

285.50 DISCLOSURE OF REGISTER OF ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUESTS.
FELONY.

The defendant has been charged with the disclosure of the register of absentee ballot requests.

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove three things beyond a reasonable doubt.

First, that the defendant [stole] [released] [possessed] the official register¹ of absentee requests for mail-in absentee ballots.

Second, that the defendant did so prior to the opening² of the voting place.

And Third, that the defendant did so for a purpose other than the conduct of business at the county board of elections.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant [stole] [released] [possessed] the official register of absentee requests for mail-in absentee ballots, prior to the opening of the voting place, and for a purpose other than the conduct of business at the county board of elections, it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or if you have a reasonable doubt as to one or more of these things, then you would return a verdict of not guilty.

1. Under N.C.G.S § 163-228, "[the] official register in which the county board of elections in each county of the State shall record the following information:

- (1) Name of voter for whom application and ballots are being requested, and, if applicable, the name and address of the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian who requested the application and ballots for the voter.
- (2) Number of assigned voter's application when issued.
- (3) Precinct in which the applicant is registered.
- (4) Address to which ballots are to be mailed.
- (5) Repealed by Session Laws 2009-537, s. 3 , effective January 1, 2010, and applicable with respect to elections held on or after that date.

- (6) Date request for application for ballots is received by the county board of elections.
- (7) The voter's party affiliation.
- (8) The date the ballots were mailed or delivered to the voter.
- (9) Whatever additional information and official action may be required by this Article.

2. Under N.C.G.S. § 163-166.01, "the voting place shall be open at 6:30 A.M. and shall be closed at 7:30 P.M. If the polls are delayed in opening for more than 15 minutes, or are interrupted for more than 15 minutes after opening, the State Board of Elections may extend the closing time by an equal number of minutes."