# **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Ken Raymond Chairman

Stuart Russell Secretary

Fleming El-Amin Member



Tim Tsujii
Director

**Lamar Joyner**Deputy Director

# FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS Agenda November 17, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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# FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

# Meeting Minutes November 17, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

A meeting of the Forsyth County Board of Elections was called to order in the third floor meeting room on November 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., Chairman Raymond presiding.

Board Members in attendance: Chairman Ken Raymond, Secretary Stuart Russell, and Member Fleming El-Amin

Staff Members in attendance: Director Tim Tsujii, Deputy Director Joyner, Chris Duffey, Monica Gary and Kimberly Stuck

Other Staff: None

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Raymond led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **Moment of Silence**

Chairman Raymond led a moment of silence.

#### **Public Comments**

Chairman Raymond opened the public comment session with instructions. Speakers were asked to complete a public comment card and would have three minutes or less to speak. The speaker's name and address should be stated for the record. Questions should be included during the allotted time and answers would be given at the close of the session. A speaker's time could not be given to another individual. At the close of the public comment session, no additional statements or questions would be heard from the public. The public comment session included the following speakers:

JoAnne Allen – PO Box 284, Winston Salem, NC 27102 Eric Ellison (Forsyth County Democratic Party) – 442 Wachovia St., Winston Salem, NC 27101

Chairman Raymond moved to close public comments, Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

Chairman Raymond addressed Eric Ellison's comments commending the Director and staff for the fair and honest job done and opened the floor to the other Board members for comments. Member El-Amin and Secretary Russell commended staff as well.

Chairman Raymond deferred to Director Tsujii to address Ms. Allen's comments regarding missed opportunities, ethics, as well as profanity used by a precinct judge and requested removal. Director Tsujii addressed the removal of the precinct judge and the need to have a replacement in place or available prior to removal, noting that a replacement could not happen immediately due to the position and acknowledged that the timing may not have been to the liking of Ms. Allen.

Chairman Raymond addressed the buffer zone; noting that it cannot be watched at all times and that zealous candidates and supporters can overstep. Director Tsujii stated that he believed the reference was regarding signage and the 50 foot buffer zone and noted that statute allows for a minimum buffer zone of 25 feet.

#### Report on Last Five Precincts That Were Uploaded on Election Night

Director Tsujii stated that he was contacted by the McCory campaign to review the last five precinct tabulations. Mr. Tsujii redressed the process of reading the precinct tapes to enter values, stating that the PCMIA cards were compared to the tapes and the tabulations matched and would make them available for review if needed.

Secretary Russell inquired of possibility of duplicate signatures and encouraged the other Board members to review the Absentee ballots. Director Tsujii stated that the envelopes were present and available for review. Member El-Amin deferred to Secretary Russell's comments.

## **Board Decision on Absentee Ballots Postmarked Without a Time Stamp**

Director Tsujii stated that the last batch of Absentee ballots had been returned to the office postmarked timely per statute; noting that it was not possible to verify the 5 p.m. standard as the postmark does not include the time only the date. Director Tsujii read the attached N.C.G.S. § 163-234(1) and N.C.G.S. § 163-231(b)(2) of which governs timeliness. Secretary Russell inquired of received time, which Director Tsujii clarified the difference between needing to be hand delivered, not postmarked, at or by 5 p.m. on Election Day referencing N.C.G.S. § 163-231(b)(2)(b) postmark requirement. Secretary Russell stated that postmark was an issue; noting the date fit the parameters of the statute, Chairman Raymond stated that at first read it follows the statute, Member El-Amin stated that he had conversations regarding time being included on postmark to meet statutory requirement and voiced an appeal to the General Assembly to update the statute. The Board reviewed the Absentee ballots in question. Director Tsujii provided that the Absentee ballots are postmarked at the point of return mailing origin. Secretary Russell inquired if the State memo had included any direction regarding postmark, Director Tsujii noted it had not. Chairman Raymond called for the approval of the 47 Absentee ballots reviewed; Member El-Amin motioned; Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

