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**SENATE BILL 398**

Short Title: Prohibit Weapons at Voting Place. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Mayfield (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OR CARRYING OF A DANGEROUS WEAPON  
AT OR WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OF A VOTING PLACE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Article 35 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 14-269.5. Weapons at voting place.**

(a) Definition. – For purposes of this section, the term (i) "dangerous weapon" is as defined in G.S. 14-277.2 and (ii) "voting place" is as defined in G.S. 163-165.

(b) Prohibition. – Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess or carry, whether openly or concealed, any dangerous weapon (i) at a location used as a voting place, (ii) within 100 feet from the door of entrance to a location used as a voting place, or (iii) while in line to vote at a location used as a voting place. The prohibition set forth in this subsection only applies while the location is open and being used as a voting place.

(c) Punishment. – Any person who violates the prohibition set forth in subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(d) Exception. – The prohibition in subsection (b) of this section does not apply to a law enforcement officer acting in discharge of the officer's official duties."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

