labor's website at https://www.labor.nc.gov/workplace-rights/retaliatory-employment-discrimination-bureau;
(2) via email to dol.REDB@labor.nc.gov; or
(3) via mail to Retaliatory Employment Discrimination Bureau, 1101 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1101.

(c) Computation of time for filing and other deadlines shall be in accordance with G.S. 1A-1, Rule 6(a).

Authority G.S. 95-245.

TITLE 15A - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Wildlife Resources Commission intends to amend the rule cited as 15A NCAC 10D .0211.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): https://www.ncwildlife.gov/hunting/regulations/proposed-regulations

Proposed Effective Date: August 1, 2027

Public Hearing:

Date: June 23, 2026

Time: 12:00 P.M.

Location: Virtual public hearing via Zoom, pre-registration is required: https://ncwildlife-org.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_HyL9SSwnS0S2OM8s3SK8_Q or join by telephone toll free: (833) 568-8864, Webinar ID: 161 324 4827

Reason for Proposed Action: The Wildlife Resources Commission received a Petition for Rulemaking on Feb. 2, 2026, in compliance with 15A NCAC 10A .0401. The petition requests changes to 15A NCAC 10D .0211 for a 230-acre portion of the Butner-Falls Game Land located south of Purnell Road, north of Bent Road, and east of New Light Creek. The petition seeks to prohibit hunting with firearms and to prohibit the use of dogs while hunting in this area.

Note: *Italicized text are previous rule changes adopted by the Commission and approved by the RRC with an effective date of 8/1/2026.*

Comments may be submitted to: *Rulemaking Coordinator, 1701 Mail Center Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699; email regulations@ncwildlife.gov*

Comment period ends: *July 14, 2026*

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review:

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- State funds affected
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- Approved by OSBM
- No fiscal note required

CHAPTER 10 - WILDLIFE RESOURCES AND WATER SAFETY

SUBCHAPTER 10D - GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

SECTION .0200 - USE OF GAME LANDS

15A NCAC 10D .0211 BUTNER-FALLS OF NEUSE GAME LAND IN DURHAM, GRANVILLE, AND WAKE COUNTIES

Butner-Falls of Neuse ~~game land~~ Game Land is a Six Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken the first open day of the All Lawful Weapons Season for Deer With Visible Antlers through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Waterfowl shall be taken only on:
 - (a) the opening and closing days of the waterfowl seasons;
 - (b) Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Days; and
 - (c) Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of the applicable waterfowl seasons.

- On the posted waterfowl impoundments a special permit is required for all waterfowl hunting after November 1.
- (3) Horseback riding is prohibited.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (5) On that portion south of Purnell Road (SR1909), north of Bent Road, and east of New Light Creek, hunting with firearms is prohibited.
- (~~5~~)(6) Wild turkey hunting is by permit only, except on those areas posted as an archery zone.
- (~~6~~)(7) The use of dogs for hunting deer is prohibited on that portion west of NC 50 and south of Falls Lake. Lake, and on that portion south of Purnell Road (SR1909), north of Bent Road, and east of New Light Creek.
- (~~7~~)(8) The use of bicycles is restricted to designated areas, except that this restriction does not apply to hunters engaged in the act of hunting during the open days of the seasons for game birds and game animals. On designated bicycle riding areas, the use of bicycles is allowed from May ~~15~~ 16 through August 31, and on Sundays only from September 1 through May ~~14~~ 15.
- (~~8~~)(9) Camping is ~~restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14.~~ allowed on areas posted for camping as specified in Rule .0102 of this Subchapter.
- (~~9~~)(10) Camping is allowed year-round in the designated Mountains-to-Sea Trail Camping Area and shall not exceed a maximum stay of two consecutive nights. Campfires are prohibited in this camping area.

Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305.

TITLE 21 - OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CHAPTER 10 - CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Notice is hereby given in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.2 that the Board of Chiropractic Examiners intends to amend the rule cited as 21 NCAC 10 .0203.