#### **Approval of Absentee Ballots**

Ms. Gary recommended 526 Absentee ballots for approval and 305 for disapproval. Chairman Raymond called for questions or comments from the Board members. Member El-Amin inquired about how much time give to respond to remediation letter; Ms. Gary stated that due to being after deadline no time was available. Secretary Russell motioned to accept staff recommendations, Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

#### **Review of Re-Marked Absentee Ballots**

Director Tsujii presented the Board with overseas ballots for remarking and provided an overview of the remarking process for the public in attendance. The Board and Director Tsujii split into two teams to expedite the process. Member El-Amin requested that Director Tsujii explain the ballot box seal to those in attendance.

Director Tsujii deferred to Chris Duffey regarding two items that required Board action. Mr. Tsujii stated that in conducting audit and verification of the ballots both showed on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) list for the deceased. The two names

appearing were one Betty Van Smith and a Betty Beason Smith; the social security number and county differed for Ms. Van Smith, however, Ms. Beason Smith's ballot was a viable ballot.

Chairman Raymond inquired about the dates of birth and when they presented on the report. Mr. Duffey provided an overview of the report to the Board. Chairman Raymond noted that a death that occurred in July presented on a November report; Ms. Gary stated that the reports are three months retroactive. Secretary Russell verified that Ms. Beason Smith was still living and Ms. Van Smith was deceased. Director Tsujii recommended reactivation of absentee ballot and voter registration status.

Chris Duffey presented an absentee ballot for a Mr. Rutherford who is deceased resident according to the DHHS report; date of death shown to be July. Absentee ballot request was submitted in September. Secretary Russell motioned to void Mr. Rutherford's absentee ballot, Member El-Amin seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

Director Tsujii informed the Board of two protests filed earlier in the day by Ms. Linda Petrou; one alleging two deceased voters and the second alleging a felon voter. Director Tsujii noted that the Board had already taken action regarding the deceased voters. Secretary Russell inquired if the protests were submitted timely. Director Tsujii stated that probable cause could be determined as of this meeting; Secretary Russell motion for a hearing for probable cause, Member El-Amin seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

Director Tsujii stated that two people had been identified as felons and preliminary research had been conducted and according to the office process; 30-day notice was mailed and no response to date had been received. Secretary Russell noted the paper trail does not provide any evidence the voter in question is not a felon. Member El-Amin verified that no additional communication has been received since 2014 and inquired about procedures to have rights restored. Director Tsujii, Mr. Duffey, the Board and Mr. Albright discussed at length the process of reinstatement.

Secretary Russell believed that there was probable cause; noting that it was one complaint and believed that it could not be parsed or separated and if evidence is presented to the contrary then no action further action would be taken. Director Tsujii stated that all parties to the protest would have to be notified prior to hearing. Chairman Raymond called for motion to move forward with hearing; Secretary Russell motioned, Member El-Amin dissented; **Motion carried by majority**.

Director Tsujii requested that meeting recess until November 18, 2016 and Canvass meeting be extended to November 22, 2016.

Secretary Russell motioned meeting to be adjourned until 11 a.m. November 18, 2016 and to notify State Board of Elections of extension of Canvass to November 22, 2016 at 11 a.m.

Director Tsujii clarified recess versus adjournment. Member El-Amin called for a point of clarification regarding beginning canvass. Director Tsujii clarified the certification process.

Mr. Tsujii restated the motion made by Secretary Russell to recess meeting until November 18, 2016, Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

Chairman Raymond recessed meeting at 8:36 p.m.

#### **Meeting Reconvened**

Chairman Raymond reconvened meeting November 18, 2016 at 11 a.m.

Director Tsujii tabled item #9 for additional protests; Mr. Tsujii requested a preliminary hearing on Michael Jones protest; determined to be valid and approved hearing.

