



# From the Desk of **Representative**

*Erin Pate*  
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**June 28, 2024**

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

Extremely busy days this week as the House and Senate were able to successfully override three more of Gov. Cooper's vetoed bills, and work to finish business this short session. I was very pleased to see priority legislation of mine pass the General Assembly and become law or sent to the Governor for his signature, and this includes a bill to regulate the sale and distribution of illegal vaping products in NC (see below).

The House and Senate are still working to resolve a few budget issues including the funding of opportunity scholarships and additional funding for public schools and teachers. Both of these funding priorities are very important to me, as I know they are for other Members as well. I will keep you informed as the work continues; I know families are anxious for certainty.

I hope you have a very happy and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. I am so proud to be an American and live in the greatest country in the world. Thank you to all who sacrificed their life and limb so the rest of us can raise our families in a free country. God Bless the USA.



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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Raleigh - On Wednesday, the General Assembly gave final approval to legislation introduced by Rep. Erin Paré (R-Wake) that regulates the sale and distribution of illegal vaping products in North Carolina. The bill creates a publicly viewable vape registry maintained by the Department of Revenue that would list only the federally approved consumable products and vaping products that are legal for sale in North Carolina.

“When high school-aged youth vaping has skyrocketed 2600% since 2019, and we are seeing more and more widespread use of vaping among kids in middle school, it’s time to take action. Vaping has been proven to cause lung damage in otherwise healthy young people, and it’s scary to think that no one can be sure what is contained in these illegal vaping products that kids are getting their hands on,” said Rep. Erin Paré.

The passage of this bill means hundreds of e-cigarette products could be removed from shelves in North Carolina, and only products that have an affirmative marketing granted order by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration can be sold. Much of the illegal vaping product on store shelves is manufactured in China and not approved for sale in the United States by the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

“The youth vaping ‘epidemic’ is bad and getting worse. But as a parent of teenagers myself, what is really scary is the amount of illegal product that is coming in from out of the country that is flooding the shelves right now in NC,” said Rep. Paré. “This problem is unmanageable without a proper tool for accountability, transparency and enforcement, and this bill provides that necessary tool. The passage of this bill will take away a great amount of illegal vaping products from the shelves in NC, and that is a giant step forward in the effort to protect our kids.”

This is not the first time North Carolina has taken action against vape companies. North Carolina won \$47.8 million in a settlement from Juul, after North Carolina challenged how Juul’s marketing targeted teenagers.

Stores that are in violation of the law could face fines and/or loss of their business license. According to the bill, the vape registry is set to be complete and available to view by March 1, 2025.

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## Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting

