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Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2026 3:15 PM
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Cc: SVC_SBOE.RuleMaking; Robin Barefoot
Subject: [External] Written Objection and Request for Legislative Review - Rule 08 NCAC 09.0107

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To the Rules Review Commission:

I am a registered voter in Durham County, writing to formally object to the NCSBE's proposed Rule 08 NCAC 09.0107.

The rule violates N.C.G.S. section 10B-21.9(a)(1) by exceeding the administrative authority granted to the agency by the General Assembly.

The rule as written does not include sufficient protections to ensure the BOE personnel conducting a machine recount are chosen and assigned with appropriate assurance for impartiality and preservation of ballots rejected by the tabulator.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. section 150B-21.3(b)(2), this letter serves as my formal written objection and clearly requests that this rule be subjected to review by the legislature.

Sincerely,

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To the Rules Review Commission:

I am a registered voter in Durham County, writing to formally object to the NCSBE's proposed Rule 08 NCAC 17.109.

The rule violates N.C.G.S. section 10B-21.9(a)(1) by exceeding the administrative authority granted to the agency by the General Assembly.

The rule as written does not include sufficient protections to ensure the county BOE staff exercise all due diligence and reasonable care to enable the vote to be cast. Every member of the county board must agree that a voter's form is false before their ballot can be rejected. The proposed change would allow a partisan majority to override a dissenting board member's judgment, putting ballots at risk based on board composition rather than the facts of a voter's individual situation.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. section 150B-21.3(b)(2), this letter serves as my formal written objection and clearly requests that this rule be subjected to review by the legislature.

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To the Rules Review Commission:

I am a registered voter in Durham County, writing to formally object to the NCSBE's proposed Rule 08 NCAC 18.0503.

The rule violates N.C.G.S. section 10B-21.9(a)(1) by exceeding the administrative authority granted to the agency by the General Assembly.

The rule as written does not include sufficient protections to ensure the county BOE staff exercise all due diligence and reasonable care to enable the vote to be cast.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. section 150B-21.3(b)(2), this letter serves as my formal written objection and clearly requests that this rule be subjected to review by the legislature.

Sincerely,

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Good evening ,

The current proposals coming for review

1. Allowing a simply majority versus unanimous decision on provisional ballots is not reasonable and will make political partisanship become more of an influence in the outcome of elections . This is not necessary or reasonable.
 2. Penalizing a service man or woman who serve our country because of placement within a envelope is not reasonable and makes it difficult for someone not in the state at the time of election to have their ballot corrected or counted . That is restrictive.
 3. Prohibiting sound , is this necessary ? There are usually nothing to attract voters to the polls and nothing to occupy their time as they wait. Why stop encouraging people to vote . Isn't that the purpose of making sure all voices are heard ? This not reasonable or necessary and restrictive .
- Please vote no to these provisions

Michelle Reid

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Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 10:26 PM
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Subject: [External] Written Objection and Request for Legislative Review Recounts rule 08 NCAC 09 .0106

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To the Rules Review Commission:

I am a registered voter in Wake County, writing to formally object to the NCSBE's proposed Recounts rule 08 NCAC 09 .0106

The rule fails the Necessity standard under N.C.G.S. § 150B-21.9(a)(3) because it creates redundant administrative procedures that conflict with existing statutory canvass timelines.

I am a relatively new resident of North Carolina, and I am concerned about the potential for voting to become politicized within this state.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 150B-21.3(b2), this letter serves as my formal written objection and clearly requests that this rule be subjected to review by the legislature.

Sincerely,

Alvin Vos
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Wake County

Burgos, Alexander N

From: tim_mckeown <tim_mckeown@protonmail.com>
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Subject: [External] Objections (again) to proposed Board of Elections rule 08 NCAC 10C .0104: Conduct at Voting Sites

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Hello,

I'm re-sending this message because my original text neglected to list my name, address, and phone information. I am a register4ed voter in the state of North Carolina.

Timothy J. McKeown
27 Bermouth Court
Durham, NC 27705
919-639-1992 (call or text)

I am objecting to this proposed rule for the following reasons:

1. It singles out political speech as a possible source of disruption in the voting process, when other nearby potentially disruptive sources of sound are ignored. Thus, musical performances, sports events, construction noise, and traffic noise are not addressed. If this rule were really motivated by preserving the tranquility of the polling place, these other sources of noise would have been covered.
2. It adopts a standard for external sound -- "audibility" -- that is plainly inappropriate as a basis for assessing when a sound is disruptive and when it is not.

When is audible noise a hindrance, and when it is a help? Normal face-to-face conversation at a range of about 1 meter typically generates about 60-65 dBA [A-weighted decibels, a measure of sound intensity adjusted to reflect relative loudness perceived by the human ear]. Speech intelligibility begins to degrade when background noise approaches the speech level, and conversation becomes noticeably difficult when background noise is equal to or louder than the talker). However, background noise at a lower range (acoustic engineers suggest 45-48 dBA for open-plan offices or bank lobbies), is actually viewed as **desirable** by them, because "it raises the room's noise floor by a few dB so that speech 15+ feet away becomes unintelligible. The result is **better speech privacy, less distraction, and improved focus**" in such spaces. Thus, the sound of human speech drifting in from outside, if it is not too loud, helps to create the sonic conditions that acoustic engineers seek to create for settings where individuals are engaged in an array of 1-to-1 conversations that they are not interested in sharing widely. Mere audibility of outside speech is

takes place in scattered locations across the country. It is still common enough today that it has been studied systematically and found to be associated with slightly higher levels of voter turn-out (about 3% higher in one unpublished study that I have seen that used a control group of non-festive sites for comparison). I can think of no good reason why such festivals should be suppressed -- unless, of course, you are actually trying to depress turn-out.

