

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 1004  
HOUSE BILL 327

1 AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE VI OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION  
2 RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS TO REGISTER AND  
3 VOTE IN ELECTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:  
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7 **Section 1.** The Constitution of North Carolina, as revised and amended pursuant to  
8 An Act to Revise and Amend the Constitution of North Carolina, H.B. 231, enacted as Chapter  
9 \_\_\_\_\_ of the Session Laws of 1969, is amended by striking therefrom all of Article VI, Sec. 4,  
10 and by renumbering Secs. 5 through 10 of that Article as Secs. 4 through 9.

11 **Sec. 2.** The Constitution of North Carolina, as that document read on January 1,  
12 1969, is amended by striking therefrom all of Article VI, Sec. 4, and by renumbering Secs. 5  
13 through 9 as Secs. 4. through 8.

14 **Sec. 3.** The amendment set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall be submitted to  
15 the qualified voters of the State at the next general election. That election shall be conducted  
16 under the laws then governing elections in this State.

17 **Sec. 4.** At that election, each qualified voter presenting himself to vote shall be  
18 provided a ballot on which shall be printed the following:

19 "☐ FOR constitutional amendment abolishing literacy requirement for voting."

20 "☐ AGAINST constitutional amendment abolishing literacy requirement for voting."

21 Those qualified voters favoring the amendment set out in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall vote  
22 by marking an X or a check mark in the square beside the statement beginning "FOR", and  
23 those qualified voters opposed to that amendment shall vote by making an X or a check mark in  
24 the square beside the statement beginning "AGAINST".

25 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section, voting machines may be  
26 used in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Elections.

27 **Sec. 5.** If a majority of the votes cast thereon are in favor of the amendment set out  
28 in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act, and if a majority of the votes cast on the revision and  
29 amendment submitted to the qualified voters by An Act to Revise and Amend the Constitution  
30 of North Carolina are in favor of that revision and amendment, then the Governor shall certify  
31 the amendment set out in Section 1 of this Act under the Great Seal of the State to the Secretary  
32 of State, who shall enroll that amendment so certified among the permanent records of his  
33 office, and that amendment shall take effect as an amendment to the revised and amended  
34 Constitution of North Carolina on July 1 next after its ratification by the qualified voters.

35 **Sec. 6.** If a majority of the votes cast thereon are in favor of the amendment set out  
36 in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act, and if a majority of the votes cast on the revision and  
37 amendment submitted to the qualified voters by an Act to Revise and Amend the Constitution  
38 of North Carolina are against that revision and amendment, then the Governor shall certify the  
39 amendment set out in Section 2 of this Act under the Great Seal of the State to the Secretary of  
40 State, who shall enroll that amendment so certified among the permanent records of his office,  
41 and that amendment shall take effect as an amendment to the present Constitution of North  
42 Carolina on July 1 next after its ratification by the qualified voters.

1           **Sec. 7.** If a majority of the votes cast thereon are in favor of the amendment set out  
2 in Sections 1 and 2 of this Act, then G.S. 163-58 and all other statutes requiring that a person be  
3 able to read and write as a condition for registration or voting are repealed, effective July 1 next  
4 after the ratification of the amendment by the qualified voters.

5           **Sec. 8.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

6           **Sec. 9.** This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

7           In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of June,  
8 1969.