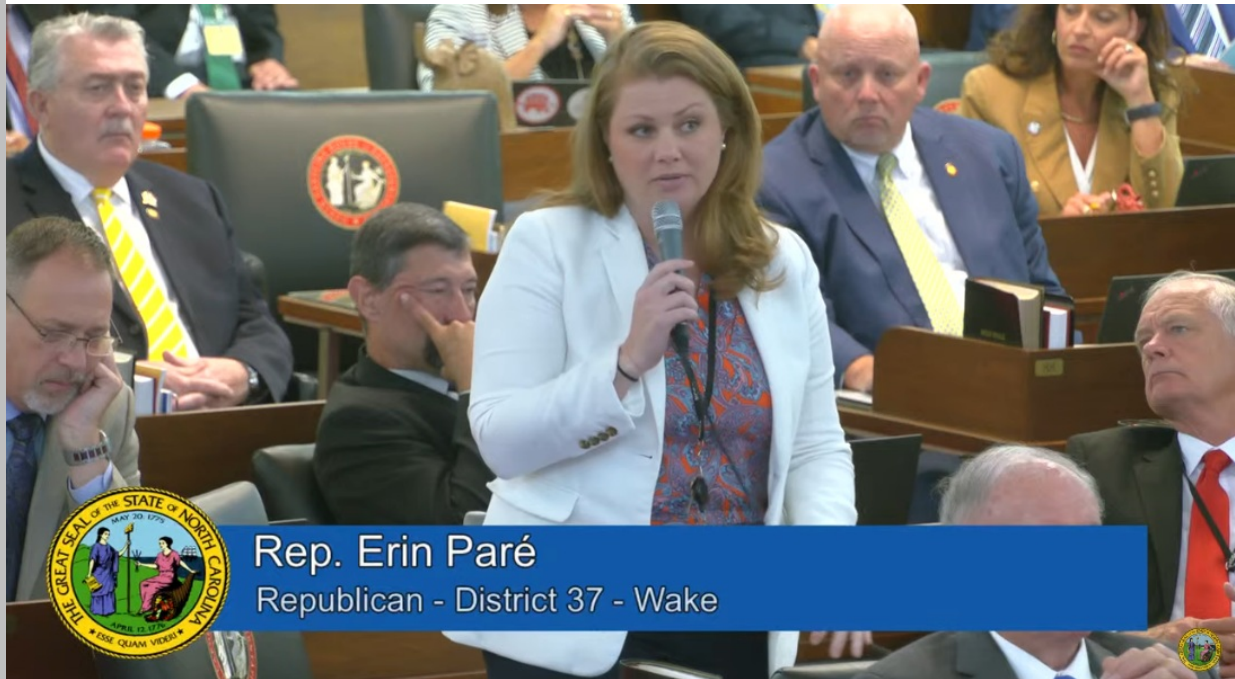
This week the General Assembly passed a constitutional amendment to provide for citizens-only voting

Constitutional amendments require a three-fifths majority vote to pass.

To read more about this issue, [click this link](#).

## Rep. Paré's Bill HB 900 "Certain CIHS

## Partners/Regulate Tobacco Products" Passes The General Assembly



Rep. Erin Paré  
Republican - District 37 - Wake

The North Carolina House voted to concur with Senate Changes to HB 900 ["Certain CIHS Partners/Regulate Tobacco Products"](#).

The first part of this bill, which the House passed in early June, is an agreement between Wake County Public Schools and the Department of Public Instruction (State Board of Education) to allow the Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy and the Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy to maintain their status as Cooperative Innovative High Schools to expedite the substitution of a new higher institution partner for the programs as soon as possible.

The second part of HB 900 regulates the sale and distribution of illegal vaping products in North Carolina. The bill creates a publicly viewable vape registry maintained by the Department of Revenue that would list only the federally approved consumable products and vaping products that are legal for sale in North Carolina.

"This is a great bill that not only helps families with students enrolled in the Wake Leadership Academies, it will also help protect all North Carolina youth from accessing illegal vaping products. This is a win for families," said Rep. Paré.

## NC House Overrides Three of Governor Cooper's Vetoes

On Wednesday afternoon, the House voted to override three vetoes:

- HB 198 "DOT Legislative Changes - AB" makes various legislative changes regarding the North Carolina Department of Transportation