Director Tsujii provided background on absentee ballot received November 10, 2016 that was signed by the voter, however it did not include the address for the witness. The Board reviewed the Absentee instructions, noting that addresses are required for absentee ballot witnesses. Secretary Russell stated that it showed as untimely; Director Tsujii stated that an administrative change can be made to reflect missing information. Secretary Russell stated that the statute was clear on the point of requirement therefore did not believe that the protest could be substantiated. Chairman Raymond noted it did not meet the statutory requirement. Secretary Russell motioned to deny protest; and requested an administrative change to reflect the disposition; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

Director Tsujii gave an overview of the protest; alleging irregularities in five precincts that were manually loaded. Mr. Tsujii stated that due to the PCMIA cards being left in the machines he requested the Board read the results aloud to enter the numbers for tabulation noting that the results from the PCMIA cards matched the results on the tapes. Chairman Raymond stated that everything matched and verified that the PCMIA cards had not been returned by the precincts. Member El-Amin stated that he reviewed the provided information.

Secretary Russell stated that he understood the complaint addressed the protest; however, the only allegation is regarding Durham County and nothing had been substantiated; the protest alleges the procedure could have been handled better. Chairman Raymond stated that Forsyth County is not the same as the county referenced; concurring with Secretary Russell that there was not a charge of procedural error. Member El-Amin concurred with Secretary Russell. Secretary Russell moved to deny protest due to no evidence, Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

Director Tsujii requested the Board take action to disapprove one ballot from a double vote found through the audit and reconciliation process. Mr. Tsujii stated that the signatures matched or were very similar. The Board reviewed the two signatures from the Authorization to Vote forms. Secretary Russell moved to disapprove the ballot. Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

Director Tsujii presented the Board with three overseas ballots where voters had resubmitted their ballots two times noting they were duplicate submissions and requested the Board disapprove one set of the submissions. Mr. Tsujii stated that it was not a case of double voting, but multiple attempts to assure receipt. Secretary Russell motioned to accept staff recommendation to cancel one of the three; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

#### **Tabulation of Absentee Ballots**

Director Tsujii stated that during the audit and reconciliation process, additional Absentee ballots

from October 7 and October 8, 2016 were not included in the tabulation due to time constraints but would be included at this time.

# **Tabulation of Early Voting Curbside Ballots**

Director Tsujii presented the Board with curbside ballots to be included in tabulation; requested they unseal envelopes and verify ballots styles for the remarking process.

<u>Tabulation of Early Voting Machine from St. Paul's Site and iVotronic from Precinct 503</u> Director Tsujii stated that one of the machines at Precinct 503 had not been closed down properly and that the results had not been submitted on Election Day; Mr. Tsujii presented the

Director Tsujii requested item #12 Approval of Provisional Ballots be table for the next meeting to allow the Board to move on to tallying of write-in votes. Chairman Raymond stated item #12 was tabled until next meeting.

#### **Tally of Write-In Votes**

Board the results for their review.

Director Tsujii called for a point of reference to N.C.G.S. § 163-165.1(e) regarding confidentiality and noted the public could be present but not be revealed how individual voters voted, since some of the ballots contained one-stop application numbers. Director Tsujii stated that 29 precincts had not tabulated their write-in votes and requested the Board allow the write-in ballots to be run. The Board was presented with the write-in tally sheets. Mr. Tsujii requested the Board tally the write-ins. Member El-Amin motioned, Secretary Russell seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

Director Tsujii provided the write-in materials; the Board reviewed write-ins and tallied the totals.

Secretary Russell motioned to recess until 2:15; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

Chairman Raymond reconvened the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Director Tsujii presented the Board with duplicate voters that were resolved through the audit process.

Member El-Amin rejoined meeting at 2:39 p.m. The Board began tallying write-in ballots.

Mr. Duffey presented the Board with the Post Election audit for One-Stop/Absentees, four voters were found to be removed through the audit system. Secretary Russell motioned to removed four ballots according to staff recommendations, Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**.

Mr. Duffey presented the Board with five ballots to which the voter was found to be in denied status. Secretary Russell recommended removing the five and motioned to adopt staff recommendations; Member El-Amin seconded; **Motion carried unanimously**. The Board resumed tallying write-ins; both Director Tsujii and Ms. Stuck assisted with the

process. Member El-Amin had to depart meeting on personal business. The Board and staff completed the process. The Board presented the tally totals for the write-ins: Presidential candidate Jill Stein -444; Winston Salem Mayor Candidate Joanne Allen -3150; North Carolina Department of Labor Candidate -0.

