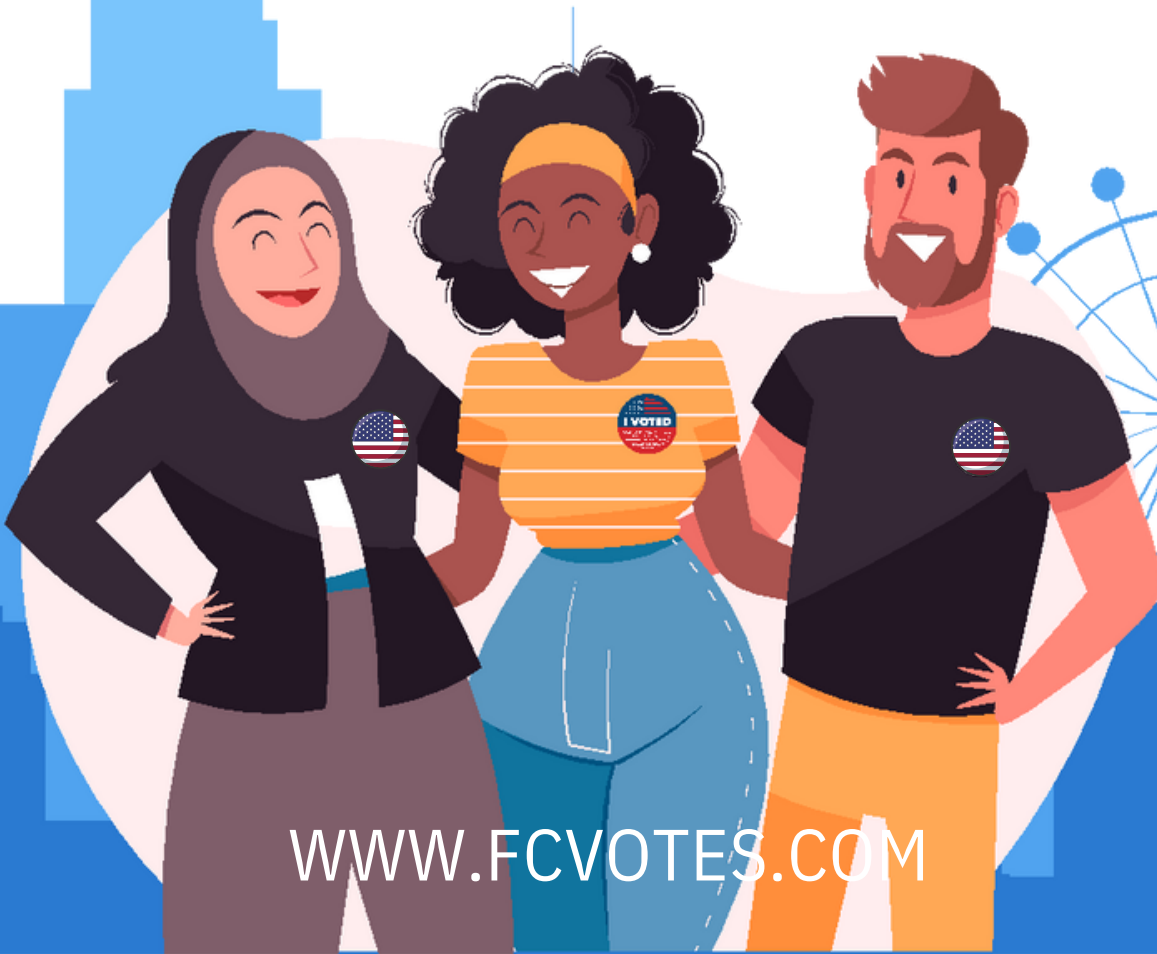




Media Kit

★★★★ May 14, 2024 ★★★★★
Second Primary Election



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ABOUT THIS ELECTION



About the Second Primary Election:

- Under N.C.G.S. § 163-111, the top candidate for a single office who receives more than 30% of the vote in a primary wins their party's nomination and moves on to the general election. If no candidate in a primary receives more than 30% of the vote, the candidate who receives the second-highest vote total may demand a second primary. The top two vote-getters would be on the ballot for the second primary.
- Registered Republican voters, unaffiliated voters who voted a Republican ballot in the March Primary, and unaffiliated voters who did not vote in the March Primary are eligible to vote in the Second Primary Election.

Elections on the Ballot

NC Lieutenant Governor

NC Auditor

Polling Place Information:

The Forsyth County Board of Elections has authorized to combine polling locations in order to promote the more efficient conduct of elections for the registered voters that are eligible to vote. This is a temporary change for this election only.