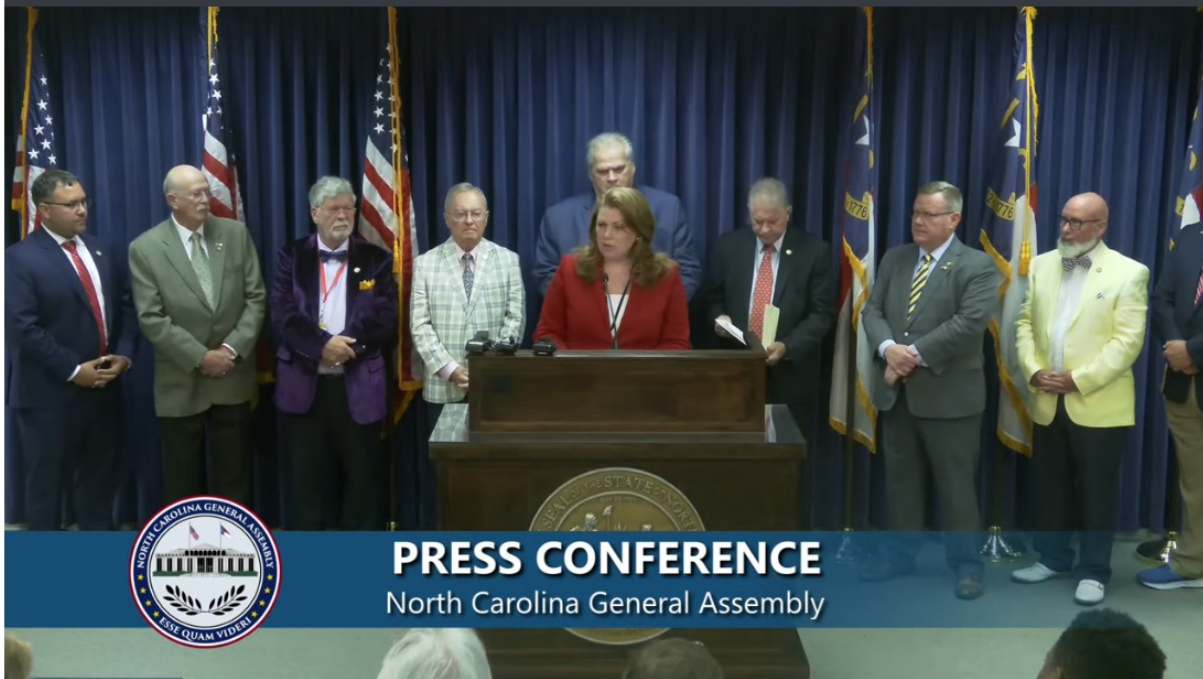
(NCDOT). Many of these provisions were recommended by the NCDOT. Gov. Cooper had objected to a provision regarding regulations that allowed tree cutting around billboards in the DOT right of way.

- HB 237 "Various Criminal and Election Law Changes" enhances penalties for wearing masks or impeding traffic as part of a public protest and makes some changes to North Carolina campaign finance laws.
- HB 834 "Juvenile Justice Modifications" makes reforms that would allow 16- and 17-year-olds who are charged with violent crimes to be charged in adult court.

More information at The Carolina Journal: [BREAKING: NC House Overrides Three Different Cooper Vetoes.](#)

## HB 942 "SHALOM Act" Passes the General Assembly

PRESS CONFERENCE: Speaker Tim Moore



The General Assembly passed and ratified HB 942 "The Shalom Act", of which Rep. Paré is a primary sponsor. This bill implements an objective definition of contemporary antisemitism, codifying the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism (also adopted by 31 states and D.C.), while also protecting the right to free speech.

"We cannot address antisemitism if we cannot define it." said Paré.

In the months following October 7, 2023, there has been an average of 34 antisemitic incidents per day in the US. Young people are experiencing anti-Israel protests breaking out on college campuses all over the country, and also right here in NC.

Paré continued, "While every American has the right to free speech, hate of any kind has no place in our communities. I was pleased to see this bill pass

with bipartisan support and nearly unanimously."

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## Rep. Paré on the Radio

Rep Paré was a guest on the WPTF Morning Show with Chris Edwards to talk about the veto override of HB 237 "Various Criminal and Election Law Changes" and other issues. Go to [WPTF Morning Show](#) to hear her interview.

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## SJR 916 "Adjournment Resolution"

On Thursday, the General Assembly adjourned the short session. Members could return to Raleigh each month for the rest of the year to take up unfinished business.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023  
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2024-2  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 916

A JOINT RESOLUTION ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO A SERIES OF DATES CERTAIN AND PROVIDING FOR THE MATTERS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED UPON RECONVENING ON THOSE DATES AND ADJOURNING THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SINE DIE THEREAFTER.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

**SECTION 1.(a)** When the House of Representatives and the Senate adjourn on Friday, June 28, 2024, they stand adjourned to reconvene on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 12:00 noon.

