



From the Desk of **Representative**

Erin Paré

District 37

Proudly Serving Southern Wake County!

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Thank you for reading my newsletter for legislative updates and District 37 news.

The General Assembly returned this week for a voting session to consider additional disaster relief for western North Carolina. Please read below to see the bills that were passed.

Early voting is underway. Please make a plan to vote and make your voice heard. See below for information about early voting and how to register to vote.

It continues to be my absolute honor and privilege to serve the people of District 37 in the North Carolina House.



-Representative Erin Paré

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**NC House Passed SB 743 "The Disaster
Recovery Act of 2024 - Part II"**

SB 743 "The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 - Part II" allocates an additional \$604 million for disaster recovery efforts in western North Carolina. The NC House passed it unanimously. The first installment was HB 149 "Disaster Recovery Act of 2024", which passed on Wednesday, October 9th and appropriated \$273 million for hurricane recovery.

The \$604 million passed by lawmakers this week comes from the state's reserves. The bill, which was introduced Thursday morning, allocates:

- \$100 million for water and wastewater infrastructure repair loans
- \$100 million for cash flow loans to local governments
- \$75 million to match federal disaster relief funds
- \$50 million to help local and state governments address "unmet needs" not covered by insurance.
- \$50 million for repairs to damaged public schools
- \$50 million for bridge loans for small businesses.

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NC House Passes SB 132 "Early Voting Sites/Helene Counties"

This week the NC House also passed SB 132 "Early Voting Sites/Helene Counties". The vote was 106-2. The purpose of this bill is to increase access to voting for North Carolina citizens in hurricane affected areas of the state.

[Senate Bill 132](#) mandates one early voting site for every 30,000 registered voters throughout the disaster area. The practical effect of the legislation requires McDowell County to add at least one site and three additional sites in Henderson County. The sites must be open Tuesday, Oct. 29 through Saturday, Nov. 3, when early voting closes across the state.

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Vote Here Sign Up Close Source: Jacob Emmons, Carolina Journal

General Assembly Police to the Rescue



The North Carolina Capitol Police came to Rep. Paré's rescue on Thursday.

Rep. Paré said of the incident, "Big shout out to General Assembly Police for changing my tire this morning. My tire blew up as I hit the corner of the

drainage cover on the street while parking. They were a huge help! We were back in session today to vote on the second hurricane relief package for Western North Carolina."

Early Voting Now

Early Voting Dates and Sites

- The in-person early voting period for the 2024 general election:
 - Begins **Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024.**
 - Ends at **3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024.**
- The general election is on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024.
- Find early voting sites and schedules in your county: [Early Voting Site Search](#).
 - Locations and voting hours are also available here: [Early Voting Sites for the Nov. 5, 2024 General Election \(PDF\)](#).

Early voting for the 2024 Election is ongoing throughout North Carolina. Same day registration for individuals who are not already registered to vote is also available. The early voting period ends Saturday, November 2nd at 3 pm. [Click this link](#) for more information at the North Carolina Board of Elections.

NC Youth Legislative Assembly

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

N.C. YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (YLA)



THE YLA IS A THREE-DAY PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DRAFT, DEBATE AND VOTE ON MOCK LEGISLATIVE BILLS WHILE DEVELOPING SKILLS IN RESEARCH, INTERVIEWING, GROUP FACILITATION AND POLICY WRITING. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD MARCH 7-9, 2025.

**APPLY AT
NCLEG.GOV/YLA**



If you have a high school student, this is a great opportunity for them. Applications will be out in September. If you need any information please contact Erica Gallion at erica.gallion@ncleg.gov or 919-301-1372.

2023-2024 General Assembly Sessions

Rep. Paré introduced, sponsored, or co-sponsored the following bills. [Please find links to all of these bills here.](#)

Introduced bills:

HB 3 "UNC Report on Computer Science Credit."
HB 4 "Increasing Engagement in STEM Grant Program."
HB 5 "Fuquay Varina Deannexation."
HB 8 "Various Statutory Changes.**"
HB 56 "Safe Firearm Storage/Sales Tax Exemption."
HB 99 "Wake County Board of Commissioners Elections."*
HB 267 "Holly Springs Deannexation/Leland Annexation Moratorium."*
HB 594 "Disabled Veteran Homestead Exclusion Prequalification."
HB 624 "Red Light Camera Delay Interval."
HB 717 "Study Metropolitan Planning Organizations."
HB 900 "Certain CIHS Partners/Regulate Tobacco Prod."*
HB 909 "Various Local Provisions I."*
HB 1056 "PA Licensure Interstate Compact."