References

Glenn C. Altschuler and Stuart M. Blumin, *Rude Republic: Americans and Their Politics in the Nineteenth Century* (Princeton University Press, 2000).

Richard Franklin Bensel, *The American Ballot Box in the Mid-Nineteenth Century* (Cambridge University Press, 2004)

Jon Grinspan, *The Virgin Vote: How Young Americans Made Democracy Social, Politics Personal, and Voting Popular in the Nineteenth Century* (University of North Carolina Press, 2016).

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From: Michelle Kurtz <mkurtz8@yahoo.com>
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Members of the North Carolina Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina registered voter with some concerns regarding the proposed changes to the election rules.

I am concerned about the proposed change regarding provision ballots. The change from requiring unanimous agreement to reject a provisional ballot to a majority rule causes me concern. By making this change, we open ourselves to accepting or rejecting ballots based on political affiliations. Our elections must remain fair and independent of political influences and loyalties.

I am also deeply concerned about the proposal regarding absentee ballots. Requiring a specific order and type of envelope appears to cause an unnecessary impediment to voting. Has there been a demonstrated need for this change? It seems arbitrary and a burden to those who vote absentee. In a state with a large military presence, this seems especially punitive for our service members.

Thank you for your time to consider my comments.

Michelle Kurtz
Raleigh, NC

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From: Naomi M <hipvegi@yahoo.com>
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- 1) I think changing the standard to majority rule for provisional votes is a bad idea for NC and will cause unnecessary barriers to voting.
 - 2) I also think the change to absentee ballots without the inner envelope is bad and creates unnecessary barriers for voters.
 - 3) I think that limiting having music at voting events is bad for NC voters.
- I urge a no vote on these changes.

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Please vote NO:

Reasonably necessary or create confusion

Proposal 1: Provisional ballots rejection should stay as a unanimous vote it is not reasonably necessary to change

Proposal 2: Creates confusion and unnecessary barriers to participation for military and overseas voters

Proposal 3: Restricts voter participation without sufficient justification/ amplified sound/music near the polling places. It is not necessary. This makes it more welcoming and fun while waiting in line to vote which encourages voting.

Sincerely,

Michelle Armour

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Burgos, Alexander N

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Good Morning.

I would like to submit comments about the three current rule changes proposed by the NC Board of Elections.

1- Challenged ballots

I feel like our right and duty to vote will be compromised by this rule change. I think that ONLY when EVERYONE on the board agrees that the provisional ballot cannot be accepted should it be thrown out. This is a very serious action, possibly depriving a US citizen of their right to vote, and it should not be taken lightly, nor should it be able to be done by merely a subset of members of the board. This is the kind of action that disenfranchises voters and makes them distrust the system.

2-Absentee ballot packaging requirements

As Americans, we are not used to having to plan vacations around voting. We can vote by mail. We are not afraid that we will not be able to vote if we take a job with our US company overseas. We can vote by mail. Our military, while deployed or doing work for us overseas do not worry that they will not be allowed to participate in elections back home. They can vote by mail. Even though this proposed change does not preclude mail-in voting, it does create procedural difficulties. To require that the ballot needs to go in a particular envelope, then be sealed, and then be put in another envelope, seems unnecessarily cumbersome. Especially for service members in wartime. These picky details for their ballot to be accepted (not rejected) seem like another barrier to voting. We should make voting as easy as possible as long as the person is qualified to vote in the US, in NC. To put additional rules around how to handle the paperwork makes it sound like the BOE is trying to find ways to NOT allow people to vote. I don't want to feel that way, but as long as the ballot is in the envelope, it should be accepted! As a matter of fact, if it is put in ANY envelope it should be accepted. This is sneaky and mean-spirited. Not meant to improve the voting experience and voting availability for all North Carolinians.

3-Restrictions on Amplified Sound

I don't even know what to say about this. The BOE needs to keep their minds on bringing voters to the polls. Not about some music outside the polls. In my opinion, if the polling place and the poll officials do not have a problem with the sound, if THEY do not consider it disruptive to THEIR polling location, then it should be acceptable. To think that this is all the BOE needs to think about is unbelievable. Once again, they need to focus on making voting in NC as easy as possible. That is how it used to be.

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I am writing to urge you all to NOT put into place the changes proposed to NC voting. In particular, changing the requirements for voting by mail creates a voting problem for folks over seas including MILITARY that may not have time to correct any error of a ballot not in the envelope. Also, changing the rule to require majority votes over unanimous votes to dismiss a provisional ballot is ridiculous. Lowering the standard is not going to do anything but cause more ballots to be dismissed causing more loss of voting.

Please reject all three proposals. We do NOT need any further barriers to a safe and legal and CONSTITUTIONAL right to vote.

Kari Farmer
Pisgah Forest NC

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Beverly Bard <bgbard@hotmail.com>
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Dear Rules Committee,
Please make voting easier, not harder. Mistakes are at .001%!
Thank you,
Beverly Jo Bard
2205 Delaine Point,
High Point, NC 27265
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jody Neill-Shaughnessy <jlneillshau@gmail.com>
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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a voter from Charlotte. I am writing today to respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am especially concerned about the proposal regarding having a majority vote vs a unanimous vote to throw out a ballot because I feel like it could cause contested ballots, longer waits for results, and inaccurate election results. We should have very stringent requirements for eliminating ballots and not lowered standards. I think about everything that happened with the Allison Riggs/Jefferson Griffin case and we want to continue to hold high standards and make sure every valid vote counts.