May 2024 Second Primary Polling Places

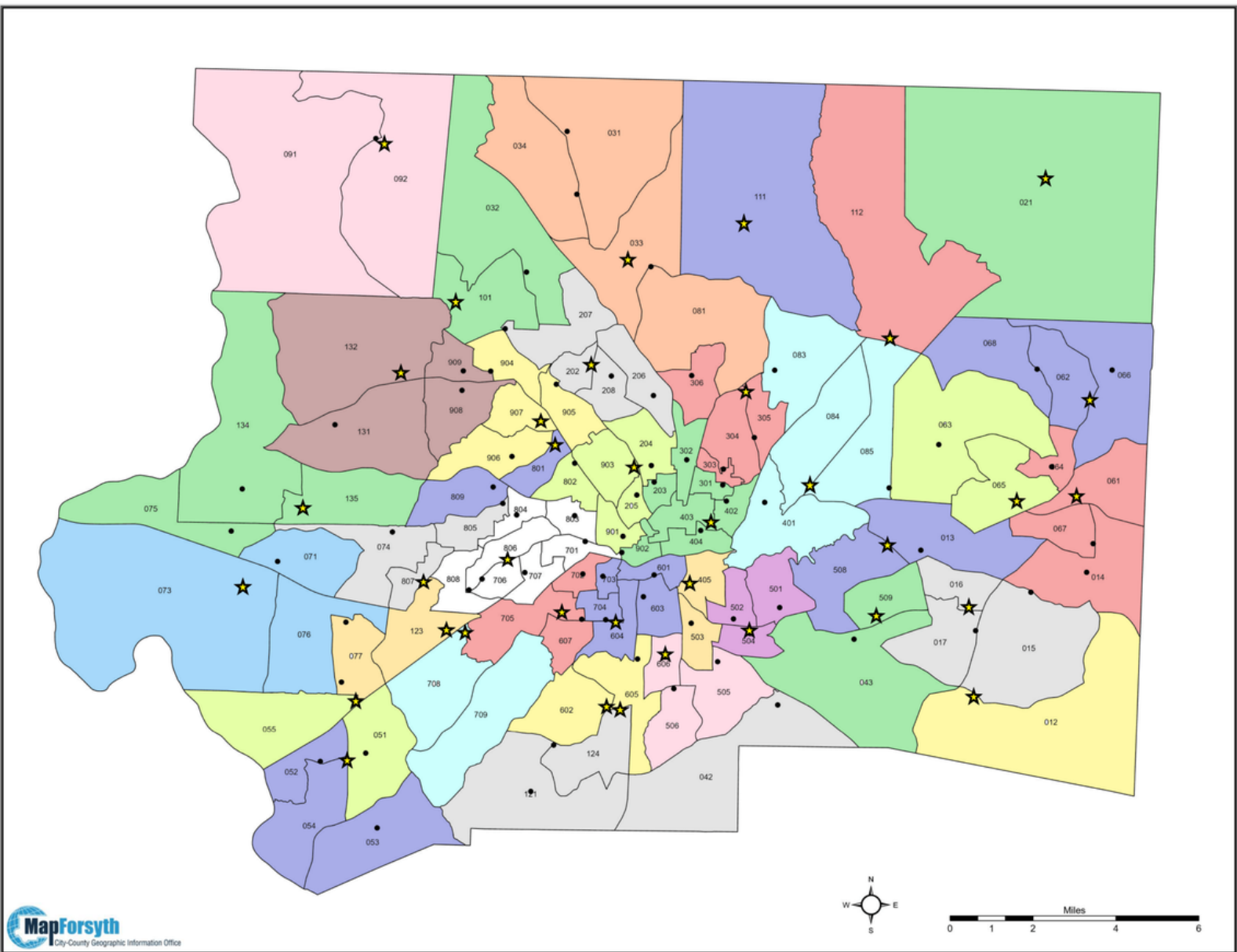
Regular Location	Temporary Location
012 Union Cross Baptist Church	012 Union Cross Baptist Church 4350 High Point Road, Kernersville 27284
015 Southeast Middle School 016 The Crossing Church 017 Glenn High School	016 The Crossing Church 1650 Pecan Lane, Kernersville 27284
021 Belews Creek Fire Station	021 Belews Creek Fire Station 7675 Belews Creek Road, Belews Creek 27009
031 Rural Hall Elementary 033 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 034 Kingswood United Methodist Church 081 Bethany Baptist Church	033 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 357 Old Hollow Road, Winston-Salem 27105
052 Clemmons Presbyterian Church 053 VFW Post 9010 054 Clemmons Civic Center	054 Clemmons Civic Center 2870 Middlebrook Drive, Clemmons 27012
051 Clemmons First Baptist Church 055 Holy Family Catholic Church	055 Holy Family Catholic Church 4820 Kinnamon Road, Winston-Salem 27103
014 Hampton Inn Kernersville 061 Paddison Memorial Library 064 Kernersville Elementary School 067 Kernersville Fire State #42	061 Paddison Memorial Library 248 Harmon Lane, Kernersville 27284
062 Piney Grove Fire Station 066 Piney Grove Elementary 068 Project:Re3 Church	062 Piney Grove Fire Station 1109 Piney Grove Road, Kernersville 27284
063 East Forsyth Middle School 065 Kernersville Seventh Day Adventist Church	065 Kernersville Seventh Day Adventist Church 896 Old Winston Road, Kernersville 27284
071 Mary Alice Warren Community Center 073 Unity Moravian Church 076 Agape Faith Church	073 Unity Moravian Church 8300 Concord Church Road, Lewisville 27023
083 Ibrahim Elementary School 084 Edgewood Baptist Church 085 East Forsyth High School 401 Winston Lake Family YMCA	084 Edgewood Baptist Church 4067 Reidsville Road, Winston-Salem 27101
091 Alice Watts Community Center 092 Macedonia Baptist Church	092 Macedonia Baptist Church 6816 Doral Drive, Tobaccoville 27050
032 Northwest Middle School 101 Bethania Moravian Church	101 Bethania Moravian Church 5545 Main Street, Bethania 27010

