



2023-2024 General Assembly

# HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 26.3: State Board of Elections - Prohibit Electronic Registration Information Center Membership

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	Sec. 26.3 of S.L. 2023-134		

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 26.3 of S.L. 2023-134 prohibits North Carolina from becoming a member of the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc. (ERIC).

*This section of the act became effective July 1, 2023.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under G.S. 163-82.14, the State Board of Elections (State Board) has the authority to enter into data sharing agreements with other states to cross-check voter registration information. The State Board is required to actively seek ways to share and cross-check information on voting records and voting registration with other states.

Section 26.3 of S.L. 2022-74 provides that if North Carolina's continued membership in ERIC requires the State Board or a local board of elections to change any policies or procedures related to elections in North Carolina, then those changes must be approved by an act of the General Assembly.

**BACKGROUND:** According to the website for Pew Charitable Trusts, "[t]he Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) is a non-profit organization with the sole mission of assisting states to improve the accuracy of America's voter rolls and increase access to voter registration for all eligible citizens. ERIC is governed and managed by states who choose to join, and was formed in 2012 with assistance from Pew Charitable Trusts."

**BILL ANALYSIS and EFFECTIVE DATE:** Section 26.3(a) repeals the provisions of Section 26.3 of S.L. 2022-74. Section 26.3(b) prohibits North Carolina from becoming a member of ERIC.

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