Link to agency website pursuant to G.S. 150B-19.1(c): <https://ncchiroboard.com>

Proposed Effective Date: *October 1, 2026*

Public Hearing:
Date: *June 29, 2026*
Time: *10:00 A.M.*

Location:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82402708434?pwd=a0dfVtLiq8dbCfOA51YtRkly29alrs.1> Meeting ID: 824 0270 8434 Passcode: 351281

Reason for Proposed Action: *To modify the class of individuals who must take the SPEC examination in order to reinstate licensure in North Carolina*

Comments may be submitted to: *Dr. Joe Siragusa, 9121 Anson Way, Suite 200, Raleigh, NC 27615; phone (704) 793-1342; email dr.joe@ncchiroboard.com*

Comment period ends: *July 14, 2026*

Procedure for Subjecting a Proposed Rule to Legislative Review:

If an objection is not resolved prior to the adoption of the rule, a person may also submit a written objection to the Rules Review Commission. If the Rules Review Commission receives written and signed objections after the adoption of the Rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.3(b2) from 10 or more persons clearly requesting review by the legislature and the Rules Review Commission approves the rule, the rule will become effective as provided in G.S. 150B-21.3(b1). The Commission will receive written objections until 5:00 p.m. on the day following the day the Commission approves the rule. The Commission will receive letters via U.S. Mail, private courier service, or hand delivery to 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina, or via email to oah.rules@oah.nc.gov. If you have any further questions concerning the submission of objections to the Commission, please review 26 NCAC 05 .0110 or call a Commission staff attorney at 984-236-1850.

Fiscal impact. Does any rule or combination of rules in this notice create an economic impact? Check all that apply.

- State funds affected
- Local funds affected
- Substantial economic impact (\geq \$1,000,000)
- Approved by OSBM
- No fiscal note required

SECTION .0200 - PRACTICE OF CHIROPRACTIC

21 NCAC 10 .0203 NORTH CAROLINA EXAMINATION

(a) Eligibility. Only those applicants who meet the requirements of this Rule and G.S. 90-143 or, in the case of reciprocity applicants, G.S. 90-143.1, and who have submitted a written application and paid the non-refundable application fee pursuant to Rule 21 NCAC 10 .0202 shall be allowed to take the North Carolina examination set forth in G.S. 90-143(b).

(b) Reciprocity Applicants. Reciprocity applicants shall complete the following:

- (1) submit the application set forth in 21 NCAC 10 .0202(a);
- (2) pay the application fee set forth in 21 NCAC 10 .0202(c);
- (3) pass the jurisprudence exam set forth in Paragraph (h) of this Rule;
- (4) comply with the requirements of G.S. 90-143.1; and
- (5) provide an attestation that the applicant meets the requirements of G.S. 90-143.1.

(c) Dates of Examination. The North Carolina jurisprudence examination shall be given at least four times during the calendar year. The Board shall announce an examination date not less than 30 days in advance and shall publish the date of upcoming examinations on the Board's website, www.ncchiroboard.com. The Board shall also individually notify each eligible applicant of the date of the next examination after the applicant's non-refundable application fee has been paid and the written application pursuant to Rule .0202 of this Section has been submitted to the Board.

(d) National Boards. Except as provided in Paragraph (f) of this Rule, in order to take the North Carolina examination, an applicant who has never been licensed in this State or who is not a reciprocity applicant shall first achieve a score of 375 or higher on Parts I-IV and the Physiotherapy examination given by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

(e) Report of Scores. The applicant shall arrange for his or her test results from any National Board examination to be reported to the Board. The Board shall not issue a license to an applicant for whom the Board has not received official score reports from the examination testing provider showing passage of the examination set forth in Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

(f) Waiver of National Boards. Notwithstanding the requirements of Paragraph (d) of this Rule, an applicant who submits National Board examinations in conformity with the following schedule shall not be disqualified from licensure in North Carolina:

- (1) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college between July 1, 1966 and June 30, 1986 shall be required to submit scores of 375 or higher on National Board Part I, Part II, and the elective examination termed "Physiotherapy," but shall not be required to submit a score on Part III or Part IV.
- (2) An applicant who graduated from chiropractic college between July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1997 shall be required to submit scores of 375 or higher on National Board Part I, Part II, the elective examination termed "Physiotherapy," and Part III, but shall not be required to submit a score on Part IV.

In order to receive a license, an applicant who qualifies for a waiver of any National Board score pursuant to this Paragraph shall take and pass the Special Purpose Examination for Chiropractic ("SPEC") and the North Carolina Examination. An applicant who qualifies for a waiver of any National Board score must submit an application to the Board pursuant to Rule .0202 of this Section.

