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North Carolina Voter ID Law Fact Sheet

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Bill Enactment/Timeline

- In November 2018, North Carolina voters opted to amend their Constitution to require photo voter ID by a wide 10-percentage point margin.
- Shortly following passage of the Constitutional amendment, three legislators introduced Senate Bill 824 to implement the requirement for voter ID.
 - One of the bill's three primary sponsors was African American Democrat Joel Ford.
- Legislators made 24 changes to the initial draft following conversations with Democrats and other interested parties.
- Democratic legislators introduced 13 amendments to the bill, seven of which were accepted and added to the final product.
- Senate Bill 824 became law in December 2018.

What Democratic Legislators Said About the Bill

- Sen. Floyd McKissick (D): "I'd just like to say thank you to [Republican senators] for their work on the bill and for being **open and inclusive** in listening to us on the other side of the aisle in trying to come up with **something that is reasonable** in terms of its approach. So I want to thank you for that effort."
- Sen. Erica Smith (D): "I want to thank the bill sponsors for the hard that you've been doing in **negotiating and accepting many of the amendments** that have been placed before you."
- Sen. Terry Van Duyn (D): "I want to very **sincerely acknowledge the work** that [Republican senators] did, particularly around amendments that have been brought to you by my colleagues, my Democratic colleagues. I'm very grateful for every one that you've incorporated."
- Sen. Mike Woodard (D): "We **appreciate the Republican caucus** amending the bill to allow issuance of voter IDs during early voting."
- Rep. Pricey Harrison (D): "**This bill is a much better bill** than the bill that left this chamber in 2013."

Bill Provisions

- The measure is among the most permissive photo voter ID laws in the country.
- Dozens of photo IDs are acceptable for voting, including driver's licenses, student IDs, tribal IDs, military IDs, public assistance IDs, state and local government IDs, passports, and more.
- The law also creates a new photo voter ID to be provided for free at county boards of elections to voters who request one.
- Any voter without a photo ID at a polling place may fill out a "reasonable impediment" form and still cast a ballot.