Thank you for your time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Jody Neill-Shaughnessy
Charlotte, NC

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Jody Neill-Shaughnessy

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Betsy Richter <bhrichter2@gmail.com>
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Subject: [External] Voting changes

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Subject: Strong Opposition to Proposed Election Rule and Voting Changes

I am writing to express my strong opposition to three proposed changes to North Carolina's election rules. These modifications threaten voter access, fairness, and the integrity of our democratic process.

First, I object to reducing the voting requirement to a simple majority for the election board to discard a provisional ballot. Currently, tossing a provisional ballot requires a unanimous, 100% vote from the board. Because North Carolina's 100 county boards consist of three Republicans and two Democrats, lowering this threshold to a simple majority removes the vital safeguard of bipartisan consensus. It allows a single political party to invalidate ballots unilaterally.

Second, I oppose the proposal to reject mail-in ballots solely because they are not placed in the exact correct envelope within the state's complex two-envelope system. Implementing this rule without providing a chance to cure the mistake will disproportionately disenfranchise military personnel stationed abroad, overseas workers, and elderly voters. Valid ballots cast by eligible citizens should not be thrown out over minor administrative technicalities.

Third, I object to the prohibition of amplified sound outside polling places. Waiting lines at busy voting precincts can be long and chaotic. Amplified sound is a critical tool used by non-partisan volunteers and election workers to communicate essential voting instructions, directional information, and safety updates to citizens standing outside in line. Banning it creates unnecessary confusion and hinders efficient line management.

I urge you to reject these restrictive measures and instead focus on policies that protect bipartisan oversight, preserve the military vote, and keep polling locations accessible for all North Carolinians.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to fair elections.

Sincerely,

Betsy Richter

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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal regarding port dialog cancelling mail in ballots for simply not having the inner envelope because people who are voting absentee will not be present in order to correct any mistake. This is an easy thing to forget to do and I believe cancelling someone's vote for simply not having an inner envelope would have devastating consequences.

I do not believe this proposed rule is reasonably necessary because

I am also concerned that this proposal could create confusion or unnecessary barriers.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,

Karen Jones

Wake County Voter

Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Alishia Jones <alishiajones09@gmail.com>
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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary or would create confusion for voters before approving them.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections has proposed harmful rule changes that could:

- **Allow county boards to reject certain ballots along party lines:**

- This change risks undermining the impartiality of our election process. By opening the door for partisan decisions on ballot acceptance, it could erode public trust in the fairness of our elections. There is no clear evidence that such a rule is needed, and it would likely lead to increased disputes, delays, and confusion for voters whose ballots are subjected to subjective scrutiny.

- **Limit certain types of constitutionally protected gatherings at polling sites:**

- Restricting gatherings at polling places may infringe upon rights guaranteed by the Constitution, such as freedom of assembly and speech. Existing regulations already ensure safety and order at polling sites; further limitations are unnecessary and could discourage civic engagement. These restrictions would create uncertainty about what is permitted, leading to confusion for voters and volunteers alike.

- **Make it harder to vote by mail (and harder for those ballots to count):**

- Additional barriers to mail-in voting are not justified, especially when current procedures are already robust and secure. Making it more difficult for voters to cast ballots by mail and have them counted would disproportionately affect those who rely on this method, such as seniors, people with disabilities, and those unable to visit polling sites in person. This change could result in a lower voter turnout and unnecessary confusion regarding the mail-in voting process.

I do not believe that the proposals are reasonably necessary and will create confusion. I am particularly concerned that these changes would undermine confidence in our elections and make it harder for North Carolinians to participate in the democratic process.

I am urging the Review Commission to REJECT these anti-voter rules and instead protect voters' rights.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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I would like to comment on these three proposals

Regarding the provisional ballots, I don't believe that this is reasonably necessary

Regarding envelope issues, I feel this proposal will create confusion and unnecessary barriers for our military and overseas voters. What a horrible thing to do to our military right before elections!

Regarding prohibiting amplified sound, is this reasonably necessary? For some voters, this is an opportunity to come together and enjoy that time standing in long lines. This sounds like a rule targeting certain voters for no reasonable purpose.

Please consider how these changes will adversely affect voters in North Carolina and our military overseas. This is not what America is about.

Thank you for your attention before you consider these proposals.

Diana Shepard, constituent
3704 Albritton Dr, Durham, NC 27705

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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal regarding provisional ballots and the proposal regarding absentee ballots because I don't think that either is necessary or helpful.

I do not believe this proposed rule is reasonably necessary we have not had issues with the current system.

I am also concerned that this proposal could create confusion or unnecessary barriers.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,

Ann Joyner
Mebane, North Carolina

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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission:

I am a North Carolina voter and have been made aware of three proposed election rules. I respectfully ask if the three are truly and reasonably necessary. I believe they will create confusion among voters, and in the case of the envelope within an envelope, will likely disenfranchise our military members who live out of state or the country.

I also don't understand why you are concerned about amplified sounds at election sites. There's an old saying I'm sure you know - if it ain't broke, don't fix it. And the three proposals you are considering seem very clear to me that you're trying to fix something that's not broken.

Please vote these proposals down in the name of fair and honest elections.

Thank you,
Janet Elmo
Durham

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From: Margaret Larson <margielarson61@gmail.com>
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I am a registered voter in North Carolina. I strenuously object to the proposed changes to which votes are accepted and which could now be excluded. This is nothing more than an effort to disenfranchise voters for nonsensical reasons.

