

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 87  
HOUSE BILL 172

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR PURGING VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 163-69, as the same appears in Volume 3D of the General Statutes, is amended by rewriting the first sentence in the fourth paragraph to read:

"In addition, beginning no later than January 2, 1981, following the presidential election in 1980 and thereafter in the period beginning no later than 30 days after each subsequent presidential election, the county board of elections shall not remove from the permanent registration records the name of any person who voted, according to the poll or other record of voting, in either:

- (1) one of the two most recent successive presidential elections, or
- (2) in any other election conducted in the period between the two presidential elections.

Any voter who neither voted in the first nor the second of the two most recent consecutive presidential elections and who failed to vote in any other election conducted in the period between the two presidential elections shall be purged."

**Sec. 2.** All purges previously processed in accordance with provisions contained in this act are hereby validated.

**Sec. 3.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of March, 1981.