(g) SPEC Examination. The SPEC is administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The passing score shall be 375 or higher. In order to take the North Carolina examination, the following individuals must first take and pass the SPEC:

- (1) a reciprocity applicant;
- (2) a waiver applicant pursuant to Paragraph (f) of this Rule;
- (3) an applicant previously licensed in this State whose active license has been lapsed pursuant to G.S. 90-155 for 1096 days or more ~~than 180 days~~, unless the applicant has been engaged in

continuous licensed chiropractic practice in another state within the United States ~~for the three years preceding the applicant's application to the Board~~ requiring annual in-person or live on-line continuing education for the period of time during which the applicant's North Carolina-issued license has been lapsed and has not been subject to any disciplinary action impacting the applicant's ability to engage in chiropractic practice;

(4) an applicant previously licensed in this State whose active license has been lapsed pursuant to G.S. 90-155 for a period of time between 366 and 1095 days, unless the applicant has not been subject to any disciplinary action impacting the applicant's ability to engage in chiropractic practice; and

(A) the applicant has been engaged in continuous licensed chiropractic practice in another state within the United States requiring annual in-person or live on-line continuing education for the period of time during which the applicant's North Carolina-issued license has been lapsed; or

(B) the applicant completes the educational sessions or programs set forth in G.S. 90-155(a), plus six additional hours of continuing education for each year during which the applicant's North Carolina license was lapsed. At least six of the total

continuing education hours must address topics of coding, compliance, exam procedures, or documentation. At least six of the total continuing education hours must be in-person or live on-line.

Reciprocity applicants and waiver applicants pursuant to Paragraph (f) of this Rule who have achieved a score of 375 or higher on Part IV of the National Board examination shall not be required to take and pass the SPEC prior to licensure. Applicants whose license has been lapsed for 365 days or less shall not be required to take and pass the SPEC prior to licensure if they complete the educational sessions or programs as required by G.S. 90-155(a) or if they have been engaged in continuous licensed chiropractic practice in another state within the United States requiring annual in-person or live on-line continuing education equivalent to the North Carolina continuing education requirements for the period of time during which the applicant's North Carolina-issued license has been lapsed. The term "lapsed" in this Rule shall mean "inactive" as used in G.S. 90-155. The term "live on-line continuing education" shall have the same meaning as set forth in Rule .0204(e) of this Chapter.

(h) Nature of Examination. The North Carolina jurisprudence examination shall be a test of an applicant's knowledge of North Carolina chiropractic law and regulations. The passing grade shall be 75 percent.

Authority G.S. 90-142; 90-143; 90-143.1; 90-143.3; 90-144; 90-145; 90-146.

- State Board of Education (Ascher)
 - Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers (Wiggs)
 - Locksmith Licensing Board (Miller)
 - Medical Board (Miller)
 - Board Of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors (Miller)
- V. Log of Filings (Temporary Rules) for any rule filed within 15 business days before the RRC Meeting
- VI. Filings pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.5(c1)
- Department of Labor – 13 NCAC 07F .0101 (Miller)
- VII. Existing Rules Review
- Review of Reports
 1. 01 NCAC 05, 30 - Department of Administration (Ascher)
 2. 10A NCAC 23, 25 - HHS - Division of Health Benefits (Wiggs)
 3. 21 NCAC 12 - Licensing Board for General Contractors (Ascher)
 4. 21 NCAC 38 - Board of Occupational Therapy (Wiggs)
 5. 21 NCAC 46 – Board of Pharmacy (Wiggs)
 6. 26 NCAC 01, 02, 03, 04 - Office of Administrative Hearings
 - Readoptions
 1. 04 NCAC 15 - Commission of Navigation and Pilotage for the Cape Fear River and Bar (Ascher)
 2. 10A NCAC 14E, 14G, 14H - HHS - Division of Health Service Regulation (Wiggs)
 3. 10A NCAC 14J - HHS - Division of Health Service Regulation (Wiggs)
 4. 19A NCAC 02 – Department of Transportation (Ascher)
- VIII. Commission Business
- 25 NCAC 010 - Request to amend the 2024 - 2027 Periodic Review Schedule
 - Closed session, to consult with attorneys regarding CRC v. RRC and CJETS v. RRC
 - Next meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2026

Commission Review
Log of Permanent Rule Filings
 March 21, 2026 through April 20, 2026

ELECTIONS, STATE BOARD OF

The rules in chapter 23 cover non-citizen list maintenance (.0100).