111 Red Bank Baptist Church	111 Red Bank Baptist Church 6405 Red Bank Road, Germanton 27019
112 Walkertown Library	112 Walkertown Library 2969 Main Street, Walkertown 27051
077 Southwest Elementary School 123 Forsyth Friends Meeting	123 Forsyth Friends Meeting 800 Jonestown Road, Winston-Salem 27103
042 Fellowship Baptist Church 121 Flat Rock Middle School 124 Heavenview Pentecostal Church	124 Heavenview Pentecostal Church 1410 W. Clemmons Road, Winston-Salem 27103
131 Vienna Baptist Church 132 Pfafftown Christian Church 908 Old Town Baptist Church 909 Old Town Recreation Center	132 Pfafftown Christian Church 3323 Transou Road, Pfafftown 27040
075 New Hope AME Zion Church 134 Grace Baptist Church 135 Shiloh Lutheran Church	135 Shiloh Lutheran Church 703 Lewisville Vienna Road, Lewisville 27023
202 North Point Baptist Church 206 North Hills Elementary School 207 New Hope United Methodist Church 208 Brown and Douglas Community Church	202 North Point Baptist Church 4980 University Parkway, Winston-Salem 27106
303 LaDeara Crest Resource Center 304 Forsyth Tech- Mazie Woodruff Center 305 Carver High School 306 Mineral Springs Elementary School	304 Forsyth Tech- Mazie Woodruff Center 4905 Lansing Drive, Winston-Salem 27105
203 Martin Luther King Jr Recreation Center 301 Ashley Magnet Elementary School 302 Hanes Lowrance School 402 Minnie Lee Davis Harris Recreation Center 403 Rupert Bell Neighborhood Center 404 Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center 902 Brunson Elementary School	403 Rupert Bell Neighborhood Center 1501 Mt. Zion Place, Winston-Salem 27101
405 Sims Recreation Center 503 Trinity Moravian Church	405 Sims Recreation Center 1201 Alder Street, Winston-Salem 27127
501 St. Andrews United Methodist Church 502 Forest Park Elementary School 504 Sprague Street Community Center	504 Sprague Street Community Center 1350 E Sprague Street, Winston-Salem 27107
013 Sedge Garden Elementary School 508 Linville Forest Church of Christ	508 Linville Forest Church of Christ 450 Linville Road, Kernersville 27284
043 Friedland Moravian Church 509 Sedge Garden Recreation Center	509 Sedge Garden Recreation Center 401 Robbins Road, Winston-Salem 27107
602 First Alliance Church 605 Parkland High School	602 First Alliance Church 1601 Pope Road, Winston-Salem 27127

601 Christ Moravian Church 603 Diggs-Latham Elementary School 604 NC National Guard Armory 703 Ardmore Baptist Church 704 Parkway United Church of Christ	604 NC National Guard Armory 2000 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem 27103
505 Easton Elementary School 506 Covenant Presbyterian Church 606 Konnoak Hills Methodist Church	606 Konnoak Hills Methodist Church 430 Weisner Street, Winston-Salem 27127
607 St. John's Lutheran Church 702 Miller Park Recreation Center 705 Forsyth Tech West Campus	750 Forsyth Tech West Campus 1300 Bolton Street, Winston-Salem 27103
708 Little Creek Recreation Center 709 Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church	708 Little Creek Recreation Center 610 Foxcroft Drive, Winston-Salem 27103
801 Polo Park Recreation Center 809 Jefferson Middle School	801 Polo Park Recreation Center 1850 Polo Road, Winston-Salem 27105
701 First Christian Church 706 South Fork Elementary School 707 Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church 803 Whitaker Elementary School 804 Sherwood Elementary School 806 Trinity United Methodist Church 808 Winston-Salem First Seventh Day Adventist	806 Trinity United Methodist Church 3819 Country Club Road, Winston-Salem 27104
074 Meadowlark Middle School 805 Messiah Moravian Church 807 Calvary Baptist Church (Sechrist Building)	807 Calvary Baptist Church (Sechrist Building) 140 S. Peace Haven Road, Winston-Salem 27104
204 Home & Garden Building (Fairgrounds) 205 Paisley Middle School 802 Reynolda Church 901 Reynolds High School (Girls Gym) 903 Salem Chapel	903 Salem Chapel 610 Coliseum Drive, Winston-Salem 27106
904 Latino Community Services 905 Bethabara Moravian Church 906 Mt. Tabor High School 907 Saint Anne's Episcopal Church	907 Saint Anne's Episcopal Church 2690 Fairlawn Drive, Winston-Salem 27106

PRECINCT MAP

The Forsyth County Board of Elections has authorized to combine polling locations in order to promote the more efficient conduct of elections for the registered voters that are eligible to vote. This is a temporary change for this election only. On the map below, the color-coding represents the combined precincts for this election.





Voter Photo ID Requirement

Beginning with the 2023 municipal elections, North Carolina voters will be asked to show photo ID when they check in to vote. Voters who vote by mail will be asked to include a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID when returning their ballot by mail.

For detailed information about the photo ID requirement, go to ncsbe.gov/voter-ID.



WHAT PHOTO ID CAN I USE?

Any of the following that is **unexpired or expired for one year or less**:

- North Carolina Driver's License
- U.S. Passport Book/U.S. Passport Card
- State ID from NCDMV ("non-operator ID")
- NC Voter Photo ID card, issued by a county board of elections
- College/university student ID approved by State Board of Elections
- Charter school employee ID approved by State Board of Elections
- State/local government employee ID approved by State Board of Elections
- Driver's license/non-driver ID from another state, D.C. or U.S. territory

Any of the following, **regardless of whether the ID contains an expiration or issuance date**:

- Military or veteran ID card issued by the U.S. government
- Tribal enrollment card issued by a State or federally recognized tribe
- ID card issued by a U.S. government agency or the State of NC for a public assistance program

NOTE: Voters ages 65+ may use an expired ID if it was unexpired on their 65th birthday.

To see the complete list of acceptable photo IDs and details on how to request State Board approval for student and employee IDs, visit ncsbe.gov/voter-ID.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A PHOTO ID?

All voters **will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID**. If any voter is unable to show a photo ID when voting, they may:



Vote with a **Provisional Ballot**, and...



Complete an **ID Exception Form**



Bring acceptable ID to the county elections office by the day before county canvass.

On the form, the voter will **choose from the following permitted exceptions**:

- A “reasonable impediment” preventing them from showing ID.
- A religious objection to being photographed.
- A victim of a natural disaster within 100 days before Election Day.

FREE PHOTO ID CARDS

Any registered voter can get a free photo ID from their county board of elections. Contact information for county boards can be found at vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEinfo. Any North Carolina resident can get a free non-driver's ID from the NCDMV.

