

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 155  
SENATE BILL 245

AN ACT TO PERMIT PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIALS TO RECORD ABSENTEE VOTERS ON THE REGISTRATION RECORDS PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS AND TO AUTHORIZE LEGAL GUARDIANS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 163-232 is amended by rewriting the next to the last paragraph to read:

"After receipt of the list of absentee voters required by this section the registrar shall call the name of each person recorded on the list and enter an 'A' in the appropriate voting square on the voter's permanent registration record. If such person is already recorded as having voted in that election, the registrar shall enter a challenge which shall be presented to the chairman of the county board of elections for resolution by the board of elections prior to certification of results by the board."

**Sec. 2.** The last paragraph of G.S. 163-251(b) is rewritten to read:

"After receipt of the list of absentee voters required by this section the registrar shall call the name of each person recorded on the list and enter an 'A' in the appropriate voting square on the voter's permanent registration record, if any. If such person is already recorded as having voted in that election, the registrar shall enter a challenge which shall be presented to the chairman of the county board of elections for resolution by the board of elections prior to certification of results by the board."

**Sec. 3.** G.S. 163-227(c) is amended in subdivisions (3), (4) and (8) by adding the words "or legal guardian" following the word "relative" wherever it appears.

**Sec. 4.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 31st day of March, 1981.