



Capitol Commentary

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Raleigh Roundup

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Below are a few items that may be of interest from Raleigh that I wanted to pass along:

State Board of Elections uncovers probable voter fraud

House Speaker Thom Tillis (R-Mecklenburg) and Senate Leader Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) issued a joint statement Wednesday in response to more alarming evidence of voter error and fraud discovered by the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

Initial findings from the Board presented to the Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee show:

- 765 voters with an exact match of first and last name, DOB and last four digits of SSN were registered in N.C. and another state and voted in N.C. and the other state in the 2012 general election.
- 35,750 voters with the same first and last name and DOB were registered in N.C. and another state and voted in both states in the 2012 general election.
- 155,692 voters with the same first and last name, DOB and last four digits of SSN were registered in N.C. and another state – and the latest date of registration or voter activity did not take place within N.C.

These findings only take into account data from the 28 states who participated in the 2014 Interstate Crosscheck, leaving out potential voter error and fraud in the 22 states that do not participate in the consortium.

Additionally, during an audit of death records from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Board discovered:

- 50,000 new death records that had not previously been provided to the State Board of Elections.
- 13,416 deceased voters on the voter rolls in October 2013.
- 81 deceased voters that had voter activity after they died.

The findings were made possible by a new election reform law passed by the General Assembly last year, which called on the Board to improve the accuracy of voter registration lists and combat potential fraud by cross checking information on voting records with those of other states.

“While we are alarmed to hear evidence of widespread voter error and fraud, we are encouraged to

see the common-sense law passed to ensure voters are who they say they are is working,” said Tillis and Berger. “These findings should put to rest ill-informed claims that problems don’t exist and help restore the integrity of our elections process. We appreciate the State Board of Elections bringing this critical information to light.”

In case you missed it:

Politico: [North Carolina probes possible double voting](#)

Fox News: [Hundreds of cases of possible voter fraud uncovered in NC](#)

Environmental Review Commission chairs call for special coal ash meeting

Rep. Ruth Samuelson (R – Mecklenburg), Rep. Mike Hager (R – Rutherford) and Sen. Brent Jackson (R – Sampson) announced Thursday that the Environmental Review Commission (ERC) will hold a special meeting to receive an update and discuss the status on the Dan River spill and other coal ash ponds across the state.

“The legislature needs to remain educated and briefed on this important issue. We expect to receive comprehensive updates from the stakeholders on the progress regarding the Dan River cleanup and planning for coal ash remediation for the remaining plants across the state,” said Rep. Samuelson, Rep. Hager and Sen. Jackson. “We want members of the General Assembly and the public to be assured North Carolina’s drinking water is safe and see that proactive measures are being taken to ensure a spill doesn’t happen again.”

The regularly scheduled ERC meeting will meet on April 9th to discuss ongoing issues from the interim. The additional coal ash meeting will be held on April 22nd at 1:30 p.m. in Raleigh.

Committee Roundup:

- The Joint Legislation Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services received an update from Sec. Wos and DHHS about the NCTracks system.
- The Joint Legislative Committee on Government Operations convened last week to discuss the Governor’s Medicaid Reform plan for the short session.

Anytime you want to know about the status of a particular piece of legislation in Raleigh, let me know. You can

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In your service,

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