Every member of this committee should be held legally liable for criminal prosecution if they seek to silence the voters of this state.

Margaret Larson
Fayetteville NC

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From: Susan Berland <susanberland@gmail.com>
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I'm writing to strongly object to all three of the new voting rules. This is not playing fair and will disenfranchise way too many voters. They are totally unnecessary.

Warm regards,

Susan Berland

She/Her/Hers

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As a resident of NC, zip code 28227, I object to the proposed new voting rules that would allow a simple majority, rather than a 100% vote, to reject a mail-in ballot. The new rules also would prevent citizens from overseas the ability to cure their ballot for minor technicalities, such as envelope placement. In addition, the proposal to forbid amplified sound outside of polling places is unnecessary and instructive upon loc government as municipalities have their own sound ordinances.

Teresa M Blaine
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Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

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I strongly object to the new voting rules.

These new rules will be extremely unfair to our military personnel and persons in overseas jobs, as well as others. With the complicated two-envelope NC system, these rules will hamper, or even eliminate, their opportunity to cure otherwise perfect ballots. Thus cheating them of their votes.

The decisions by the NC election board for tossing ballots need to be unanimous, not reduced to a majority. Leave it as it is, 100% of the board members.

Do not pass these new rules. They are not in the best interest of NC voters.

Candace Smith
High Point, NC
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jen Gorham <sunsethouse@triad.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 2:24 PM
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Dear Rules Committee,

Please vote no to proposed voting rules.

Jennifer Gorham

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Natalie <davisnsma2@gmail.com>
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Dear Members of the Rules and Review Commission,

My name is Natalie Davis, and I'm a North Carolina voter. I'm writing to respectfully ask you to consider whether the proposed election rules are reasonably necessary and whether they would create confusion for voters before you approve them.

I do not believe the proposed rule to limit noise outside of polling areas is necessary because often times inspiring music is played and is part of the voting experience. There isn't a need for this limitation, and it only limits voting activity and participation.

I am also concerned this proposal would create confusion and unnecessary barriers for military and overseas voters due to the envelop rule. If overseas voters make a mistake because the new rule is inherently complicated stuffing envelopes inside envelopes, then they wouldn't have a chance to remedy it and have their vote count.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,
Natalie Davis
Newton, North Carolina

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Richard Henrich <richardhenrich@yahoo.com>
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To whom it may concern,

I have an issues with the proposed changes to the voting process.

The first proposal " to allow a majority to remove ballot" I do not think this is necessary.

The second proposal "to not count ballots that are not mailed in the proper envelope" would not allow a person especially our military personnel overseas to correct any problem.

The third proposal "not allow amplified voices around poll places" I believe is a huge over reach. Being a poll worker, if there is a problem, the chief judge is move than capable of handling it.

Thank you

Richard Henrich
312 Crescent St.
Saluda, NC 28773

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Nancy HM <nhughesmiller@gmail.com>
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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal regarding a new count of members to approve the rule change that might make one party have ultimate “say” - it doesn’t need to change and causes much confusion and DISTRUST! Provisional ballots are working FINE NOW- do not change the rule! And mail in voting SHOULD NOT BECOME HARDER- this envelope and date change DISENFRANCHISES MANY VOTERS - and will suppress people’s voices in this election. Do not eliminate the right of people to play music at polling places because it has proven to be popular and does not affect anyone’s right to vote. It provides a calming backdrop to a potentially stressful and time consuming experience.

I do not believe these proposed rules are reasonably necessary because the existing rules were developed in a fair bipartisan manner. And these changes will sow confusion and uncertainty and give the party in power NOW (GOP) UNFAIR ADVANTAGE!

Again I am also concerned that these proposals will create confusion, unnecessary barriers and only benefit ONE PARTY.

MAKE NO NEW RULES FOR OUR UPCOMING ELECTIONS! You will be seen as PARTISAN HACKS with ALLEGIANCE TO Trump VS DEMOCRACY!!!

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,

Nancy Hughes Miller
Cary, North Carolina

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Francene Greene <fvgreene@gmail.com>
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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and with much respect I am asking you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal regarding how provisional ballots are rejected. The current rule requires EVERY member of the board to agree. The proposed change recommends a SIMPLE majority which goes AGAINST the legal voter.

I do not believe this proposed rule is reasonably necessary because it makes it too easy to disqualify a legitimate provisional ballot/vote, thus denying a voter of their fair and legal right to vote.

I am also concerned that the multiple envelope proposal for mail in ballots of those North Carolinians, like service members, could create confusion or unnecessary barriers by the specifics of envelopes (size, addressing, etc.) and even access to the specified envelopes (like costs). Our service members, of all people, do NOT deserve this undue burden in exercising their right to vote.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,

Francene V. Greene
Concord, North Carolina

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Susan Rodriguez <susan.rodriguez2@icloud.com>
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I have read the proposed rules regarding reducing to a simple majority all provisional ballots, mail in ballots in incorrect envelopes and forbidding amplified sound outside polling places.

I strongly disagree with all three proposed rules and believe they are a way to discourage voters, especially those overseas, from voting.

You are making the rules for your own convenience and not for the convenience of voters.

Re-think what you are doing, which is harming voters who have used their rights to choose their candidate.

I hope you choose the right thing. We also have the power to vote you out. Remember that.

Susan Rodriguez
Sent from my iPhone

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Gerald Wade <gnacwade@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 10:12 AM
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Subject: [External] Rules NC RULES REVIEW

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This email is in request to make known and clarify some of the voting procedures that will be voted on July 30th.