Sponsored bills:

HB 11 "School for the Deaf and Blind."*
HB 29 "Support Private Property Rights."
HB 35 "Expand Definition of Opioid Antagonist."
HB 77 "Drivers License Designation/Autism."
HB 146 "Taxpayer Protection Act."
HB 363 "The Gabe Torres Act."
HB 442 "UI Drug Testing Requirements/Funds."
HB 497 "Funds for NC Arts Council."
HB 498 "K-5 Arts and Music."
HB 535 "Solar Capacity Limit Increase."
HB 574 "Fairness in Women's Sports Act."*
HB 576 "Health Care Practitioner Transparency Act."
HB 603 "Temporary Event Venues."
HB 640 "Career Path Options Transparency Act."
HB 747 "No Work Requirement Exemptions for Food and Nutrition Services Benefits."
HB 819 "Medical Ethics Defense (MED) Act."
HR 897 "Support for Israel."**
HB 903 "Add Tianeptine to Controlled Substance List."
HB 942 "SHALOM Act."*

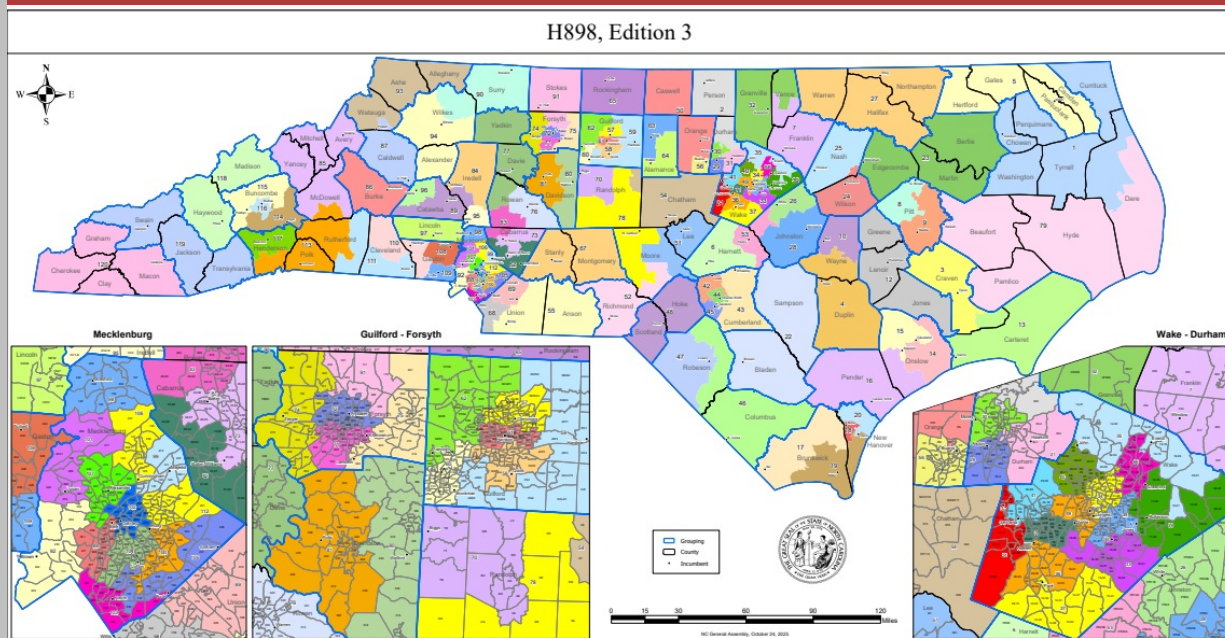
Co-Sponsored Bills:

HB 6 "Uniform Heroes Voting Act."
HB 10 "Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments."
HB 39 "Kayla's Act: Protecting Domestic Violence Victims."
HB 40 "Preventing Rioting and Civil Disorder."*
HB 86 "School Calendar Flexibility/Statewide."

