

The U.S. Justice Department is filing suit today to stop North Carolina's new voter ID law, highly criticized in the national news with Watauga County being ground zero for much of the debate. Attorney General Eric Holder said he will announce the lawsuit at noon today, along with the three U.S. attorneys from North Carolina. Criticism centers on claims that the law will disenfranchise African-American and elderly voters, while the Republican-led NC General Assembly claimed the law will protect the state's voters from potential fraud. Changes made in the first meeting of the full board of the Watauga Board of Elections made national news over changes made that would impact student voting at ASU and create one of the state's largest precincts for Boone voters. That action was rescinded and reworked by the next meeting of the board.