1). Provisional ballots and their acceptance. Previously it was unanimously agreed or rejected on acceptance; now the board of elections want to make it 'majority vote'. Question - is this necessary or will it cause more confusion?

2) Absentee ballots. (Voting for military, overseas and mail voters) The process of - ballot to official ballot envelope to return mail envelope could cause barriers if the person is unable to correct a mistake. Would the new proposal by the board cause more barriers and confusion for military and overseas voter?

3) Activities near polling places -prohibiting amplified music ie "souls to the polls" which provides a calming effect while people stand in long lines to vote Question is this proposal necessary; has it been a demonstrated need for this change or does it restrict voting activity without justification?

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Teresa Sowinski <t.sowinski@yahoo.com>
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Subject: [External] Please reject new unfair voting rules

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I am concerned about two of the recent changes to rules regarding voting by the State Board of Elections.

1. The ID Exception Form for a Provisional Ballot--changing the old rule of a unanimous decision by the Board in favor of a decision by a simple majority is Not Reasonably Necessary. With a 5 member board this allows for a partisan vote which is unacceptable and does not justly represent the citizens of North Carolina. Voting in North Carolina should not be influenced by political parties.

2. The rule change for rejection of a mail in ballot because of an error in the voter's usage of the two envelopes--Not using the inner envelope properly and/ or in the correct order, creates confusion. There is not enough time allotted for absentee voters to correct their error and many voters could be confused by the extra envelope. Rejecting their votes because of a tedious design is not reasonably necessary. Verification by a pole worker from each party and a supervisor is appropriate. Voting needs to be simple for everyone.

Your diligence in making North Carolina's voting procedures a fair, nonpartisan, and honest system is expected of individuals holding your position. Our forefathers expected integrity above party lines. Voters of North Carolina do as well.

Teresa Sowinski
191 Old North State Lane
New London, NC 28127

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Stephanie Mood <stephanie.mood@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 9:47 AM
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Subject: [External] Objection to proposed rule changes by the NC Board of Electiond

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North Carolina Rules Revision Committee,

I'm writing to address and voice my opposition to the unnecessary and unreasonable changes recently put forth by our State Board of Elections.

1. Addressing the ID Exception Form for a Provisional Ballot: changing the old rule from a unanimous decision by the board to a simple majority vote is reasonably unnecessary. Our U.S. Constitution including several Amendments and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 protect our right to vote. Furthermore, our U.S Constitution requires that all criminal trial juries must vote unanimously to find a defendant guilty. Why would it be any different if our constitutional right to vote is challenged? This isn't a vote by the church ladies bazaar or the school PTA on whether to offer brownies or cupcakes at the annual bake sale. THIS is someone's protected right to vote! Why would we allow that to be decided by a simple majority? Is this an attempt to allow partisan decisions be made regarding our votes? Neither party should have that influence. The safeguard of a unanimous vote should remain in effect to protect our right to vote. The change to a simple majority vote rather than a unanimous vote is NOT reasonably necessary.
2. Addressing the rule change for rejecting absentee ballots (or mail-in ballots): the proposed change to reject a ballot that isn't in the correct inner mailer, sealed, and placed in yet another sealed envelop creates confusion. Whew, that was confusing just to write! This tedious process places unnecessary burden and confusion on our senior citizens and those with physical disabilities. It places an unnecessary and confusing burden on our courageous Service Members deployed abroad protecting our interests. We should be protecting their right to vote at all costs. There is little time for these individuals to correct their absentee ballot should they make a miss step in the process and it's certainly unreasonable to tell them to vote in person. Common sense should be used by the county board of elections in determining the intention of these individuals to vote absentee. Exercising our right to vote needs to be simple for everyone. Again, this is unnecessary and confusing.
3. Addressing amplified music at polling sites: prohibiting amplified music near polling sites is unnecessary and creates confusion. Many individuals use music to celebrate their right to vote. How would anyone outside a polling site know if they are being too loud? There is no clarity to this rule and leaves it to complete subjectivity. I can't think of any reason why this would impact voters headed to the polls other than to allow poll workers to turn them away. This appears as a blatant attempt to discourage and stifle voting, especially for minority and young voters. This directly violates voting rights. Again, this is unnecessary and creates confusion.

I urge the Rules Revision Committee to reject these changes on the grounds they are reasonably unnecessary and create confusion.

Respectfully,
Stephanie Mood
Montgomery County, NC, Resident

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kathleen Langerman <klangerman@bellsouth.net>
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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal regarding the voting sites on college campuses because I feel this would be done in an effort to dilute the vote. I have been that college student whose voting site was across town and I had no car. It made me feel badly that I had to take extra steps to vote because the college voting site was taken away.

I do not believe this proposed rule is reasonably necessary because it disenfranchises those who have no way to get across town to vote.

I am also concerned that this proposal could create confusion or unnecessary barriers by not taking into account those who have no transportation.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Langerman, RN, MSN, CNOR
Cornelius, North Carolina

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Pat Hansmeyer <phansmeyer@yahoo.com>
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1. A simple majority to reject provisional ballots rather than the entire cohort is suspect at the very least, and deliberately partisan and flawed at the worst. There is no need for this.
2. If eligible voters outside NC send in ballots that are complete including ID, the second proposed rule would invalidate them if they weren't in the correct envelope. They would be denied the chance to cure the situation because of their distance. This includes military, people who travel because of their jobs, and more.
3. The third proposed rule is to ban amplified sound at polling places. We are talking music here people! Music while people wait in long lines because there aren't enough polling places. This is downright ridiculous.

My hope is when you review these proposed rules, you will see them as unnecessary and for what they really are, harassment of voters.