<u>Definitions</u>	08 NCAC 23 .0101
Adopt*	
<u>Entry of Challenge</u>	08 NCAC 23 .0102
Adopt*	
<u>Preliminary Hearing</u>	08 NCAC 23 .0103
Adopt*	
<u>Challenge Hearing</u>	08 NCAC 23 .0104
Adopt*	

CHILD CARE COMMISSION

The rules in Chapter 9 are child care rules and include definitions (.0100); general provisions related to licensing (.0200); procedures for obtaining a license (.0300); issuance of provisional and temporary licenses (.0400); age and developmentally appropriate environments for centers (.0500); safety requirements for child care centers (.0600); staff qualifications (.0700); health standards for children (.0800); nutrition standards (.0900); transportation standards (.1000); continuing education and professional development (.1100); building code requirements for child care centers (.1300); space requirements (.1400); temporary care requirements (.1500); family child care home requirements (.1700);

discipline (.1800); special procedures concerning abuse/neglect in child care (.1900); rulemaking and contested case procedures (.2000); religious-sponsored child care center requirements (.2100); administrative actions and civil penalties (.2200); forms (.2300); child care for mildly ill children (.2400); care for school-age children (.2500); multi-init child care centers (.2600); criminal records checks (.2700); voluntary rated licenses (.2800); developmental day services (.2900); NC pre-kindergarten services (.3000); and care for school-age children during state of emergency(.3100).

<u>Scope</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2801
Repeal*	
<u>Application for a Two through Five Star Rated License</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2802
Repeal*	
<u>Caregiving Activities for Preschool-Aged Children</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2806
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Space Requirements</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2809
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Program Standards for Child Care Centers</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2817
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Staff/Child Ratios for a Rated License for Child...</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2818
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Education Standards for On-site Administrators f...</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2819
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Education Standards for Lead Teachers for a Rate...</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2820
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Education Standards for Teachers for Rated...</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2821
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Education Standards for Program Coordinators for...</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2822
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Education Standards for Group Leaders and Assist...</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2823
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Education Standards for a Rated License for Admi...</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2824
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Education Standards for Program Coordinators for...</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2825
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Education Standards for Operators for a Rated Li...</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2827
Repeal*	
<u>Enhanced Program Standards for a Rated License for Family...</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2828
Repeal*	
<u>Quality Points Options</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2829
Repeal*	
<u>Maintaining the Star Rating</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2830
Repeal*	
<u>How an Operator May Request or Appeal a Change in Rating</u>	10A NCAC 09 .2831
Repeal*	

STATE FIRE MARSHAL, OFFICE OF

The rules in Chapter 5 deal with fire and rescue services division. The rules in Subchapter 5A include general provisions (.0100); state volunteer fire department (.0200); firemen's relief fund (.0300); administration of other funds (.0400); initial certification/re-inspection fire departments (.0500); volunteer fire department fund (.0600); volunteer rescue/EMS fund (.0700); cigarette fire-safety standards (.0800); public protection classifications for Fire Districts (.0900).

<u>Definitions</u>	11 NCAC 05A .0901
Amend*	
<u>Purpose</u>	11 NCAC 05A .0902

Amend*		
<u>Rating of Fire District</u>	11	NCAC 05A .0903
Amend*		
<u>Facilities</u>	11	NCAC 05A .0904
Amend*		
<u>Apparatus Specifications and Equipment</u>	11	NCAC 05A .0905
Amend*		
<u>Staffing Levels</u>	11	NCAC 05A .0906
Amend*		
<u>Training</u>	11	NCAC 05A .0907
Amend*		
<u>Communications and Alarms</u>	11	NCAC 05A .0908
Amend*		
<u>Response to Structure Fires</u>	11	NCAC 05A .0909
Amend*		
<u>Incident Reporting</u>	11	NCAC 05A .0910
Amend*		
<u>Records</u>	11	NCAC 05A .0911
Amend*		
<u>Non-Compliance</u>	11	NCAC 05A .0912
Amend*		

HOME INSPECTOR LICENSURE BOARD

The rules in Chapter 8 are the engineering and building codes including the approval of school maintenance electricians (.0400); qualification board-limited certificate (.0500); qualification board-probationary certificate (.0600); qualification board-standard certificate (.0700); disciplinary actions and other contested matters (.0800); manufactured housing board (.0900); NC Home Inspector Licensure Board (.1000); home inspector standards of practice and code of ethics (.1100); disciplinary actions (.1200); home inspector continuing education (.1300); Manufactured Housing Board continuing education (.1400); and alternate designs and construction appeals (.1500).