Information regarding North Carolina's voter ID requirement is updated frequently; for the latest guidance on this law, acceptable types of photo ID, voting procedures, exceptions and more, visit ncsbe.gov/voter-ID.

ELECTORAL PROFILE

As of March 2024



Eligible
Voters

158,302

PROFILE OF THIS ELECTION



Offices

2



Local Measures

0



County
Measures

0



State
Measures

0



Ballot Styles

108



Total
Candidates
Across all Ballots

4



Early Vote
Sites

1



Election Precincts

108



Polling Places

36



Election Workers

225

Approximate



Est. Election Cost

\$107,730

Approximate



Military and
Overseas Voters

714 (2020)

VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS

(Republican and Eligible Unaffiliated Voters)

As of March 2024



Voters by Age	Registered	% of Registered
<18*	824	0.52%
18-25	23,768	15.01%
26-40	39,590	25.01%
41-65	59,546	37.62%
Over 65	34,566	21.84%
TOTAL	158,302	100%

POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE

As of March 2024



Eligible Parties	Registered	% of Registered
Republican	71,054	44.89%
Unaffiliated - voted Republican in the March Primary	10,675	6.74%
Unaffiliated - did not vote in the March Primary	76,573	48.37%
TOTAL	158,302	100.00%

FORSYTH COUNTY
One-Stop Early Voting Location, Dates, and Times
May 14, 2024 – Second Primary Election

For Republican Nominees of NC Lieutenant Governor and NC State Auditor

Main Office Location:

Forsyth County Board of Elections
 Forsyth County Government Center
 201 N. Chestnut Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Thursday – Friday	April 25– 26	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday	April 29 – May 3	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday	May 6 – 10	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	May 11	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



For additional information contact the Forsyth County Board of Elections
 (336) 703-2800 www.fcvotes.com

Check us out on:   @fcvotes



2024 Election Schedule

Thursday, March 28, 2024	Absentee by-mail ballots available to be mailed and UOCAVA absentee ballots available to be distributed (G.S. 163-227.10) (G.S. 163-258.9(a))
Tuesday, April 9, 2024	Absentee Meeting 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(f))
Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Absentee Meeting 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(f))
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Absentee Meeting 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(f))
Tuesday, April 25, 2024	Early Voting begins (G.S. 163-227.2 (b)) (G.S. 163-166.4)
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	Absentee Meeting 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(f))
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Early Voting begins (G.S. 163-227.2 (b)) (G.S. 163-166.4) Last day to request an absentee by-mail ballot by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1(a))
Saturday, May 11, 2024	Early Voting ends at 3:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-227.2 (b)) (G.S. 163-166.4)
Monday, May 13, 2024	Absentee Meeting 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1 (f)) Last day for UOCAVA voters to register and request an absentee by-mail ballot by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-258.6 (a) (d)) Last day to request an absentee by-mail ballot due to sickness or disability by 5:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-230.1 (b))
Tuesday, May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election	Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. (G.S.163-166.25) Absentee Meeting 2:00 p.m. (G.S. 163-234(2)) Deadline for civilian absentee by-mail ballots and UOCAVA absentee ballots to be returned by 7:30 p.m. (G.S. 163-231 (b) (1)) (G.S.163-258-10)) If mailed, must be received by 05/14/2024 no later than 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 17, 2024	Hand-to-eye audit of ballots for the May 14, 2024, Second Primary Election at 10:00 a.m. in the Cooper-Caldwell Board Room (G.S. § 163-182.1(b)(1))
Friday, May 24, 2024	Canvass 11:00 a.m. (G.S. 163-182.5(b))

PRE-ELECTION TESTING

County boards of elections are required by state election law to conduct a pre-election test, also known as Logic and Accuracy (L&A), of all voting systems to be used in each election. L&A testing is defined as a collection of pre-election procedures that ensure that the voting equipment and ballots to be used in an upcoming election can properly display the ballot, collect votes, and tabulate results.

The testing process involves a simulated election using pre-marked ballots to be scanned through every tabulator that will be used in the May 14, 2024 Second Primary Election. The outcome of the simulated election should result in a pre-determined vote pattern, which indicates the accuracy and readiness of the voting equipment. The ExpressVote ballot marking device is also tested for accuracy and readiness. Only voting equipment that meet the pre-election testing standards will be deployed for use at the polling places.

The Forsyth County Board of Elections will be conducting the pre-election testing of all voting machines starting on April 2, 2024. The testing process is open for public observation; due to limited space we ask that you schedule an appointment. Please call Jay Lerman at (336) 703-2804 to reserve a time to observe the pre-election testing. For more information, please contact the Board of Elections Office at (336) 703-2800.

VOTE BY MAIL AND EARLY VOTING OPTIONS

Absentee By Mail

Any North Carolina registered voter may request, receive, and vote a mail-in absentee ballot in elections where absentee voting is permitted. Registered voters in North Carolina must request an absentee ballot with an official N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form. There are two ways to access and submit the form:

1. Online:

- "Option 1 – Request an Absentee Ballot" at the N.C. Absentee Ballot Portal.

2. On paper:

- 2024 N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form in English (fillable PDF)
- 2024 N.C. Absentee Ballot Request Form in Spanish (download to come)
 - After completing, submit the form to your county board of elections or in person or by mail.

Track your absentee-by-mail ballot through the mail: Once you have requested your absentee ballot, you can track its status from printed to accepted by signing up online for status notifications through [BallotTrax](#). BallotTrax will be available 30 days prior to each election in 2023.

Early Voting

During the early voting period, voters may cast a ballot at the Forsyth County Government Center, located at 201 N. Chestnut Street, Winston-Salem, NC. This is different than Election Day, when registered voters must vote at their assigned polling place. Same-day registration is not available for this election.

When you check in to vote at an early voting site, you may update your name or address within the same county if necessary.



North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form for 2024

2024.01

Request an absentee ballot

You can request an absentee ballot for 1 voter per form, for 1 election at a time.

