

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 408  
HOUSE BILL 616

AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL CHANGES IN CHAPTER 163 OF THE  
GENERAL STATUTES RELATING TO ELECTIONS TO CONFORM WITH PRIOR  
CHANGES IN THE ELECTION LAWS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 163-97.1 is amended by rewriting the last sentence thereof to read as follows:

"All voters affiliated with such expired political party shall be changed to 'unaffiliated' designation by the State board's order and all such registrants shall be entitled to declare a political party affiliation as provided in G.S. 163-74(b)."

**Sec. 2.** G.S. 163-106(b) is amended by deleting the second and third paragraphs thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"A person registered as 'unaffiliated' shall be ineligible to file as a candidate in a party primary election."

**Sec. 3.** G.S. 163-122 is amended as follows: delete the word "independent" in the caption and insert the word "unaffiliated"; delete in the first sentence, line 3, the words "independent or nonpartisan" and insert in lieu thereof the word "unaffiliated"; delete in subdivision (2) the words "independent or nonpartisan" and insert in lieu thereof the word "unaffiliated"; delete in the last paragraph the word "independent" and insert the word "unaffiliated".

**Sec. 4.** G.S. 163-137(a)(2) is amended by deleting the word "independent" and inserting the word "unaffiliated".

**Sec. 5.** G.S. 163-140(b)(2), (3), (4) and (5) is amended by deleting the word "independent" wherever it appears therein, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "unaffiliated".

**Sec. 6.** This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of May, 1977.