

The Daily Advance: Revised editorial

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Betsy,

Thanks for your letter. It makes many good points. However, a few points on residency for voting purposes got my attention. Current law suggests ...

... if a student considers her college community to be her primary residence and has no present intent to leave, she is entitled to register to vote in that community. The student need not be certain as to her residence after graduation, so long as she has no present intention of returning to her parents' home. The fact that a student resides in a dormitory is irrelevant to her intent to make her school address home. ...

I know this is an opinion piece, but I want to make sure specific laws are cited fully and accurately, so as to not confuse readers. The above statement from the Brennan Center of Justice, which I grabbed because it seemed to put the matter in basic terms, seems to conflict with your position. Can you clarify?

Thanks,

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Mike,

I applaud your willingness to verify information. Please find my response attached with some links that may help. Also I have attached a pdf file on case law found in the law book provided to elections personnel with significant parts in red.

Pete Gilbert and I understand the importance of getting this right. We asked that Don Wright, General Counsel for the State Board of Elections be subpoenaed for this hearing and Wright blew a head gasket and Cox advised the board that Wright wasn't relevant. The Pasquotank BOE voted 2-1 not to subpoena Wright.

Since Wright wrote the paper that BOE's in the state use for residency challenges we felt that being able to question him on the law's intent would be helpful for all parties.

It would be so easy to take one sentence from the Brennan Center and judge all cases by that, but the Pasquotank BOE will argue that it is never that simple.

Betsy

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