- HB 210 "Reduce Barriers to State Employment."
- HB 214 "Add Members to NC Training Standards Commission."
- HB 261 "Limited Provisional License Modification."
- HB 346 "Reorganization and Economic Development Act."^{1*}
- HB 347 "Sports Wagering/Horse Racing Wagering."^{1*}
- HB 426 "Various Environmental Amendments."
- HB 440 "Direct Care Work Wage Increases/Innovation Waiver."
- HB 447 "Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealer Laws."^{1*}
- HB 463 "NC Farmland and Military Protection Act."
- HB 478 "Support Students with Disabilities Act."
- HB 562 "Addressing the Workforce Housing Crisis."
- HB 580 "Expand Day/Employment Options/IDD."
- HB 583 "Support and Expand Workforce IDD Options."
- HB 597 "25-Year Retirement for First Responders."
- HB 614 "Amend NC Constitution to Guarantee the Right to Work."
- HB 688 "Increase Access for Small Employers' Insurance."
- HB 704 "Repeal Giglio Notifications."
- HB 823 "Choose Your School, Choose Your Future."
- HB 852 "The Rep. Becky Carney Cardiac Arrest Act."
- HB 882 "Nonprofit Sales Tax Exemption."
- HB 905 "Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption."
- HB 966 "Expedited Removal of Unauthorized Persons."
- HB 971 "Human Trafficking Changes."^{1*}
- HB 984 "Removal of Squatters from Private Property."
- HB 1003 "Jt Caucus for IDD/Omnibus."
- HB 1029 "Right To Try Individualized Treatments."
- HB 1044 "County Tier Designation Study Bill."
- HB 1074 "Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting."^{1*}

* = Bills that have been passed and signed into NC law.

2024 House, Senate and Congressional District Maps



[HB 898](#): House Redistricting Plan 2023/H898 Ed 2. (above).

