

Amendments to the North Carolina Constitution of 1971*

Session Law	Articles Affected	Topic	Date	Vote		Result
				Yes	No	
1969, ch.1258		Revising and Amending the Constitution of North Carolina.	11/03/1970	393,759	251,132	Adopted
1969, ch. 827	Art. IX, sec. 10	Reassigning Benefits of Escheats.	11/03/1970	362,097	248,451	Adopted
1969, ch. 872	Art. V, sec. 2(6)	Authorizing the GA to Fix Personal Income Tax Exemptions.	11/03/1970	336,600	282,697	Adopted
1969, ch. 932	Art. III, sec. 5(10)	Executive Reorganization Amendment.	11/03/1970	400,892	248,795	Adopted
1969, ch. 1004	Art. VI, sec. 4	Repealing Literacy Requirement for Voting.	11/03/1970	279,132	355,347	Rejected
1969, ch. 1200	Art. V	Revising Finance Article.	11/03/1970	323,131	281,087	Adopted
1969, ch. 1270	Art. II	Authorizing Calling of Extra Legislative Sessions on Petition of Legislators.	11/03/1970	332,981	285,581	Adopted
1971, ch. 201	Art. VI, sec. 1	Lowering Voting Age to 18.	11/07/1972	762,651	425,708	Adopted
1971, ch. 451	Art. IV, sec. 8	Requiring Legislative Age Limit for Justices and Judges.	11/07/1972	811,440	304,489	Adopted
1971, ch. 560	Art. IV, sec. 17	Authorizing Legislative Provision for Censure or Removal of Justices and Judges.	11/07/1972	807,960	272,470	Adopted
1971, ch. 630	Art. XIV, sec. 5	Declaring State Policy to Conserve and Protect Natural Resources.	11/07/1972	976,581	146,895	Adopted
1971, ch. 857	Art. VII, sec. 1	Limiting the Incorporation of Towns Near Existing Towns.	11/07/1972	694,921	374,184	Adopted

*It's called the Constitution of 1971 because it went into effect on July 1, 1971
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1973, ch. 394	Art. IV, sec. 18	Changing Title of Solicitor to District Attorney.	11/05/1974	474,199	249,452	Adopted
1973, ch. 1222		Authorizing Legislation to Provide for Tax-exempt Industrial Revenue Bonds.	11/05/1974	317,285	376,269	Rejected
1975, ch. 641	Art. V, sec. 8	Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Finance or Refinance Health Care Facility Projects.	03/23/1976	382,091	311,300	Adopted
1975, ch. 826	Art. V, sec. 9	Authorizing the Issuance of Revenue Bonds to Finance Industrial Development and Pollution Control Projects for Public Utilities.	03/23/1976	373,033	304,938	Adopted
1977, ch. 80	Art. X, sec. 2	Extending the Benefit of the Homestead Exemption to Surviving Spouses of Either Sex.	11/08/1977	517,366	59,714	Adopted
1977, ch. 115	Art. X, sec. 5	Permitting Any Person (Not Only a Husband) to Insure His or Her Own Life for the Benefit of His or Her Spouse or Children or Both, free from Claims of Creditors of the Insured or the Insured's Estate.	11/08/1977	513,526	57,835	Adopted

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1977, ch. 363	Art. III, sec. 2(2)	Empowering the Voters to Elect the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for Two Consecutive Terms.	11/08/1977	307,754	278,013	Adopted
1977, ch. 528	Art. V, sec. 10	Permitting Municipalities that Generate or Distribute Electric Power to Own and Operate Generating and Distribution Facilities Jointly with Public or Private Entities Engaged in That Business.	11/08/1977	349,935	180,624	Adopted
1977, ch. 690	Art. III, sec. 5(3)	Requiring that the State Budget be Balanced at All Times.	11/08/1977	443,453	104,935	Adopted
1979, ch. 638	Art. IV, sec. 22	Providing that Only Persons Authorized to Practice Law in the Courts of this State are Eligible to be Justices and Judges of the General Court of Justice.	11/04/1980	888,634	352,714	Adopted
1981, ch. 504		Increasing the Terms of State Senators and Representatives from Two to Four Years.	06/29/1982	163,058	522,181	Rejected
1981, ch. 513	Art. IV, sec. 8	Authorizing Legislation to Provide for the Recall of Retired State Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeals Judges to Serve Temporarily on Either Court.	06/29/1982	356,895	295,638	Adopted

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1981, ch. 803	Art. IV, sec. 12(1)	Authorizing Legislation to Grant the State Supreme Court Jurisdiction to Review on Direct Appeal a Final Order or Decision of the NC Utilities Commission.	06/29/1982	392,886	253,629	Adopted
1981, ch. 808		Authorizing Legislation to Empower Public Bodies, in Order to Develop NC Seaports and Airports, to Acquire, Construct, Finance, Refinance, Sell or Lease Lands and Facilities and to Finance for Private Interests Seaport, Airport and Other Related Commercial Facilities.	06/29/1982	292,031	342,567	Rejected
1981, ch. 887		Authorizing Legislation to Permit the State to Issue Tax-exempt Revenue Bonds to Finance or Refinance the Acquisition and Construction of Facilities for Private Institutions of Higher Education.	06/29/1982	303,292	338,650	Rejected
1981, ch. 1241	Art. II, sec. 9	Providing that the Terms of State Senators and Representatives Shall Begin 1 January Next After Their Election.	11/02/1982	690,218	276,432	Adopted