Patricia G Hansmeyer
3627 Single Leaf Ct.
High Point, NC 27265

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Burgos, Alexander N

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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Debbie Roland <primroseave@gmail.com>
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I am concerned about two of the recent changes to rules about voting by the State Board of Elections.

(1) Voting in any state, including North Carolina should not be influenced by political parties! Voting is a privilege given to **ALL** citizens. In the case of a question about the ID Exception Form for a Provisional ballot, changing the old rule of a unanimous decision by the Board in favor of a decision by a simple majority is NOT REASONABLY NECESSARY NOR FAIR!

(2) Concerning the rule change of the rejection of a mail in ballot because of an error in the voter's usage of the two envelopes, for example not having used the inner envelope properly and in the correct order, creates confusion. Military voters overseas have no opportunity to correct their errors. Seniors could be confused by the extra envelope. Rejecting their votes because of a tedious design is not reasonably necessary nor fair. Common sense should be used by the county board of elections in determining the intention of the voter to vote absentee. **Voting should be simple for everyone!**

Thank you for your consideration.

Deborah Roland
108 Old North State Ln
New London, NC 28127

Burgos, Alexander N

From: W W <wellwan99@gmail.com>
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Dear Board Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed voting rule changes.

Please find my comments on the specific areas below:

- Provisional Ballots: The current rule for challenged ballots should remain in place to maintain the integrity of the process. Lowering this standard is not necessary.
- Absentee Ballots: The proposed packaging requirements create confusion and unnecessary barriers for military and overseas voters.
- Activities at Polling Places: The restrictions on amplified sound are not necessary, as there has been no demonstrated need for this change.

Sincerely,
Wanda Maddox

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Kim Bost <treblemakermom@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2026 5:38 PM
To: rrc.comments
Subject: [External] Recent rule changes voted on the by the State Board of Elections

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I want to raise concerns about two of the recent changes to rules about voting by the State Board of Elections.

1. In the case of a question about the ID Exception Form for a Provisional Ballot, changing the old rule of an unanimous decision by the county board in favor of a decision by a simple majority is Not Reasonably Necessary. Voting in North Carolina should not be influenced by political parties.
2. Concerning the rule change of the rejection of a mail in ballot because of an error in the voter's usage of the two envelopes, for example not having used the inner envelope properly and in the correct order, Creates Confusion. Military voters overseas have no opportunity to correct their error. Seniors could be confused by the extra envelope. Rejecting their votes because of a tedious design is not reasonably necessary. Common sense should be used by the county board of elections in determining the intention of the voter to vote absentee. Voting needs to be simple for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kimberly Bost
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New London, NC 28127

Burgos, Alexander N

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Subject: Public Comment on Proposed Election Rules

Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal regarding absentee ballots because it seems unnecessary and has the potential to disenfranchise voters, particularly military personnel serving overseas.

I do not believe this proposed rule is reasonably necessary because it doesn't do anything to prevent someone from illegally voting, it simply enforces a complicated and burdensome process.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,

Susan Saenger
Durham, North Carolina

Susan Saenger
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Burgos, Alexander N

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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters.

I am particularly concerned with the rule regarding whether a provisional ballot is rejected because it changes the balance of voices on the county board to eliminate a provisional vote.

I am concerned that the revised rules could cause confusion among voters who need to use a provisional ballot on whether their vote will be counted.

It could create an unnecessary barrier for those voters who, usually through no fault of their own, find it necessary to use a provisional ballot. The current rule is more amenable to the voter ensuring all voices on the board are heard.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,
Mary Stoudemire Clark
Davidson, North Carolina

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From: Kathryn Kantz <lofquist14kantz@gmail.com>
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Dear Sirs:

I am fully against each of the proposed three rules changes.

1. Rejection of provisional ballots by a majority only - not necessary and creates an opportunity for voter suppression through political activity.
 2. Making people put their ballot in another envelope - creates confusion and unnecessary impediments to overseas and absentee voters.
 3. No noise in polling places - Why, just why? This is so unnecessary - have voters been complaining that they don't like the musical choices being played? Probably not. How does music interfere with voting? Absolutely not. It's like a "Karen" has shown up at a block party.
- Please do not waste time putting ridiculous and confusing rules in place.

Kathryn Kantz
Sylva, NC
Jackson County

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Robyn Lay <robyntlay@gmail.com>
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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter and I respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonable necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am particularly concerned about the proposals around absentee and provisional ballots.

I do not believe moving from unanimous to majority agreement in tossing provisional ballots when there is a question about a voter ID exception form is reasonably necessary, and only serves to reduce voter protections when a majority rather than unanimity is required.

Proposals to reject absentee ballots that may not be enclosed in the inner envelope before being mailed in the outer envelope may cause confusion and barriers to active duty military, overseas residents, or other eligible voters being able to reasonably cast and or cure their ballots.

I am deeply concerned with these changes and thank you for considering my public comment ahead of your next meeting.

Respectfully,

Robyn Lay
Durham, NC

From: Karen <ktpack@windstream.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 26, 2026 10:13 AM
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Subject: [External] 3 proposed rule changes

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- 1 - rejection of provisional ballot by simple majority vote - This is not necessary and unduly burdens voters right to vote
- 2- Absentee ballot not submitted inside ballot envelopes is not necessary and unduly burdens voters burdens voters right to vote
- 3 - stopping free speech by amplification control outside the polls. This is unconstitutional and is outside the jurisdiction of the election board past it's boundary

These rule changes are not reasonably necessary and they create undue confusion!

Vote no on all 3 please.

