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H 100. VOTER IDENTIFICATION. *TO PROVIDE AT THE POLLS A MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION FOR ALL VOTERS PARALLEL TO THAT REQUIRED OF SOME VOTERS BY THE FEDERAL HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT; TO REQUIRE VOTERS TO SIGN BEFORE VOTING AT THE POLLS AND AT EARLY VOTING SITES; AND OTHERWISE TO BRING NORTH CAROLINA INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT.* Amends GS 163-166.7 to require precinct officials to ask voters to present identification and sign a pollbook or other voting record before voting. Acceptable identification is a current and valid photo identification or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. Voters who do not present the required identification must be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. Requires the State Board of Elections to promulgate rules to assure that the voter identification procedures are carried out in a uniform and nondiscriminatory manner. Amends GS 163-227.2(b) and GS 163-231 to apply the identification requirements to absentee balloting by mail and "one-stop" absentee voting at board of elections office. Amends GS 163-82.4 to require a drivers license number or the last four digits of the applicant's social security number on voter registration application forms, as well as questions concerning US citizenship that federal law requires to be on the federal voter registration form. Makes other conforming changes.

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