

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 298
HOUSE BILL 472

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN ASHE
COUNTY IN LIEU OF AND PRIOR TO SETTING UP A LOOSE-LEAF
SYSTEM OTHERWISE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That, in lieu of setting up a loose-leaf system for the registration books in the various precincts of Ashe County as now permitted by statute, a new registration of voters shall be held in said county prior to January 1, 1970, and the new voter list placed on loose-leaf registration books as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. The County Board of Elections of Ashe County is hereby authorized and empowered to fix the dates for the beginning and the close of the period for said new registration provided, however, that said period be set to end prior to January 1, 1970.

Sec. 3. That the cost of conducting such new registration and providing the necessary books and materials with which to conduct it shall be paid by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashe County, including loose-leaf registration books for each township.

Sec. 4. That this new registration shall continue for all qualified voters now on the registration books as well as for new voters during the periods for registration now set up by law prior to the primary election and the general election of 1970.

Sec. 5. That the County Board of Elections of Ashe County is hereby empowered to designate a special registrar or registrars for each of the townships of said county prior to the beginning of the new registrations, and said board shall give due and proper notice of the said new registration by publication in the local newspaper, announcement over the local radio station, and by posting a notice at the courthouse door of Ashe County and at each of the voting or polling places in said county.

Sec. 6. That the Board of Elections of Ashe County shall have the authority, by giving due and proper notice thereof, to designate the days and hours on such days that the township registrars shall be available for the new registration of voters as herein provided and shall further have the authority to designate days and hours on such days when voters, instead of going to the township voting places, may register with the County Board of Elections if they choose to do so.

Sec. 7. The Board of Elections of Ashe County is further authorized, in its discretion, to provide for the registration of disabled voters now on the registration books who are suffering from continuing chronic disability preventing their attendance at the polling place.

Sec. 8. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed or suspended during the period of new registration of voters herein provided for and directed.

Sec. 9. This Act shall be in full force and effect as to its various provisions from and after the date of its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of April, 1969.