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Burgos, Alexander N

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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether the new proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am particularly concerned about the proposed **Voter ID Exception Rules** and the **Absentee (Mail) Ballot Review Rules** because they increase the discretion of county election boards to reject ballots and may result in eligible voters being treated differently depending on where they live or how local officials interpret the rules.

I do not believe these proposed rules are reasonably necessary because North Carolina already has laws governing voter identification and absentee voting. Rather than creating new procedures that expand opportunities to reject ballots for technical reasons, our election system should prioritize ensuring that every eligible voter's ballot is counted while maintaining existing safeguards against fraud.

I am also concerned that these proposals could create confusion or unnecessary barriers by making the voting process more complicated for voters who rely on absentee ballots or who qualify for a voter ID exception. **Older adults, individuals with disabilities, military and overseas voters, and others who face legitimate challenges could be disproportionately affected.** Even if only a small number of ballots are impacted, those ballots represent the voices of eligible North Carolinians and may be decisive in close elections.

North Carolina has a longstanding commitment to both election integrity and voter access. I believe these goals are best achieved by adopting rules that are clear, consistent, and designed to ensure that eligible voters are able to participate without unnecessary procedural obstacles. I respectfully urge the Rules Review Commission to reject these proposed rules or return them for revision.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,

Teresa Outlaw
Wake County, North Carolina

Burgos, Alexander N

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Dear Members of the North Carolina State Board of Elections,

Thank you for giving North Carolinians the opportunity to comment on these proposed rules. I know your job is to make sure our elections are secure and fair, and I appreciate the work that goes into that.

After reading the proposals, my biggest concern is that some of the new rules could make it easier for eligible voters to lose their vote because of technical mistakes instead of actual problems with their eligibility.

For the absentee ballot rules, I understand why there needs to be a process for handling ballots with issues. At the same time, I believe the goal should be to help eligible voters fix honest mistakes whenever possible instead of rejecting their ballots. If someone is legally allowed to vote, every reasonable effort should be made to count that vote.

I'm especially thinking about people serving in the military, North Carolinians living overseas, college students away from home, older adults, and people with disabilities. These voters don't always have the ability to respond quickly if there's a problem with their ballot. A delay in the mail or a simple paperwork mistake shouldn't automatically keep their vote from being counted.

I'm also concerned about some of the wording in the proposed rules. Phrases like "irregularity" and "peace and good order" seem open to interpretation. When rules aren't clear, they can end up being applied differently from one county to the next. I don't think where someone lives should affect how election rules are interpreted.

The same concern applies to the proposed voting site rules. Election officials absolutely need the authority to keep polling places safe and organized, but the rules should clearly explain what conduct is actually prohibited. That protects voters, volunteers, and election workers alike and helps everyone know what to expect.

As for the proposed photo ID rules, I hope the Board continues looking for ways to make the process easier to understand. If there's a problem with a voter's identification, they should be notified as quickly as possible and given every opportunity the law allows to correct it.

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Marianne Romanat <marianneromanat@gmail.com>
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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether the proposed rules re: our elections in NC are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters. I ask you to consider my concerns and the concerns of others about this. before approving them.

I am concerned about mail-in/ absentee ballots being required to be packaged in a particular way. I want our servicemen and women living overseas, and others overseas who are American citizens to be able to vote this way and I'm concerned that servicemen and women and others overseas may not have time to cast a corrected ballot if they make a mistake. This could certainly create confusion for voters.

I'm also very concerned that a provisional ballot would not have to be rejected by a unanimous vote. Requiring a unanimous vote requires that there is a bipartisan concern about the ballot and that would keep our process clear, bipartisan, and making sense. I would want to avoid a simple majority acting in a partisan way, which we have frequently seen in our state of late.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,

Rev. Marianne Romanat
Pineville, North Carolina

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"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory....." Ephesians 3:20-21

Burgos, Alexander N

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Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding three recently proposed rules that I believe will lead to confusion and voter disenfranchisement.

The first concern pertains to the NC State Board of Elections rule concerning provisional ballots. Modifying the majority rule introduces an unfair partisan issue that fundamentally compromises the democratic process.

The second proposed regulation significantly infringes upon the rights of our esteemed military personnel.

Should an error occur in the ballot submission process, such as incorrect envelope usage or any other procedural discrepancy, there is no timely mechanism for rectification, thereby potentially disenfranchising these individuals.

We must ensure that our service members retain their right to vote.

Lastly, the proposed applied sound rule.

Music holds significant cultural importance within the Black community. I find this proposed rule to be discriminatory. There have been no substantial complaints regarding sound disruption in previous elections. Consequently, this rule appears to be unnecessary.

Music possesses a universal appeal. It has the capacity to soothe and facilitate relaxation for individuals who may experience extended waiting periods prior to casting their votes.

I pray this letter finds you all well and you are withdrawing or voting against any of these proposed rules.

Thank you,

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To the NC Rules Review Commission,

I am extremely concerned with the newest change proposals to NC's voting rules.

If someone is out of our state doing important things for the common good, like defending our nation, these rules are going to make it harder for them to have their voice heard. It is absolutely deplorable that our military, as unsupported and under appreciated as they are, will also find voting to be even more difficult. Surely this is something that should be considered before putting this rule into effect.

I am also concerned about the limitations on noise around polling places. We should celebrate our right to vote, and polling places should be fun places to go to. By limiting the volume of sound at these locations, the joy should accompany our right will be dimmed. It is clear that this rule is politically motivated and intended to decrease the likelihood that certain groups vote. Rules should not decrease the representation of any group at these polls.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelly Allen
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Lyric Kinard <lyric@lyrickinard.com>
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I encourage you to reject the new rules changes to how our elections are run.

