

## **North Carolina laws passed since 2013 repeal of Sect. 4 of Voting Rights Act:**

### **2013 Session**

**HB 589: Voter Information and Verification Act/Election Reform**

**\*Ruled Unconstitutional**

### **2015 Session**

**Session Law 2015-103**

**HB 836: Election Modifications**

### **2017 Session**

**Session Law 2018-144**

**SB 824: Implementation of Voter ID Constitutional Amendment**

### **Voter Fraud vs. Election Fraud:**

- In-person voter fraud has been a red herring.
- An audit of votes in the 2016 general election found one case of in-person voter impersonation in 4.8 million ballots cast.
- While Republicans have amplified the false narrative that in-person voter fraud is rampant, we discovered true election fraud in our 9<sup>th</sup> congressional district race.
- Ballot harvesting by political operatives compromised more than 2,500 votes in Robeson and Bladen counties.
- To date, the North Carolina General Assembly has passed yet another photo ID law; but no substantive legislation protecting voters from ballot harvesting has been passed.

### **The Cost of Voter ID:**

- Now, with Voter ID enshrined in our constitution, Republicans passed oppressive legislation to enact this new amendment.
- The legislation puts a tremendous burden on the state and local Boards of Elections.
- Legislative analysis estimates it will cost North Carolina \$17 million to implement a photo ID requirement.
- In fact, the original fiscal note attached to this implementing legislation only addressed voter fraud prosecution efforts:  
<https://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/FiscalNotes/Senate/PDF/SIN0824v1r1.pdf>
- While local Boards of Elections are tasked with creating new photo IDs, we haven't given them funding to do this.

### **Voter Suppression by Way of Voter Confusion:**

- [SB 824](#) put an unnecessary burden on voters, mandating they must comply with new photo ID requirements at the polls in just five months' time. This offered no real effort for voter education or compliance at the local boards of elections.
- We were assured that college students, tribes and government agencies could use their IDs if they got approved.

- Out of 850 universities, colleges, government agencies and tribes, only 72 applied by the deadline. Among them, 12 of North Carolina's 17 UNC System schools were rejected for failing to meet the statutory requirements.
- Of our UNC System schools, only NC State, NC Central, Elizabeth City State, Appalachian State and UNC-Asheville students will be allowed to use their school-issued IDs to vote.
- Voter ID will be required for the May, 2019 primary elections.
- A bill to "fix" this problem has been introduced in the House. But Senate Republicans have said there is nothing to fix.
- This is voter suppression by way of voter confusion.