Director Tsujii stated that the reports had been zeroed out to add flash card and one-stop curbside to results; the revised report was presented to the Board for review and timeline was verified.

Director Tsujii commented on need for equipment that would expedite the review process; noting that there are voting equipment that can automatically tally write-in votes.

Secretary Russell motioned to adjourn meeting; Chairman Raymond seconded motion; **Motion carried unanimously**. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

# Board of Elections Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2016

Approved:	
Ken Raymond, Chair	Date
Stuart Russell, Secretary	Date
Fleming El-Amin, Member	Date

# Part 2. Ballots and Voting Systems.

# § 163-165.1. Scope and general rules.

- (a) Scope. This Article shall apply to all elections in this State.
- (b) Requirements of Official Ballots in Voting. In any election conducted under this Article:
  - (1) All voting shall be by official ballot.
  - (2) Only votes cast on an official ballot shall be counted.
- (c) Compliance With This Article. All ballots shall comply with the provisions of this Article.
- (d) Other Uses Prohibited. An official ballot shall not be used for any purpose not authorized by this Article.
- (e) Voted ballots and paper and electronic records of individual voted ballots shall be treated as confidential, and no person other than elections officials performing their duties may have access to voted ballots or paper or electronic records of individual voted ballots except by court order or order of the appropriate board of elections as part of the resolution of an election protest or investigation of an alleged election irregularity or violation. Voted ballots and paper and electronic records of individual voted ballots shall not be disclosed to members of the public in such a way as to disclose how a particular voter voted, unless a court orders otherwise. Any person who has access to an official voted ballot or record and knowingly discloses in violation of this section how an individual has voted that ballot is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. (2001-460, s. 3; 2002-159, s. 55(o); 2005-323, s. 1(f); 2007-391, s. 9(a).)

# § 163-231. Voting absentee ballots and transmitting them to the county board of elections.

- (a) Procedure for Voting Absentee Ballots. In the presence of two persons who are at least 18 years of age, and who are not disqualified by G.S. 163-226.3(a)(4) or G.S. 163-237(b1), the voter shall do all of the following:
- (1) Mark the voter's ballots, or cause them to be marked by that person in the voter's presence according to the voter's instruction.
- (2) Fold each ballot separately, or cause each of them to be folded in the voter's presence.
- (3) Place the folded ballots in the container-return envelope and securely seal it, or have this done in the voter's presence.
- (4) Make the application printed on the container-return envelope according to the provisions of G.S. 163-229(b) and make the certificate printed on the container-return envelope according to the provisions of G.S. 163-229(b).
- (5) Require those two persons in whose presence the voter marked that voter's ballots to sign the application and certificate as witnesses and to indicate those persons' addresses. Failure to list a ZIP code does not invalidate the application and certificate.

Alternatively to the prior paragraph of this subsection, any requirement for two witnesses shall be satisfied if witnessed by one notary public, who shall comply with all the other requirements of that paragraph. The notary shall affix a valid notarial seal to the envelope, and include the word "Notary Public" below his or her signature.

The persons in whose presence the ballot is marked shall at all times respect the secrecy of the ballot and the privacy of the absentee voter, unless the voter requests assistance and that person is otherwise authorized by law to give assistance. When thus executed, the sealed container-return envelope, with the ballots enclosed, shall be transmitted in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this section to the county board of elections which issued the ballots.