The information that you provide on this form will be used to update your current voter record if signed by the voter. You may not change your party using this form.

If you are not registered, you must submit a voter registration form with this request.

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

How to return this form

Return your completed and signed form to your county board of elections by **5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the election.**

You can:

- Drop it off in-person
- Mail it

This form can only be returned by:

- The voter or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian
- A Multipartisan Assistance Team sent by the county elections office
- A person who assisted due to the voter's disability.

Return this form to:

Forsyth County Board of Elections
201 N. Chestnut St.

Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Questions?

Call your county board of elections
or visit ncsbe.gov

REQUEST ONLINE

Complete, sign, and submit your request online at votebymail.ncsbe.gov.

Instructions

1: Election Date

Request for 1 election per form.

Special note for primary elections: If you are not affiliated with a political party (**unaffiliated**) and you are **requesting a ballot for a primary election**, select the party's primary you want to vote in, or select a nonpartisan ballot. A nonpartisan ballot will not have partisan primary contests. Voters registered with a party are only eligible to vote in their party's primary.

Indicate in this section if you require an absentee ballot for other possible elections in 2024 due to your continued or expected illness or disability.

2: Voter name

Provide your full legal name. If your name has changed, this form will be used to update your current voter record.

3: Identification Information

You must provide your date of birth and one of the following:

- A NC Driver's License or DMV ID card number
- The last 4 digits of your social security number

4: Home address

Provide your residential (home) address. **However**, if you moved and have no plans to return to your former residence, provide your new address here. Signing in Section 10 will update your voter registration. If your new address is in a different county, you will not be able to update your address using this form and will need to submit new voter registration form in your new county. Provide a mailing address in Section 5 if different from your residence.

5: Ballot mailing address

Indicate where you would like your ballot to be sent. If you do not want your ballot to be sent to your residential or mailing address,

provide another address here.

If you require an accessible electronic ballot due to blindness or visual impairment provide your email in Section 6.

6: Voter's Contact Information

Your contact information is optional and is helpful if we have questions about this request or about any issues with your voted absentee ballot.

7: Requesting a ballot for a voter

A near relative or legal guardian may request a ballot for a voter but may not make changes to the voter's registration record. A near relative is a voter's:

- Spouse
- Brother or sister
- Parent or stepparent
- Mother/father-in-law
- Child or stepchild
- Son/daughter-in-law
- Grandparent/Grandchild

Any person may request an absentee ballot for a voter **who needs assistance making the request due to disability**. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, a disability is a physical or mental impairment that causes someone to be substantially limited in a major life activity. *When requesting a ballot on behalf of a voter, the requester must complete and sign this section.*

8: Assisting a voter in filling out or returning this form

If you are helping a voter fill out or return their form, complete this section. *The voter will still need to sign or make their mark in Section 10.* Any voter may receive assistance from their near relative or verifiable legal guardian. A voter who needs assistance completing or returning their request form due to their blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may receive assistance from a person of their choice.

For voters living in a facility (clinic, nursing home, or adult care home) who do NOT require assistance due to a disability,

certain limitations apply:

The voter must first seek to have a near relative, legal guardian or Multipartisan Assistance Team (MAT) to assist with requesting a ballot. If none of these options is available within 7 days of making a request for a MAT, the voter may get assistance from anyone who is **not**:

- An owner, manager, director, or employee of the facility
- An elected official, a candidate, or an officeholder in a political party
- A campaign manager or treasurer for a candidate or political party

9: Military or overseas

Complete this section if you claim North Carolina as your voting residence and are:

A U.S. citizen currently outside of the United States or

A member of one of the following, or a spouse or dependent of a member of one of the following:

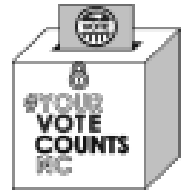
- The active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty
- A member of the Merchant Marines, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States
- A member of the National Guard or State militia unit who is on activated status

10: Voter's signature

This form must be signed **by the voter** (unless a near relative or legal guardian or assistant is requesting a ballot on the voter's behalf and completes Section 7). If the voter cannot physically sign this form, they can make a mark. **A typed signature, including signature fonts, is not allowed.**

If you indicate that you have changed your name (Section 2) or address (Section 4), signing will update your voter registration.

10 Facts About Election Security in North Carolina



1. **No Evidence of Successful Attack:** No election system or voting system in the state has ever been the target of a successful cyberattack.
2. **Partnerships:** Elections officials are in regular contact and have strong and growing relationships with partners in federal and state governments, who assist with cyber and physical security, share information, plan for election events and respond to incidents.
3. **Paper Ballots:** Under state law, all 100 counties use paper ballots, producing a paper trail which can be easily audited or recounted. By federal law, ballot marking devices must be available at every polling place for any voter who needs or wishes to use one to mark a ballot.
4. **Certified Voting Systems:** All voting systems used in North Carolina are certified by the State Board of Elections after extensive testing and public demonstrations, and must be approved by county officials before purchase. Voting systems used in North Carolina meet all applicable federal regulations governing voting systems and are certified, used, and audited in other states.
5. **No Internet or Modems:** By state law, voting machines may not be connected to the internet, limiting the possibility of cyber interference. No voting machine in North Carolina contains a modem or modem chip.
6. **Logic and Accuracy Testing:** Before every election, county boards of elections conduct logic and accuracy tests on every voting machine that will be used in the election to ensure proper coding of ballots and counting of votes for every contest on the ballot.
7. **Bipartisan, Trained Officials:** Every polling place is staffed with bipartisan, trained officials from the local community who take an oath to uphold state elections laws and work together to ensure election security. Bipartisan State and County Boards of Elections oversee all aspects of elections. Bipartisan election observers also witness the voting process.
8. **Post-Election Audits:** After every election and before results are certified, the State and County Boards of Elections conduct multiple audits designed to detect irregularities, such as equipment tampering, ballot stuffing, and voting machine or tabulation errors. One audit, the sample hand-eye audit. For example, for the sample hand-to-eye audit, one contest on the ballot, typically the top contest on the ballot, is selected and all ballots in at least two voting sites are counted by hand to confirm the accuracy of the voting equipment.
9. **Investigations Division:** North Carolina is one of few states with a dedicated Investigations Division, which is staffed by experienced professionals who investigate reports of fraud and other irregularities and refers cases to prosecutors when warranted by evidence.
10. **Informed Voters:** Every voter can help promote election security by voting, checking their ballot before casting it, reporting problems with the voting process to poll workers and volunteering to work in elections. Also, voters should get information on elections from trusted sources, particularly elections officials, and verify information about elections before sharing it on social media. Election-related misinformation is rampant.