**SECTION 1.(b)** During the regular session that reconvenes on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, only the following matters may be considered:

- (1) Bills returned by the Governor with his objections under Section 22 of Article II of the North Carolina Constitution, but solely for the purpose of considering overriding of the veto upon reconsideration of the bill.
- (2) Bills providing for the selection, appointment, or confirmation as required by law, including the filling of vacancies of positions for which the appointees were elected by the General Assembly upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or a minority leader of a chamber of the General Assembly.
- (3) Bills providing for action on gubernatorial nominations or appointments.
- (4) Bills responding to actions related to litigation challenging the legality of legislative enactments.
- (5) Any bills relating to election laws, including bills concerning the districts for Congressional, State House, State Senate, judicial, municipal, county, and other elected officials, and containing no other matters.
- (6) Bills providing for impeachment pursuant to Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution or Chapter 123 of the General Statutes.
- (7) Simple resolutions addressing organizational matters of each respective house.
- (8) Adoption of conference reports.
- (9) A joint resolution further adjourning the 2023 Regular Session, amending a joint resolution adjourning the 2023 Regular Session, or adjourning the 2023 Regular Session, sine die.

**SECTION 1.1.(a)** When the House of Representatives and the Senate adjourn on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, they stand adjourned to reconvene on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 12:00 noon.



## 2024 House Pages

During the short session, Rep. Paré was able to sponsor three House Pages. The House Page Program offers young men and women the opportunity to learn about, and participate in, the legislative process of our state. It is a four-day-long experience that allows high school students who are currently in grades ten, eleven, or twelve to observe firsthand how our laws are made. It provides them the unique privilege of working in the House Chamber during legislative action.

Thank you to our 2024 Pages: Calvin Hughes, Victoria Sawyer, and Graham

## 2024 General Assembly Short Session

The 2024 General Assembly Short Session began on April 24th. Rep. Paré has introduced, sponsored, or co-sponsored the House Bills below.

### Introduced bills:

HB 900, [Certain CIHS Partners/Regulate Tobacco Prod.](#)

HB 909, [Various Local Provisions I](#)

HB 1056, [PA Licensure Interstate Compact.](#)

### Sponsored bills:

HB 903, [Add Tianeptine to Controlled Substance List.](#)

HB 942, [SHALOM Act.](#)

### Co-Sponsored Bills:

HB 905, [Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle Tax Exemption.](#)

HB 966, [Expedited Removal of Unauthorized Persons.](#)

HB 971, [Human Trafficking Changes.](#)

HB 984, [Removal of Squatters from Private Property.](#)