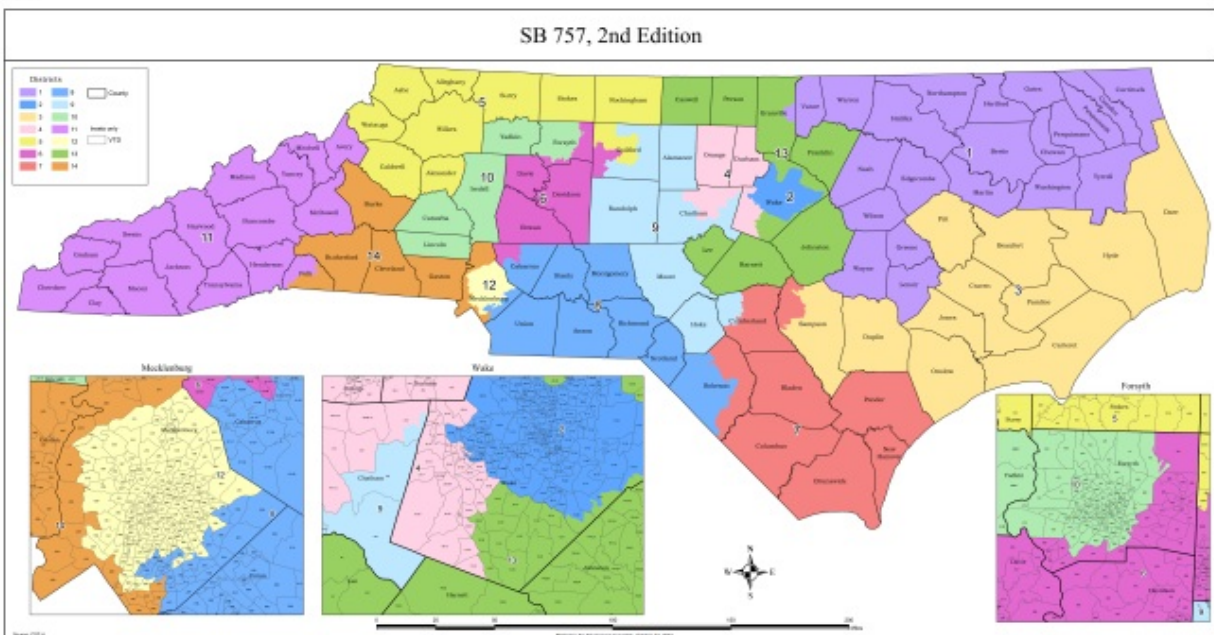
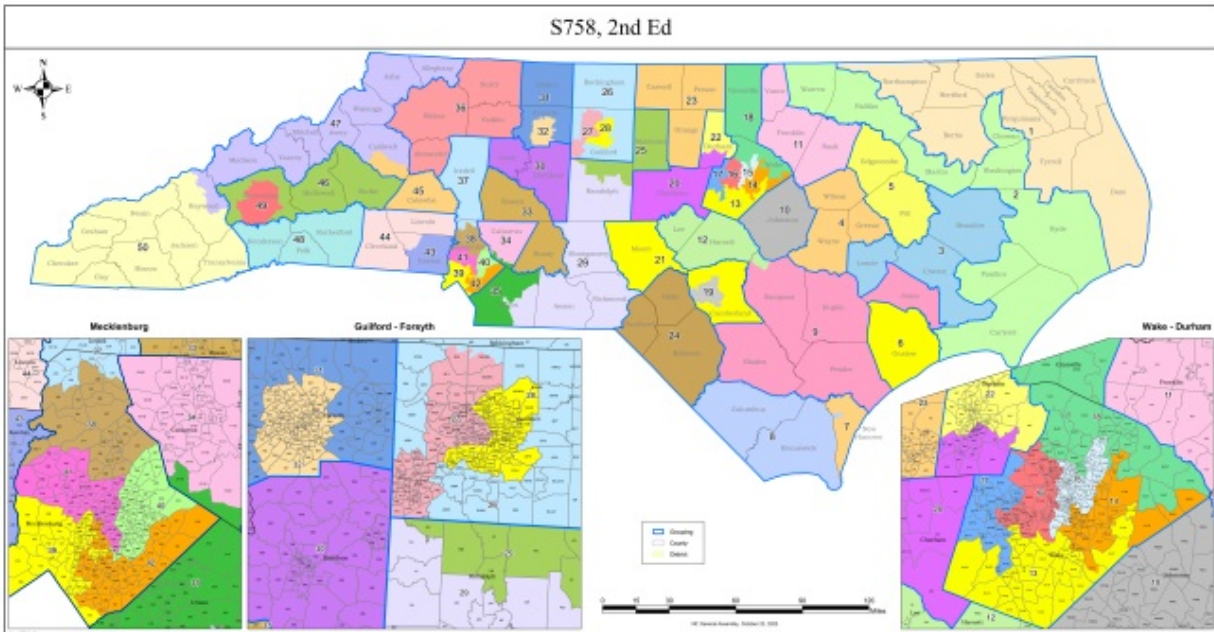
[SB 758](#): Realign NC Senate Districts 2023/SB758,2 Ed.

[SB 757](#): Realign Congressional Districts 2023/CST-4.

To drill down to precinct levels, please click the links above, and click on "19 x 36 Map."

Click [here](#) to check your 2024 voting districts by name.

Click [here](#) to check your current and 2024 districts by address .



News Clips

[NC lawmakers unanimously approve \\$604M Helene relief bill. Measure now goes to Cooper – WRAL](#)

[Western North Carolina residents working to rebuild following Hurricane Helene - \[www.foxnews.com\]\(http://www.foxnews.com\)](#)

[Helene blocked and destroyed hundreds of roads in N.C. They will cost billions](#)

[to fix](#) – Spectrum News

[North Carolina students can apply to college for free this month: Here's how](#)
College Application Week runs from October 21-27 -www.wbtv.com

[UNC System's Project Kitty Hawk enrolls 558 students](#) – Business NC

[North Carolina Christmas tree industry recovers from Helene as hope for holiday supply remains strong](#) – FOX Weather

[Samaritan's Purse gets a boost with unclaimed funds from State Treasurer's office](#) – Carolina Journal

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