NORTH CAROLINA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS



GUIDELINES FOR ELECTIONEERING DURING ELECTIONS

1- Conduct Outside of the Polling Place

- Respect the right of all voters to participate in the election without fear of intimidation or violence. Intimidating any voter is a state and federal crime.
- Be courteous towards those at the voting place, regardless of any difference of opinion.
- Always remain civil and calm. While differences of opinion are expected and should be respected, resolve any disagreements or disputes amicably.
- Disagreements or disputes should not involve profanity or aggressive behaviors. - Confine electioneering and issue advocacy to designated areas outside of the voting place.
- Election officials strictly enforce the marked line beyond which no electioneering or loitering is permitted.

2- Buffer Zone (G.S. 163-166.4 (a))

- Breaching and moving the designated buffer zone is not permitted.
- No person or group of persons shall hinder access, harass others, distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activities inside the voting place or within a buffer zone.
- Dimensions of the buffer zone at each polling place shall be no more than 50 feet and no less than 25 feet from the entrance to the polling place.
- Electioneers may distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, and signage, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activity in the designated area outside the buffer zone.
- Not all polling locations allow for political signage or literature. You must verify the Restricted Polling Place List on the BOE website under the Polling Place tab.

3- Area for Election-Related Activity (G.S. 163-166.4(b))

- Volunteers and electioneers may distribute campaign literature, place political signs, solicit votes, and engage in election-related activities only outside of the designated buffer zone.
- Privately owned polling places might have restrictions on campaign literature and/or placement of political signs on their property on Election Day. Volunteers and electioneers must check the Restricted Polling Place List before every election, found on fcvotes.com under the tab Polling Places.

4- Curbside Voting

- The voter's vehicle is considered a voting place. Electioneers must respect it as such and not encroach on the designated curbside area. The buffer zone shall be at least six feet from the vehicle, and a greater distance if possible. Electioneers shall not enter the buffer zone.
- Approaching voters in their vehicles in the curbside area will not be tolerated.

5- Party Observers and Runners (G.S. 163-45)

- Only appointed observers and runners are permitted inside the voting place.
- The party chair must provide observer or runner's names to the Board of Elections before 10:00 a.m., five days prior to Election Day.
- An observer shall do no electioneering at the voting place and shall in no manner impede the voting process or interfere or communicate with or observe any voter in casting a ballot.
- The runner may receive a voter list from the precinct. No runner may enter the voting enclosure except when necessary to announce that runner's presence and to receive the list. The runner must leave immediately after being provided with the list.

Example of Prohibited Acts That Illustrate Prohibited Behavior During Elections

- 1- **Federal law prohibits those around the polling place from displaying badges, uniforms, or credentials that reasonable individuals would interpret to mean that the person is a law-enforcement officer (See 18 U.S.C. § 241 and Williams v. United States, 341 U.S. 97 (1951)).** Ex.: Individuals outside the buffer zone wearing "SECURITY" insignia and informing voters that they are "monitoring" the polling place.
- 2- **It is a crime to interfere with the ability of a voter to access the voting place. Individuals in the parking lot physically delay or prevent cars from parking.**
- 3- **No person may engage in election-related activity within the buffer zone. (G.S. 163-166.4(a)).** Ex.: A radio station is played over speakers inside the voting enclosure, and the broadcast includes political discussion or commentary.

4- It is a crime for any person to commit any boisterous act that disturbs any election official in the performance of his or her statutory duties (G.S. § 163-274(a) (5)).

Ex.: Individuals use sound amplification to make racial slurs or otherwise insult those presenting to vote for their preferred candidate, and the chief judge has told the individual that their noise is causing a disruption inside the voting enclosure.

5- It is a federal crime to intimidate, threaten, or coerce anyone to interfere with an individual's right to vote or not vote in an election; this includes conduct intended to force prospective voters to vote against their preferences (18 U.S.C. § 594).

Ex.: Individuals outside the buffer zone threaten a voter if the voter does not vote for or against a particular candidate or party.

6- It is both a violation of state and federal law for any voter to challenge an individual on the basis of their ethnicity, religion, language fluency, or national origin (G.S. § 163-90.1(a)).

Ex.: An Individual attempts to enter a voter challenge without proper basis.

7- Additional examples of voter intimidation.

Ex.: An individual or individuals outside the buffer zone approach only voters who appear to be of a certain ethnic group to ask whether they speak English or to demand that they verify their citizenship.

Ex.: An individual or individuals outside the buffer zone follow a non-English speaker who is receiving assistance from a person of their choice and accuse them of committing voter fraud.

Ex.: An individual or individuals outside the buffer zone yell insults or profanity at people who received assistance in the voting enclosure.

For questions or concerns regarding electioneering during elections, contact the Forsyth County Board of Elections at (336) 703-2800



GUIDELINES FOR MEDIA AT POLLING PLACES

1- Conduct at Polling Places

-The term media generally describes people affiliated with a television, radio or newspaper outlet. News media have a right to report on matters of public interest, including elections.