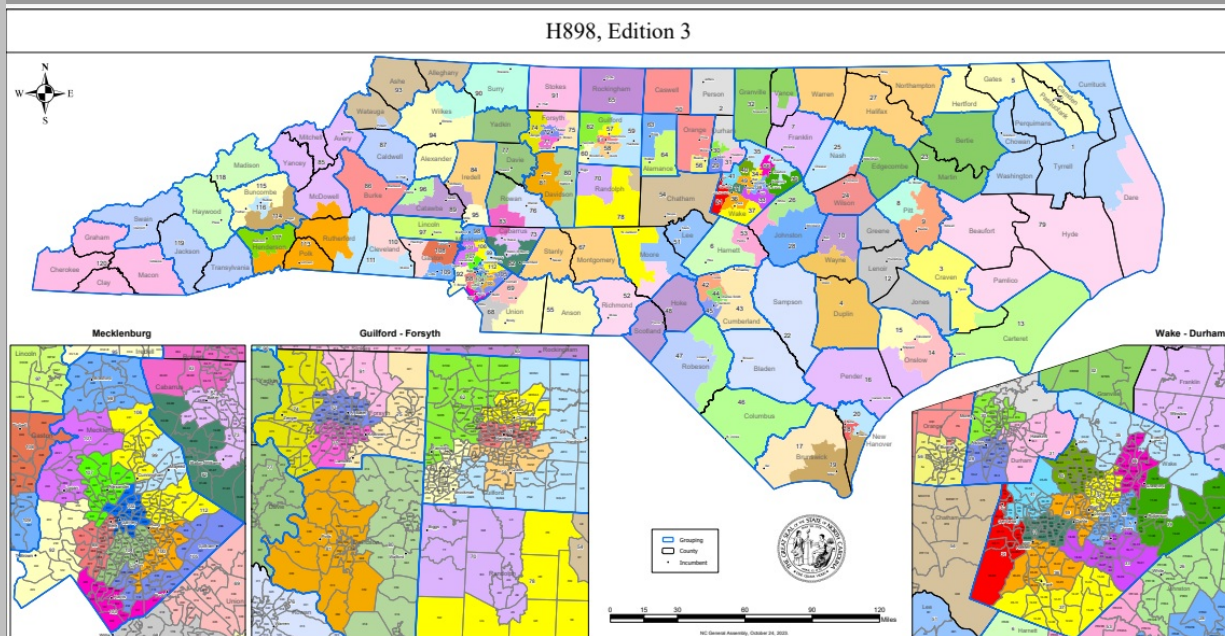
HB 1003, [Jt Caucus for IDD/Omnibus.](#)

HB 1029, [Right To Try Individualized Treatments.](#)

HB 1044, [County Tier Designation Study Bill.](#)

HB 1074, [Constitutional Amendment/Citizens-Only Voting.](#)