- (a1) Repealed by Session Laws 1987, c. 583, s. 1.
- (b) Transmitting Executed Absentee Ballots to County Board of Elections. The sealed container-return envelope in which executed absentee ballots have been placed shall be transmitted to the county board of elections who issued those ballots as follows:
- (1) All ballots issued under the provisions of this Article and Article 21A of this Chapter shall be transmitted by mail or by commercial courier service, at the voter's expense, or delivered in person, or by the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian and received by the county board not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the statewide primary or general election or county bond election. Ballots issued under the provisions of Article 21A of this Chapter may also be electronically transmitted.
- (2) If ballots are received later than the hour stated in subdivision (1) of this subsection, those ballots shall not be accepted unless one of the following applies:
- a. Federal law so requires.
- b. The ballots issued under this Article are postmarked and that postmark is dated on or before the day of the statewide primary or general election or county bond election and are received by the county board of elections not later than three days after the election by 5:00 p.m.
- c. The ballots issued under Article 21A of this Chapter are received by the county board of elections not later than the end of business on the business day before the canvass conducted by the county board of elections held pursuant to G.S. 163-182.5.
- (c) For purposes of this section, "Delivered in person" includes delivering the ballot to an election official at a one-stop voting site under G.S. 163-227.2 during any time that site is open for voting. The ballots shall be kept securely and delivered by election officials at that site to the county board of elections office for processing. (1939, c. 159, ss. 2, 5; 1941, c. 248; 1943, c. 736; c. 751, s. 1; 1945, c. 758, s. 5; 1963, c. 457, ss. 2, 5; 1967, c. 775, s. 1; 1971, c. 1247, s. 3; 1973, c. 536, s. 1; 1977, c. 469, s. 1; 1979, c. 799, s. 5; 1985, c. 562, ss. 1, 2; 1987, c. 583, ss. 1, 2; 1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 991, s. 4; 1999-455, s. 11; 2009-537, ss. 6, 8(a); 2011-182, s. 5; 2013-381, s. 4.4; 2014-111, s. 11.)

#### § 163-234. Counting absentee ballots by county board of elections.

All absentee ballots returned to the county board of elections in the container-return envelopes shall be retained by the board to be counted by the county board of elections as herein provided.

- (1) Only those absentee ballots returned to the county board of elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before election day in a properly executed container-return envelope or absentee ballots received pursuant to G.S. 163-231(b)(ii) or (iii) shall be counted, except to the extent federal law requires otherwise.
- The county board of elections shall meet at 5:00 p.m. on election day in the board office or other public location in the county courthouse for the purpose of counting all absentee ballots except those which have been challenged before 5:00 p.m. on election day and those received pursuant to G.S. 163-231(b)(ii) or (iii). Any elector of the county shall be permitted to attend the meeting and allowed to observe the counting process, provided the elector shall not in any manner interfere with the election officials in the discharge of their duties. Provided, that the county board of elections is authorized to begin counting absentee ballots issued under Article 21A of this Chapter between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. and to begin counting all absentee ballots between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. upon the adoption of a resolution at least two weeks prior to the election wherein the hour and place of counting absentee ballots shall be stated. Such resolution also may provide for an additional meeting following the day of the election and prior to the day of canvass to count absentee ballots received pursuant to G.S. 163-231(b)(ii) or (iii) as provided in subdivision (10) of this section. A copy of the resolutions shall be published once a week for two weeks prior to the election, in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. Notice may additionally be made on a radio or television station or both, but such notice shall be in addition to the newspaper and other required notice. The count shall be continuous until completed and the members shall not separate or leave the counting place except for unavoidable necessity, except that if the count has been completed prior to the time the polls close, it shall be suspended until that time pending receipt of any additional ballots. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a county board of elections from taking preparatory steps for the count earlier than the times specified in this section, as long as the preparatory steps do not reveal to any individual not engaged in the actual count election results before the times specified in this subdivision for the count to begin. By way of illustration and not limitation, a preparatory step for the count would be the entry of tally cards from direct record electronic voting units into a computer for processing. The board shall not announce the result of the count before 7:30 p.m.
- (2a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of this section, a county board of elections may, at each meeting at which it approves absentee ballot applications pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1(c) and (c1), remove those ballots from their envelopes and have them read by an optical scanning machine, without printing the totals on the scanner. The board shall complete the counting of these ballots at the times provided in subdivision (2) of this section. The State Board of Elections shall provide instructions to county boards of elections for executing this procedure, and the instructions shall be designed to ensure the accuracy of the count, the participation of board members of both parties, and the secrecy of the results before election day. This subdivision applies only in counties that use optical scan devices to count absentee ballots.
- (3) The counting of absentee ballots shall not commence until a majority and at least one board member of each political party represented on the board is present and that fact is publicly declared and entered in the official minutes of the county board.
- (4) The county board of elections may employ such assistants as deemed necessary to count the absentee ballots, but each board member present shall be responsible for and observe and supervise the opening and tallying of the ballots.