-The Chief Judge is the only election official authorized to interact with the media. Please remember to identify yourselves with your credentials when interacting with election officials.

2- Buffer Zone

-Any interviews or election polls must be conducted at least 50 feet from the entrance of the polling place. However, news cameras may be positioned near the doorway of a voting enclosure to record only panoramic, wide-angle views of the voting room.

Photographers and videographers may not zoom in on ballots or voters. Media shall not block, interfere, obstruct, or disrupt the voting process, and shall not record any ballots or the tabulation of ballots. Photographing voters and poll workers is restricted so if a photo or recording includes voters and/or precinct officials, the media must obtain permission from the voters and/or precinct officials. Breaching and moving the designated buffer zone is not permitted.

-No person or group of persons shall hinder access, harass others, distribute campaign literature, place political advertising, solicit votes, or otherwise engage in election-related activities inside the voting place or within a buffer zone.

3- Closing and Unofficial Results

-After the polls close and all voters have left the enclosure, the media and public are allowed inside to observe the closing process but may not hinder operations of precinct officials.

-The Chief Judge may inform the media how many ballots have been cast at a precinct. However, media may not enter the voting enclosure to check the tabulator.

-Please do not ask officials for any opinions, guesses or predictions about the election. They may provide objective facts regarding the polling place but may not speculate on outcomes or turnout.



REPORTING ELECTION RESULTS



Early Votes are Reported

7:30pm

One-stop early votes and absentee by-mail votes that have been approved by the board of elections

After Election Night

State Board, by a majority vote, may extend voting hours at a polling place if polls are delayed in opening for more than 15 minutes or are interrupted for more than 15 minutes. The Board may extend the closing time by an equal number of minutes.



Precinct Results Begin to Report

8:30pm

Precinct officials hand-deliver results to the county board of elections

AFTER ELECTION NIGHT

What is counted after Election Night?

Absentee ballots received by the county board of elections, as well as provisional votes, will be added to the results as they are approved by the board during the canvass period after Election Night.

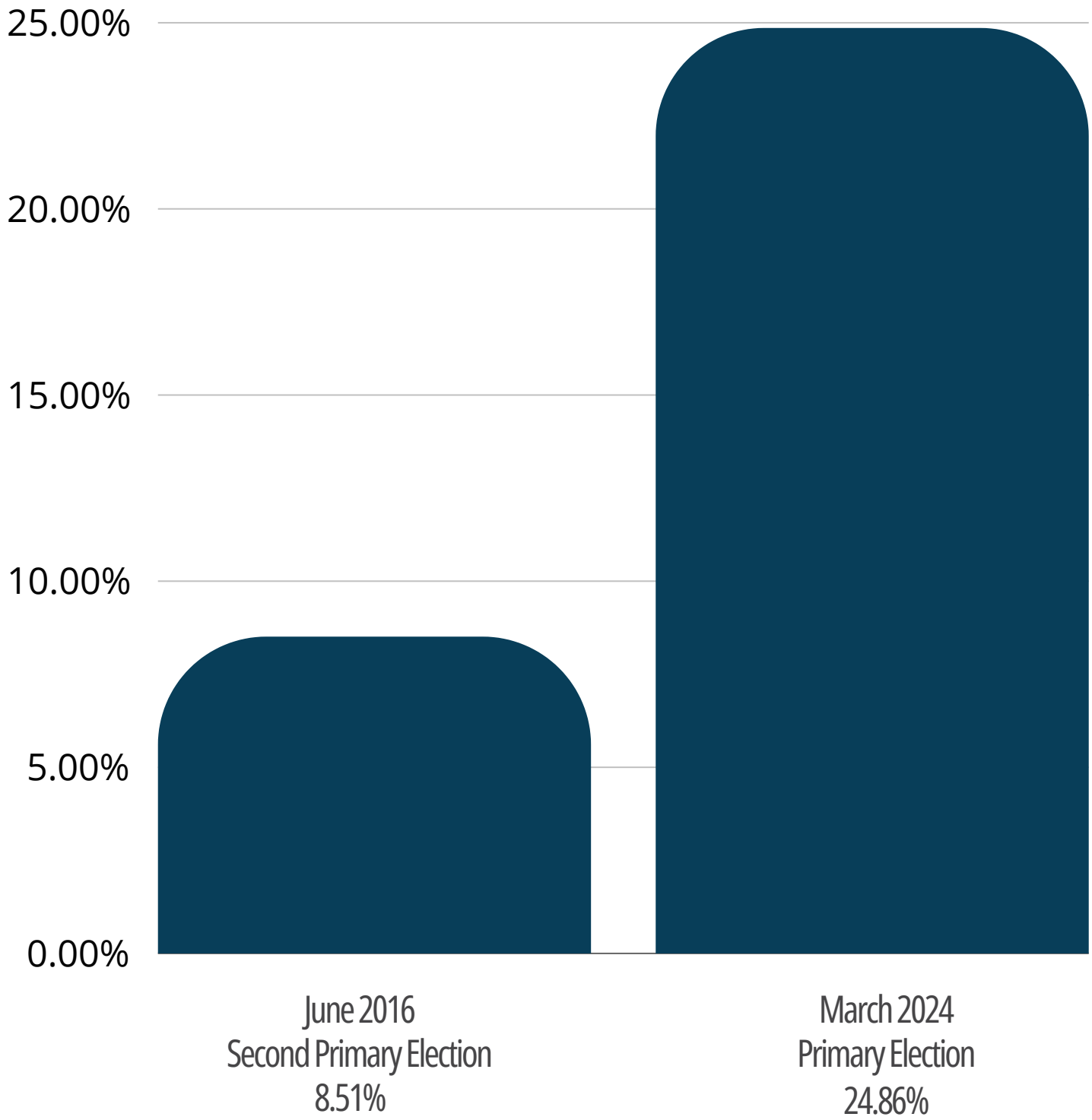
*Ballots received by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day will be accepted.