There is no reason to lower the unanimous agreements standard for rejecting provisional ballots. The change in rules MUST be reasonably necessary and this is not the case in any of the proposed rule changes.

Could the proposal requiring overseas voters to use double envelopes cause confusion? Absolutely yes. There is no reason to add layer on layer of requirements when you know that voter fraud is vanishingly rare.

There is absolutely no reason to lower noise levels in voting lines. You know that people are better able to tolerate long lines and more likely to come out to vote if there is a lively atmosphere that encourages community.

These new rules all ABSOLUTELY make it clear that one side is trying to suppress votes because they know they cannot win without using every method possible to deny votes to people who are legally allowed to vote.

Please do what you know to be the right thing.

Sincerely,
Lyric Kinard
Cary, NC Wake County

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Jeff Bost <jtbost@aol.com>
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Subject: [External] Unnecessary rules changes

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jeff Bost, a resident of Montgomery county in NC. I'm writing to oppose the 3 preposed rules changes around our polling places. The current rule of unanimous decision regarding the validity of a provisional ballot should stay in place. This is an important safe guard and there's no valid reason to change it. Next, leave absentee ballots alone. The new proposal adds needless complication and definite confusion to this important right to vote. Finally, not allowing music in the voting lines seems petty and somewhat childish. Not sure what's driving this, but changing it doesn't seem warranted.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeff Bost
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Burgos, Alexander N

From: Elizabeth Valsing <elivalsing@gmail.com>
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I do not support the new rules being considered for NC elections. Specifically, lowering the standard for throwing out ballots to unanimous agreement is not reasonably necessary - we want to err on the side of the voter because this is a democracy. Also, we do not need to create confusion for military or others living out of the state or country by adding requirements to their ballots submission and there is not sufficient justification that it is reasonably necessary to prohibit amplified music at polling places.

Thank you for reading my email.

Eli Valsing 919/967-6587 elivalsing@gmail.com, Carrboro, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

From: Sonia Crandall <divasofie60@gmail.com>
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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter in Forsyth County. I respectfully ask you to consider whether the proposed voting rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

1. I am concerned about the proposal that lowers the threshold for county boards to discard provisional ballots submitted with a voter ID exception form from a unanimous vote to a simple majority. What is the justification for this change? I do not believe this proposed rule is reasonably necessary because there are no reported cases of exception forms being wrongfully accepted and no evidence of abuse that would warrant a lower rejection threshold.

2. I am concerned about the proposal that would reclassify certain absentee ballot anomalies as deficiencies requiring voters to take additional action to have their ballots counted.

Numbered Memo 2021-03 already addresses this clearly: if a ballot arrives in a sealed outer envelope, it is not deficient and can be counted without any action from the voter. The memo is explicit, "In all of the above situations, the ballot was received in a sealed envelope and is therefore not deficient."

This proposed rule would override that standard, requiring voters to submit a written attestation before the close of business on the day before county canvass for three common, innocent mistakes. In each case, the ballot arrived intact and the voter's intent is plain. There is no evidence of abuse, no documented failure of the existing guidance, and no security justification for treating these anomalies as deficiencies.

This proposed rule causes confusion and unnecessary barriers for voters who rely on mail-in voting — military voters, homebound voters, elderly voters, voters with disabilities, and voters displaced by natural disasters— for whom meeting a last-minute cure deadline is not always possible.

3. The proposal that prohibits amplified sound at polling places is concerning because activities near polling places, such as music, are an important part of the voting experience of many communities. These activities create a welcoming environment while voters stand in line. Is this proposed rule reasonably necessary? Is there a demonstrated reason for this change?

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,
Sonia Crandall
Lewisville, NC

Burgos, Alexander N

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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal regarding changes to photo ID verification, shorter provisional ballot ID cure deadlines, and stricter processing rules for mail-in and provisional ballots because these proposals impose restrictive administrative hurdles on voters, shorten the window voters have to ensure their lawful ballots are counted, and risk rejecting valid votes based on minor technicalities or partisan voting lines rather than actual fraud.

I do not believe this proposed rule is reasonably necessary because North Carolina's existing voter identification, signature verification, and mail-in security protocols are already robust, secure, and effective at ensuring election integrity without needing additional burdensome requirements that penalize voters.

I am also concerned that this proposal could create confusion or unnecessary barriers by disenfranchising eligible voters who may face work, transportation, or financial constraints that prevent them from meeting compressed deadlines, as well as creating changing, complex standards that confuse both voters and poll workers right before an election.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,

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Dear Members of the Rules Review Commission,

I am a North Carolina voter, and I respectfully ask you to consider whether these proposed rules are reasonably necessary and whether they could create confusion for voters before approving them.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal regarding majority rule to throw out certain mail in ballots because keeping it as unanimous rule prevents partisan interference. If you allow majority rule, either party could throw out ballots for the other candidate.

I do not believe this proposed rule is reasonably necessary because there hasn't been enough evidence to show we are having illegal ballots being cast on a consistent enough basis. I am also afraid by accepting this rule change, it will further weaken the peoples trust that we have a fair and free election.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments before your next meeting.

Respectfully,

Kelly D
Asheboro, North Carolina

Burgos, Alexander N

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I am in favor of continuing the requirement that all three members of the Elections committee must agree unanimously in order to remove a provisional ballot from certification. Changing this rule does not make the election safer.

I am in favor of certifying an absentee ballot even if it was put in the wrong mailing envelope.

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