

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 218  
HOUSE BILL 348

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT FORGED SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS FOR ELECTIONS OR  
REFERENDA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** Article 19 of General Statutes Chapter 163 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 163-221. Use of unauthorized signature prohibited.** — Any person who, without specific authority, willfully signs a name other than his own to a petition calling for any election or referendum, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, imprisoned for not more than six months or fined in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or both."

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective on October 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 18th day of April, 1977.