Why are ballots counted after Election Night?

Absentee by mail and Provisional ballots returned on Election Day must be processed and verified before they can be counted and added to the results. In North Carolina, counties have 10 days to process, verify, and count these ballots – this period is known as the Official Election Canvass.

In a countywide election, there could be thousands of ballots left to be counted after polls close. Results reporting can extend past 1:00 am as precincts deliver their results.

Past Turnout



*MORE DATA AVAILABLE AT WWW.FCVOTES.COM

CANVASS: FINALIZING THE VOTE

Election Night

After polling places close at 7:30 PM on Election Day, all election results are secured and transported to be centrally compiled and posted at the Board of Elections, 201 North Chestnut Street Winston Salem, NC 27101. Election Night counts include ballots from precincts as well as One Stop Early Voting and Absentee by-Mail ballots received by Election Day.

Finalizing the Official Vote Tally (Canvass)

Results on election night are unofficial. Canvass is the official process of determining the votes have been counted and tabulated correctly, resulting in the authentication of the official election results.

For close elections, the canvass period is especially important. During this time, elections officials count absentee ballots that came in before the deadline and research provisional ballots to determine whether they should be counted.

In every county, the canvass meeting when the results are certified is 10 days after Election Day. Because elections thrive on transparency, the canvass meeting is open to the public. Unless the county board unanimously votes for another site, the meeting will be held at the county board of elections office, per N.C.G.S. § 163-182.5.

Before the canvass meeting, the board must ensure that the sample hand-to-eye audit count and any discretionary recounts have been completed.

Additionally, county boards confirm all eligible ballots have been counted, including:----

- Ballots that were unable to be read in the precinct (ballot jams, torn ballots, etc.)
- Remaining absentee ballots
- Approved provisional ballots

At the meeting, the board will prepare and sign all relevant, permanent public documents. The county board will retain one copy; a copy will be filed with either the clerk of Superior Court or, in the case of municipal elections, with the municipal clerk; and a copy will be provided to the State Board of Elections.-----

Mandatory Hand-to-Eye Sample Audit

The sample audit count is a test to ensure voting equipment read the voter's choices accurately. It compares the machine counts with hand-to-eye counts conducted by elections officials in randomly selected voting sites. The sample audit count is open to the public and is completed before canvass. The day after the election, the State Board of Elections informs each county of their assigned contest and the two randomly selected samples (Election Day precinct, one-stop site, or absentee by mail ballots) to audit. For a presidential election, the contest audited is always the presidential contest. Selected ballots are hand-counted by a bipartisan team of elections officials.

MAY 2024 SECOND PRIMARY ELECTION FAQ

VOTER REGISTRATION

Q HOW CAN I CHECK MY REGISTRATION STATUS?

- ▲ Voters can check their registration status and information online at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/> or call the Forsyth County Board of Elections at 336-703-2800.

VOTE BY MAIL

Q WHEN CAN I REQUEST MY ABSENTEE BY MAIL BALLOT?

- ▲ Absentee By-Mail requests must be made to the Board of Elections by the Tuesday before the election.

Q HOW CAN I TRACK MY VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT?

- ▲ Once you have requested your absentee ballot, you can track its status from printed to accepted by signing up online for status notifications through [BallotTrax](#)

Q CAN I REQUEST A MAIL BALLOT FOR SOMEONE ELSE?

- ▲ Yes, a near relative ("near relative" means spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild. § 163-230.2) or legal guardian may request that an absentee ballot be sent to another voter by mail

Q CAN I RECEIVE ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE THE REQUEST FORM?

- ▲ If a voter, due to disability or illiteracy, is unable to complete the absentee ballot request form, the voter may receive assistance in completing the request form from an individual of the voter's choice.

Q WHEN DO I NEED TO SUBMIT MY BALLOT?

- ▲ Voters can return their ballot as soon as they receive it.
- ▲ All ballots MUST be returned to the Board of Elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

MILITARY OR OVERSEAS CITIZENS

Active duty military members, their dependents, and U.S. citizens living abroad may request an absentee ballot the same way as other registered voters. They may also apply to register and vote through special programs for military and overseas voters. Military and overseas voters may register and vote through the Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) or the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

Q WHAT ACCESSIBLE VOTING OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ABSENTEE BY-MAIL?

- ▲ If you are a blind or visually impaired voter, you can request, mark, and return an accessible absentee ballot online through a system that is compatible with screen readers and that allows for a digital signature. If you live at a facility such as a hospital, clinic, or nursing home, find details about receiving assistance with mail-in voting and other services provided by a bipartisan assistance team (MAT).

MAY 2024 SECOND PRIMARY ELECTION FAQ

IN-PERSON VOTING

Q CAN I VOTE IN PERSON?

- ▲ Yes. Voters will have the option to vote in person on election day at their assigned precinct, in addition to one-stop early voting and absentee by-mail.

Q HOW CAN I FIND MY PRECINCT?

- ▲ Visit mapforsyth.org and use the voting districts and precincts tool to view your voting districts and precinct for election day voting.
- ▲ To locate your precinct, consult the list of precinct locations at www.fcvotes.com using your precinct number.

Q WHEN CAN I VOTE IN PERSON?

- ▲ Second Primary Election Day is May 14, 2024. Early In-person voting will be conducted from April 25, 2024 to May 11, 2024.

Q HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT?

- ▲ Visit https://www.forsyth.cc/Elections/sample_ballot.aspx to see sample ballots for the upcoming election. Voters can view their specific sample ballot from their precinct can view composite sample ballots of all races.

Q DO I NEED TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION WHEN I VOTE?

- ▲ Beginning with the 2023 municipal elections, North Carolina voters will be asked to show photo ID when they check in to vote. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without a photo ID.
- ▲ To learn more about North Carolina's new photo ID requirement, go to ncsbe.gov/voter-ID.