



THE SENATE CONNECTION

Connecting Davie and Rowan Counties
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Sen. Andrew Brock
Republican

This Week:
**ACTION
ALERT!**

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ACTION ALERT! DON'T LET THE LEGISLATURE SEND YOUR VOTES TO NEW YORK CITY

This week the Senate passed S954, a bill that would direct North Carolina's presidential electors to cast their electoral votes for the winner of the national popular votes. Currently, the State's electors must cast their votes for the candidate chosen by the majority of North Carolinians.

"I am completely opposed to this legislation. It significantly diminishes North Carolina's voice in the presidential election. Under this system candidates for president will only campaign in nation's largest cities, because that's where most of the votes are and that's all that matters. Do we really want New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco picking our president?" Senator Brock said.

The legislation passed the Senate on the evening of May 13th along party-line votes. S954 was sponsored by Democratic Senator Dan Clodfelter of Charlotte. No Republican senator voted for the bill.

"This bill is wrong for a lot of reasons, not least of which is that it makes an end-run around the US Constitution. It essentially amends the Constitution by abolishing the Electoral College, but completely ignores the amendment process established by our founding fathers," the senator said.

Although the bill has passed the Senate, it has yet to pass the House or be signed by the governor. "Citizens of North Carolina who cherish their right to be heard in presidential elections need to contact their representatives in the State House and urge them to vote against the bill when it comes up. Then they need to contact the governor and tell him that if the bill makes it to his desk, he needs

Senator Brock Sponsors Local High School Student to Serve as a Page at the General Assembly



This week Senator Brock was happy to sponsor Sarah Holmes to serve as a page in the State Senate. Pages are high school students who spend a week in Raleigh serving as messengers for members of the General Assembly.

Sarah, a ninth grader at the Lighthouse Academy, is the daughter of Chris and Lorrie Holmes of Mocksville. At school she is a member of 4-H and Generation Joshua and also enjoys playing the guitar and violin.

"It was a pleasure to have Sarah in Raleigh with us for the week. She was a diligent worker and she represented Davie County well," Senator Brock said.

Those interested in serving as pages should contact Senator Brock at his office in Raleigh at (919) 733-0690 or email him at andrewb@ncleg.net.

PINEBROOK ELEMENTARY VISITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This week students from Pinebrook Elementary visited the state legislature. "One of the most important things we can teach our children is how to be engaged in the civic process. I'm always happy when a school from the 34th district makes its way to Raleigh," Senator Brock said.

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