

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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1 more than ten years on either of those dates,  
2 whichever is later. For -- for individuals that  
3 have disabilities as defined under federal law, or  
4 who are over the age of 70, in particular -- in  
5 particular, to the age of 70, if the ID was valid  
6 on their 70th birthday, it will be valid from  
7 then -- from then forward. So it's kind of an  
8 extended expiration date for -- for senior  
9 citizens.

10 So, that's -- there's -- you can see the  
11 list of ID's. They're all government-issued photo  
12 ID's. State institutions for universities, if it's  
13 under part of the university system for the State  
14 of North Carolina, that is valid -- that is valid  
15 under this legislation as well. So, the main theme  
16 is that government-issued photo ID will be required  
17 to vote under this legislation.

18 We do have exceptions as well for people  
19 who have a religious objection to having their  
20 photograph taken. That is consistent with most  
21 photo voter ID legislation that you see around the  
22 country.

23 From a procedural perspective, when you  
24 go to vote, you will have to do a signature  
25 attestation as well as present your photo ID, so

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1 institutions that can provide voter ID. I notice  
2 you have the university system and the community  
3 college, but what about our private colleges and  
4 universities?

5 REP. MURRY: We -- we allow for State-  
6 issued photo ID's to be counted, and the photo ID's  
7 of private institutions are not State institutions,  
8 and so we do not allow -- we would not allow that  
9 in this legislation.

10 REP. RICHARDSON: Can I follow up?

11 REP. LEWIS: Yes, ma'am, one follow-up.

12 REP. RICHARDSON: So, if they're in those  
13 institutions, then, they would have to get a  
14 special ID?

15 REP. MURRY: They would need a  
16 government-issued photo ID, like a driver's license  
17 or a non-operator's card from DMV.

18 We do have provisions in the legislation  
19 about absentee ballots, and that is in section 13.  
20 Section 13 begins, you have to have two witnesses.  
21 And we are also having -- we also are establishing  
22 a request form, instead of the handwritten process  
23 that we have now, a State base -- a State form that  
24 you can fill out to get an absentee ballot, and  
25 then have the two signatures for return on the

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