



Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

*House Bill 100, "AN ACT TO RESTORE PARTISAN JUDICIAL ELECTIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT COURTS AND TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF PETITIONS FOR UNAFFILIATED CANDIDATES."*

North Carolina wants its judges to be fair and impartial, and partisan politics has no place on the judges' bench. We need less politics in the courtroom, not more.

Judges make tough decisions on child abuse, divorce, property disputes, drunk driving, domestic violence and other issues that should be free from politics. This bill reverses that progress.

We should let people elect judges based on their experience and ability to do the job, not which party they pick.

I am also concerned that judges who have chosen to register as unaffiliated voters so as to avoid partisan politics now have a difficult path to getting on the ballot.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Cooper", written over a horizontal line.

Roy Cooper  
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017, at 3:10 pm for reconsideration by that body.