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**H 1018. TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT (=S 976).** TO ENACT THE NORTH CAROLINA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT, TO REQUIRE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP TO REGISTER TO VOTE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT TO RECEIVE CERTAIN PUBLIC BENEFITS, AN APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS MUST PROVIDE PROOF THAT THE APPLICANT IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR, IF NOT A UNITED STATES CITIZEN, IS LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER FEDERAL LAW; TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY BENEFITS TO BE PAID IN CASES WHERE THE APPLICANT CANNOT PROVIDE PROOF AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES TO COOPERATE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR VERIFYING LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES; TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO WILLFULLY EMPLOYS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS INDIGENT AND IS NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES TO THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED; AND TO AUTHORIZE ANY INDIVIDUAL TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE AFFECTED STATE AGENCY FOR ITS FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ACT. Identical to S 976, introduced 3/24/05.

**Intro. by Rhodes.**

Ref. to Election Law

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