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1981, ch. 1247		Authorizing Legislation to Permit Municipalities to Issue Tax Increment Bonds.	11/02/1982	182,147	810,565	Rejected
1983, ch. 298	Art. III, sec. 7(7) Art. IV, sec. 18(1)	Providing that Only Persons Authorized to Practice Law in the Courts of this State are Eligible to be Attorney General or District Attorney.	11/06/1984	1,159,460	357,796	Adopted
1983, ch. 765	Art. V, sec. 11	Authorizing Legislation to permit the Issuance by the state of Tax-exempt Revenue Bonds to Finance and Refinance Agricultural Capital Facilities.	05/08/1984	420,405	360,009	Adopted
1985, ch. 61		Authorizing Legislation to Prohibit Future Governors and Lieutenant Governors from Succeeding Themselves Except for the Present Governor and Lieutenant Governor.	Note: This proposed amendment was repealed by 1985, ch.1010, and therefore did not go to a vote of the people.			
<i>repealed by</i>						
1985, ch.1010						
1985, ch. 768		Authorizing Legislation to provide for Election of state and county Officers in Odd-numbered Years.	05/06/1986	230,159	547,076	Rejected

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1985, ch. 814	Art. V, sec. 12	Permitting the General Assembly to Enact Laws to Allow Revenue Bonds to be Issued to Finance or Refinance Higher Education Facilities for Private Nonprofit Institutions.	11/04/1986	675,587	448,845	Adopted
1985, ch. 920	Art. III, sec. 7(3) Art. IV, sec. 19	Providing for Elections to be Held to fill the Remainder of an Unexpired Term if Vacancy Occurs 60 Days Before Next Election.	11/04/1986	740,241	365,959	Adopted
1985, ch. 933	Art. V, sec. 13	Permitting the General Assembly to Assist in the Development of New and Existing Seaports and Airports.	11/04/1986	688,911	391,908	Adopted
1993, ch. 497		Authorizing Counties and Cities to issue Tax Increment Bonds Without Voter Approval.	11/02/1993	197,762	651,190	Rejected
1995-5, s.3	Art. II, sec. 22 Art. III, sec. 5	Veto Power for Governor.	11/05/1996	1,652,294	544,335	Adopted
1995-429, s.3	Art. XI, sec. 1	Require Alternative Punishments.	11/05/1996	1,889,620	303,596	Adopted
1995-438, s.2	Art. I, sec. 37	Victims Rights Amendment.	11/05/1996	1,714,872	488,805	Adopted

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1999-268, s.3 <i>amended by:</i> 2001-217, s.3 <i>amended by:</i> 2002-3, s. 1 (Extra Session)	Art. XIV, sec. 5	State Nature and Historic Preserve.	11/05/2002	1,283,375	507,426	Adopted
2003-403, s.1	Art. V, sec. 14	Local Option Project Development Financing.	11/02/2004	1,504,391	1,429,179	Adopted
2003-423, s.1	Art. IX, sec. 7	School Fines and Forfeitures.	11/02/2004	2,348,155	662,324	Adopted
2004-128, s. 16	Art. IV, sec. 10	Amend Magistrate Term.	11/02/2004	1,984,152	933,021	Adopted
2010-49, s. 2	Art. VII, sec. 2	No Felon as Sheriff.	11/02/2010	2,090,837	370,023	Adopted
2011-409	Art. XIV, sec. 6	Defense of Marriage.	05/08/2012	1,317,178	840,802	Adopted
2013-300	Art. I, sec. 24	Criminal Defendant May Waive Jury Trial.	11/04/2014	1,408,119	1,245,052	Adopted
2018-96	Art. I, sec. 38	Protect Right to Hunt and Fish.	11/06/2018	2,083,123	1,563,090	Adopted
2018-110	Art. I, sec. 37	Strengthening Victims' Rights.	11/06/2018	2,267,210	1,382,010	Adopted
2018-119	Art. V, sec. 2	Max. Income Tax Rate of 7.0%.	11/06/2018	2,094,924	1,557,707	Adopted
2018-128	Art. VI, secs. 2 & 3	Require Photo ID to Vote.	11/06/2018	2,049,121	1,643,983	Adopted

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2018-132 (2018 Second Extra Session)	Art. II, sec. 22 Art. IV, secs. 10, 18, 19 & 23	Nonpartisan Judicial Merit Commission.	11/06/2018	1,183,080	2,385,696	Rejected
2018-133 (2018 Second Extra Session)	Art. IV, sec. 11	Bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections.	11/06/2018	1,371,446	2,199,787	Rejected

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