GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 326, "AN ACT TO AMEND THE DATE BY WHICH MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED, TO REQUIRE PUBLISHING OF THE DATE ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPORTING OF BALLOTS BY THE COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS."

The legislature ironically named this bill "The Election Day Integrity Act" when it actually does the opposite. Election integrity means counting every legal vote, but this bill virtually guarantees that some will go uncounted.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

[Signature]
Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the _2_ day of December 2021, at 11:41 a.m. for reconsideration by that body.
SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22nd day of November, 2021.

Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Donna McDowell White
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved ___________m. this ______________ day of ______________, 2021