



North Carolina Republican Party 13th Congressional District

Resolution to Restore Partisan Authority for Closing Primary Elections in NC

WHEREAS, political parties are private associations with a constitutionally protected right to determine who participates in selecting their nominees, free from outside interference or dilution; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed political parties' right to open or close their primaries, ruling the state may not make that determination for the parties in *California Democratic Party v. Jones*, 530 U.S. 567 (2000); and,

WHEREAS, the changes from North Carolina Session Law 2023-140, in contravention to established federal case law, permanently opened partisan political primaries for participation by unaffiliated voters, allowing crossover influence by individuals who do not associate with the parties' respective platforms and values, to invade and influence the nomination process without any loyalty or accountability to those parties; and,

WHEREAS, all officially recognized political parties in North Carolina must be free to determine whether they prefer to open or close their respective primaries in accordance with federal case law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NCGOP 13th Congressional District Republican Party Executive Committee petitions the North Carolina Republican Party and the North Carolina General Assembly to immediately revoke the provisions in NCGS 163-119 that direct political parties to allow participation by unaffiliated voters in their primary elections without an affirming annual determination by the respective political parties to permit that participation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCGOP 13th Congressional District Republican Party Executive Committee strongly recommends the General Assembly add appropriate language to revoke the open primary mandate into the pending Omnibus elections bill, H958 (Election Law Changes), still working its way through the legislature this session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NCGOP 13th Congressional District Republican Party Executive Committee directs that a copy of this resolution be provided electronically to the North Carolina Republican Party Executive Committee, the NCGOP Resolutions Committee, and all members of the North Carolina General Assembly no later than May 1, 2026.

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