<u>Insurance Requirements</u>	11	NCAC 08 .1006
Amend*		
<u>Definitions</u>	11	NCAC 08 .1101
Amend*		
<u>Structural Components</u>	11	NCAC 08 .1106
Amend*		
<u>Pre-Drywall Inspection</u>	11	NCAC 08 .1117
Adopt*		
<u>Investigation</u>	11	NCAC 08 .1204
Amend*		

SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION

The rules in Subchapter 10B govern the commission organization and procedure (.0100); enforcement rules (.0200); minimum standards for employment as a justice officer (deputy or jailer) (.0300); certification of justice officers (.0400); standards and accreditation for justice officers schools, training programs, and the instructors (.0500-.0900); certificate and awards programs for sheriffs, deputies, justice officers, jailers, reserve officers, and telecommunicators (.1000-.1700); in-service training (.2000); firearms in-service training and re-qualification (.2100); and forms (.2200).

<u>Detention Officer Certification Course</u>	12	NCAC 10B .0601
Amend*		
<u>Evaluation for Training Waiver</u>	12	NCAC 10B .0603
Amend*		

<u>Administration of Detention Officer Certification Course</u> Amend*	12 NCAC 10B .0703
<u>Limited Lecturer Certification</u> Amend*	12 NCAC 10B .0908
<u>Instructors</u> Amend*	12 NCAC 10B .2004

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

The rules in 01D cover human trafficking awareness (.0100).

<u>Training on Human Trafficking</u> Amend*	13 NCAC 01D .0101
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The rules in Chapter 7 are from the Commissioner of Labor and cover the Occupational and Safety Health Act (OSHA). The rules in Subchapter 7F cover specific OSHA standards for various industries: general (.0100); construction (.0200); agriculture (.0300); shops fabricating structural steel and steel plate (.0400); maritime (.0500); communication towers (.0600); blasting and use of explosives (.0700); and cranes and derricks standards (.0900).

<u>General Industry</u> Amend*	13 NCAC 07F .0101
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WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

The rules in Chapter 10 are promulgated by the Wildlife Resources Commission and concern wildlife resources and water safety. The rules in Subchapter 10A cover general WRC practices and procedures including petitions for rulemaking (.0400); declaratory rulemaking (.0500); warning tickets (.1000); waivers (.1100); emergency powers (.1200); wildlife poacher reward fund (.1300); interstate wildlife violator compact (wcv) (.1400); and evidence (.1500).

<u>License Fees</u> Amend*	15A NCAC 10A .1601
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The rules in Subchapter 10F cover motorboats and water safety including boat registration (.0100); safety equipment and accident reports (.0200); and local water safety regulations covering speed limits, no-wake restrictions, restrictions on swimming and other activities, and placement of markers for designated counties or municipalities (.0300).

<u>Brunswick County</u> Amend*	15A NCAC 10F .0305
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The rules in Subchapter 10H concern activities regulated by the Commission including controlled hunting preserves for domestically raised waterfowl and game birds (.0100), holding wildlife in captivity (.0300), commercial trout ponds (.0400), fish propagation (.0700), falconry (.0800), game bird propagators (.0900), taxidermy (.1000), furbearer propagation (.1100), controlled fox hunting preserves (.1200), reptiles and amphibians (.1300), wildlife captivity and rehabilitation (.1400), wildlife and alligator control agents (.1500) field trials and dog training (.1700) and commercial activity permitting (.1800)..

<u>General Requirements and Fees</u> Amend*	15A NCAC 10H .1801
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EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF

The rules in Subchapter 6G relate to education agency relations including rules about the school-based management and accountability program (.0300); charter schools (.0500); remote academies (.0600); and public school unit oversight (.0700).

<u>Flexible Funding</u> Readopt with Changes*	16 NCAC 06G .0303
<u>School Reform Models</u>	16 NCAC 06G .0317

Adopt*		
<u>Restart Model</u>	16	NCAC 06G .0318
Amend*		
<u>Transformation Model</u>	16	NCAC 06G .0319
Amend*		
<u>Turnaround Model</u>	16	NCAC 06G .0320
Amend*		

ARCHITECTURE AND REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS, BOARD OF

The rules in Chapter 2 are from the Board of Architecture and include general provisions (.0100); practice of architecture (.0200); examination procedures (.0300); rules, petitions, and hearings (.0400); declaratory rulings (.0500); administrative hearings: procedures (.0600); administrative hearings: decisions and related rights (.0700); judicial review (.0800); and continuing education (.0900).