#### § 163-234. Counting absentee ballots by county board of elections. (Continued)

(5) As each ballot envelope is opened, the board shall cause to be entered into a pollbook designated "Pollbook of Absentee Voters" the name of the absentee voter, or if the pollbook is computer-generated, the board shall check off the name. Preserving secrecy, the ballots shall be placed in the appropriate ballot boxes, at least one of which shall be provided for each type of ballot. The "Pollbook of Absentee Voters" shall also contain the names of all persons who voted under G.S. 163-227.2, but those names may be printed by computer for inclusion in the pollbook. After all ballots have been placed in the boxes, the counting process shall begin.

If one-stop ballots under G.S. 163-227.2 are counted electronically, that count shall commence at the time the polls close. If one-stop ballots are paper ballots counted manually, that count shall commence at the same time as other absentee ballots are counted.

If a challenge transmitted to the board on canvass day by a chief judge is sustained, the ballots challenged and sustained shall be withdrawn from the appropriate boxes, as provided in G.S. 163-89(e).

As soon as the absentee ballots have been counted and the names of the absentee voters entered in the pollbook as required herein, the board members and assistants employed to count the absentee ballots shall each sign the pollbook immediately beneath the last absentee voter's name entered therein. The county board of elections shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the pollbook of absentee voters.

- (6) Upon completion of the counting process the board members shall cause the results of the tally to be entered on the absentee abstract prescribed by the State Board of Elections. The abstract shall be signed by the members of the board in attendance and the original mailed immediately to the State Board of Elections. The county board of elections may have a separate count on the abstract for one-stop absentee ballots under G.S. 163-227.2.
- (7) One copy of the absentee abstract shall be retained by the county board of elections and the totals appearing thereon shall be added to the final totals of all votes cast in the county for each office as determined on the official canvass.
- (8) In the event a political party does not have a member of the county board of elections present at the meeting to count absentee ballots due to illness or other cause of the member, the counting shall not commence until the county party chairman of said absent member, or a member of the party's county executive committee, is in attendance. Such person shall act as an official witness to the counting and shall sign the absentee ballot abstract as an "observer."
- (9) The county board of elections shall retain all container-return envelopes and absentee ballots, in a safe place, for at least four months, and longer if any contest is pending concerning the validity of any ballot.
- (10) The county board of elections shall meet after election day and prior to the date of canvass to determine where the container-return envelopes for absentee ballots received pursuant to G.S. 163-231(b)(ii) or (iii) has been properly executed. The county board of elections shall comply with the requirements of G.S. 163-230.1 for approval of applications. Any absentee ballots received pursuant to G.S. 163-231(b)(ii) or (iii) shall be counted by the county board of elections on the day of canvass. The county board of elections is also authorized to meet following the day of the election and prior to the day of canvass to count absentee ballots received pursuant to G.S. 163-231(b)(ii) or (iii) upon the adoption of a resolution pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section. The county board of elections shall comply with all other requirements of this section for the counting of such absentee ballots. (1939, c. 159, ss. 8, 9; 1945, c. 758, s. 8; 1953, c. 1114; 1963, c. 547, s. 8; 1967, c. 775, s. 1; c. 851, s. 2; 1973, c. 536, s. 1; 1975, c. 798, s. 3; 1977, c. 469, s. 1; c. 626, s. 1; 1989, c. 93, s. 7; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 762, s. 55; 1995, c. 243, s. 1; 1999-455, s. 14; 2005-159, s. 1; 2006-262, s. 1; 2009-537, s. 8(d); 2011-182, s. 7.)