



## From the desk of Kay Wildt, NCFRW President

### DISGRACEFUL BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The image shows a 'PHOTO ID EXCEPTION FORM' from the North Carolina State Board of Elections. The form is titled 'PHOTO ID EXCEPTION FORM' and includes fields for 'NORTH CAROLINA (COUNTY) COUNTY', 'ELECTION DATE', and 'PROVISIONAL POLL BOOK NO.'. It contains a statement: 'Voter, please complete this form to explain why you cannot show photo ID. Your vote will count if you truthfully complete and sign this form.' Below this are fields for 'Name' (Last, First, Middle, Suffix) and 'Contact' (Email Address, Phone). A section titled 'I AFFIRM that I am the registered voter identified above, that I am casting a provisional ballot while voting in person, and that: (choose from the exceptions below)' is followed by 'EXCEPTION 1: REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT'. Under this, there is a checkbox for 'I suffer from a reasonable impediment that prevents me from presenting photo ID.' and a sub-section '(CHOOSE ONE OR MORE REASONS BELOW)'. The reasons listed are: 1. I cannot get photo ID due to: (checkboxes for Lack of transportation, Disability or illness, Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to get photo ID, Work or school schedule, Family responsibilities); 2. I did not know photo ID was required for voting (checkbox checked); 3. My photo ID is lost, stolen, or misplaced; 4. I applied for photo ID but have not received it; 5. Other reasonable impediment to presenting photo ID (with a line for writing the reason); 6. State or federal law prohibits me from listing my reason. Below this are 'EXCEPTION 2: RELIGIOUS OBJECTION TO BEING PHOTOGRAPHED' (checkbox for 'I have a religious objection to being photographed.') and 'EXCEPTION 3: VICTIM OF A NATURAL DISASTER' (checkbox for 'I was a victim of a natural disaster occurring within 100 days before election day that resulted in a disaster declaration by the President of the United States or the Governor of North Carolina.'). At the bottom, there is a 'VOTER SIGN BELOW' section with a line for the voter's signature and a checked 'X' in the 'VOTER'S SIGNATURE' field. There is also a section for 'ELECTION OFFICIAL TO COMPLETE' with fields for 'Voting Site', 'VRN', and 'Official's Name'. The form is dated 'v.2023.06' and has the 'NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS' logo at the bottom.

(click to enlarge)

### CALL TO ACTION!

The dishonorable Democrats have done it again, attempting to subvert the lawful will of the people of North Carolina. **ACT NOW!**

The Democrat-controlled NC State Board of Elections is trying to slip in a page of Photo ID exceptions that will negate our court-approved Photo ID law.

The Photo ID Exemption Form designed by the NC State Board of Elections contains flagrant violations of the intent of the law.

The General Statutes allow them to do this. The legislature left a loophole that allows NCSBE to design the form. So, they have thumbed their noses at NC Voters, the NC Supreme Court, and the spirit of the law by submitting these egregious exceptions. **WHY ARE WE NOT SURPRISED!!!**

The General Assembly should determine the only and very limited exceptions. The NCSBE should never have been given the authority to create broad exceptions. Call and email your Representatives and tell them to do their jobs to protect our elections. This form is unacceptable.

The exemptions listed in EXCEPTION 1, like item 2, render the Photo ID law

useless. Ignorance of the law is not an excuse, and ignorance should not be codified into law, nor should the other questionable reasons.

We must storm the Legislature (Senate and House) to close this loophole before they leave this session. Remember, we will still be dealing with a Democrat-controlled Board of Elections in 2023-24.

Please call and email your own local legislators, as well as Senator Berger and Speaker Moore, and ask all of them to **CLOSE THIS LOOPHOLE IMMEDIATELY.**

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*Thank you to Guilford County for this message.*

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## Leadership Institute Training



### Plan to attend!

**AUGUST 12 TRAINING IN STATESVILLE:** The Leadership Institute will be at the Statesville Fairfield by Marriott on Saturday, August 12th, for a three-hour training session. Flyer to register will be in the August NCFRW Newsletter.

**AUGUST 26 TRAINING IN BUTNER:** The Leadership Institute will be at the Best Western Butner Creedmoor Inn on Saturday, August 26th, for a three-hour training session. Flyer to register will be in the August NCFRW Newsletter.

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