## 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.

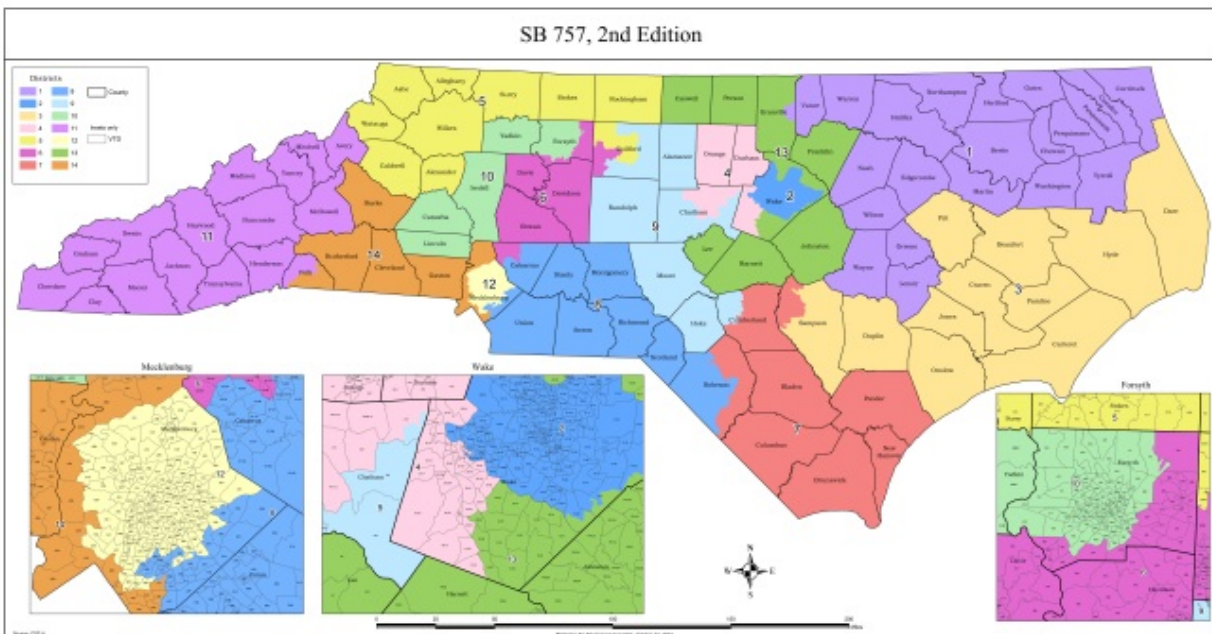
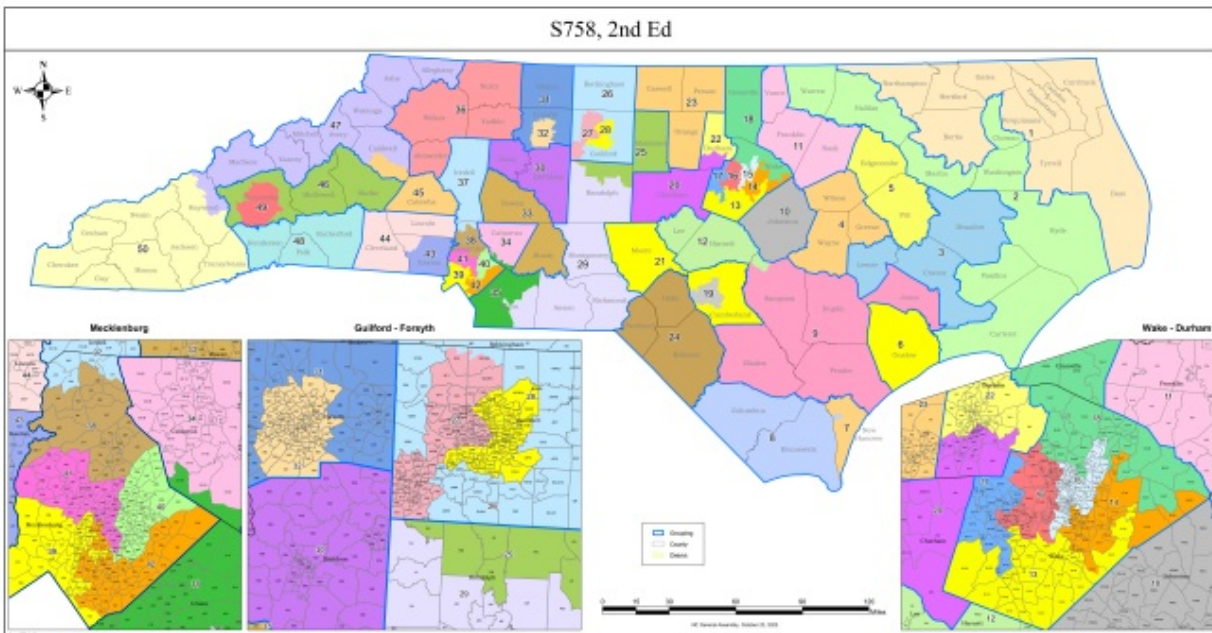
[SB 757](#): Realign Congressional Districts 2023/CST-4.



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

[All but one N.C. county currently affected by drought](#)- [www.wect.com](#)

[Lawmakers unanimously pass 'Right to Try' through state legislature](#) – [Carolina Journal](#)

[NC lawmakers rush to pass last-minute flood of bills, as 2024 session winds down](#) – [WRAL](#)

[These are the 10 best cities for new college graduates—New York City didn't make the list](#) – [CNBC \(Raleigh Ranked in Top 10\)](#)

[AAA projects record number of travelers for Fourth of July holiday in N.C., nation](#) - WLO

[Need something from the NC DMV? It's going to cost you more starting Monday](#) – Yahoo! (Charlotte Observer)

[Poll: Seven-in-10 NC voters support constitutional ban on non-citizen voting](#)—Carolina Journal

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