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Short Title: Interstate Agreements to Improve Voter Rolls.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO ENTER INTO DATA SHARING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATES REGARDING INFORMATION ON VOTING RECORDS AND VOTER REGISTRATION TO IMPROVE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST MAINTENANCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 163-82.14(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Uniform Program. – The State Board of Elections shall adopt a uniform program that makes a reasonable effort:

- (1) To remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters, and
- (2) To update the addresses and other necessary data of persons who remain on the official lists of eligible voters.

That program shall be nondiscriminatory and shall comply with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and with the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act. The State Board of Elections, in addition to the methods set forth in this section, may use other methods toward the ends set forth in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, including address-updating services provided by the Postal ~~Service~~. Service, and entering into data sharing agreements with other states to cross-check information on voter registration and voting records. Any data sharing agreement shall require the other state or states to comply with G.S. 163-82.10 and G.S. 163-82.10B. Each county board of elections shall conduct systematic efforts to remove names from its list of registered voters in accordance with this section and with the program adopted by the State Board. The county boards of elections shall complete their list maintenance mailing program by April 15 of every odd-numbered year, unless the State Board of Elections approves a different date for the county."

SECTION 2. The State Board of Elections shall actively seek ways to share and cross-check information on voting records and voter registration with other states to improve the accuracy of voter registration lists, using resources such as the Electronic Registration Information Center and by entering into interstate compacts for this purpose.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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