<u>Authority: Name and Location of Board</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0101
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Seal of Board</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0106
Readopt with Changes*		
<u>Forms</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0107
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Fees</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0108
Readopt with Changes*		
<u>Definitions</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0109
Readopt with Changes*		
<u>Architect, Registered Interior Designer, Firm or Partners...</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0201
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Rules of Professional Conduct</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0203
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Forms of Practice</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0204
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Name of Firm</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0205
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Requirement for and Use of Professional Seal by an Archit...</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0206
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Incompetence</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0210
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Individual Licenses and Registrations</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0213
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Firm Practice of Architecture and Registered Interior Design</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0214
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Out of State Firms</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0215
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Architect Emeritus</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0217
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Architectural Licensure by Examination</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0302
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Architecture Licensure by Reciprocity</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0303
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Interior Designer Registration</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0306
Readopt without Changes*		
<u>Rule-Making Petitions</u>	21	NCAC 02 .0401
Readopt with Changes*		

RULES REVIEW COMMISSION

<u>Notice of Rule-Making Hearings</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0402
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Notice Mailing List</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0403
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Submission of Data</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0404
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Presiding Officer: Powers and Duties</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0405
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Record of Proceedings</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0406
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Procedure for Declaratory Ruling</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0501
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Professional Standards Committee</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0601
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Request for Hearing</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0603
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Granting or Denying Hearing Requests</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0604
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Notice of Hearing</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0605
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Petition for Intervention</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0607
Readopt/Repeal*			
<u>Types of Intervention</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0608
Readopt/Repeal*			
<u>Informal Procedures</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0609
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Disqualification of Board Members</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0610
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Continuances Failure to Appear</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0701
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Witnesses</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0702
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Subpoenas</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0703
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Final Agency Decision</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0704
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Proposals for Decisions</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0705
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Scope</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0901
Readopt without Changes*			
<u>Requirements</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0903
Readopt with Changes*			
<u>Determination of Credit</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0904
Readopt without Changes*			
<u>Record Keeping</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0905
Readopt without Changes*			
<u>Exceptions</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0906
Readopt without Changes*			
<u>Reinstatement</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0907
Readopt without Changes*			
<u>Reciprocity</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0908
Readopt without Changes*			

<u>Forms</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0909
Readopt without Changes*			
<u>Non-Compliance</u>	21	NCAC 02	.0910
Readopt without Changes*			

LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD

The rules in Chapter 29 include general rules (.0100); rules about examinations (.0200); licensing requirements (.0400); code of ethics (.0500); administrative law procedures (.0600); license renewal requirements (.0700); and continuing education (.0800).

<u>Examination Fee</u>	21	NCAC 29	.0201
Amend*			
<u>Application Requirements</u>	21	NCAC 29	.0202
Amend*			
<u>Requirements of Examinees</u>	21	NCAC 29	.0204
Amend*			
<u>Special Administration</u>	21	NCAC 29	.0206
Amend*			
<u>Obligation of Licensed Locksmiths</u>	21	NCAC 29	.0501
Amend*			

MEDICAL BOARD

The rules in Chapter 32 are from the Medical Board. The rules in Subchapter 32B concern license to practice medicine including prescribing (.1000); general (.1300); resident's training license (.1400); faculty limited license (.1500); purpose license (.1600); other business (.1700); and expedited license for physician license (.2000).

<u>Conversion Application for Physician License</u>	21	NCAC 32B	.1403
Adopt*			

PLUMBING, HEATING AND FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS, BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF

The rules in Chapter 50 are from the Plumbing, Heating and Fire Sprinkler Contractors including rules about organization (.0100); forms (.0200); examinations (.0300); general procedures (.0400); policy statements and interpretative rules (.0500); contested cases (.1000); fees (.1100); petitions for rules (.1200); declaratory rulings (.1300); and continuing education (.1400).

<u>Qualifications Determined by Examination</u>	21	NCAC 50	.0301
Amend*			
<u>APPLICATIONS: ISSUANCE OF LICENSE</u>	21	NCAC 50	.0306
Amend*			
<u>Limited Plumbing Water Heater Replacement Contractor License</u>	21	NCAC 50	.0521
Adopt*			
<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>	21	NCAC 50	.1101
Amend*			