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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup>  
OF CARTERET COUNTY

# ***Voting in 2023***

*What you need to know about  
photo ID and more*

# **Agenda**

*Welcome and Introductions – Carol Geer,  
Carteret County League of Women Voters*

*Background Information – Lucas Seijo,  
Eastern Organizer with Democracy NC*

*How to Vote in 2023 – Caitlin Sabadish,  
Director of the Carteret Board of Elections*

*Q&A Session*

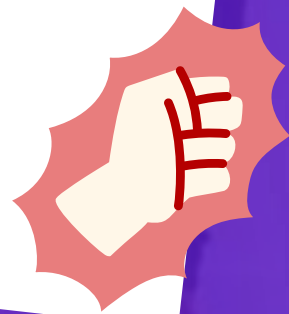


# TONIGHT'S SPEAKERS

NORTH CAROLINE



**Carol Geer**  
President of the  
Carteret County  
League of Women  
Voters



**Lucas Seijo**  
Eastern Regional  
Managing Organizer -  
Democracy NC



**Caitlin Sabadish**  
Director of the  
Carteret County  
BOE



***How Did We Get Here?***



# NC Courts



On April 28, 2023 these previous decisions were overturned, and in doing so the state of voting rights was severely changed in NC.

Information regarding court cases provided by Common Cause NC.

## Holmes v. Moore

- Restores the state's racially-discriminated voter ID law
- Raises the bar for proving discriminatory intent
- Creates a new barrier to vote as soon as this year
  - Municipal elections are quickly coming!

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## Harper v. Hall

- Opens the door for more extreme partisan gerrymandering
- Gives politicians the power to redraw state legislative and congressional maps
- Allows them to pack and crack voters ahead of 2024

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## CSI v. Moore

- Strips voting rights from 56,000+ North Carolinians
- People convicted of a felony cannot register or vote until their sentence is complete, including any periods of probation, post-release supervision, or parole

# ***S.B. 747 in 2024***

- Elimination of 3-day grace period for mail in ballots
- Any voter in a county can challenge absentee ballots
- Prohibition of most in-kind donations (aside from food/PPE/pens, etc.)
- Extension of precinct voting hours must be uniform across the state
- A pilot program for signature verification will be rolled out
- The use of "voter assistance logs" remains

***Amongst other changes***



***Potential Changes***  
***with S.B. 749***

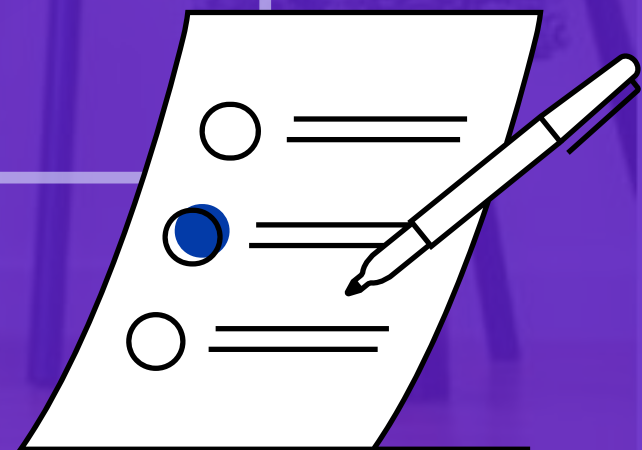
# ***Current County Boards of Election and State Board of Elections Structure***





# ***SBOE Structure Changes***

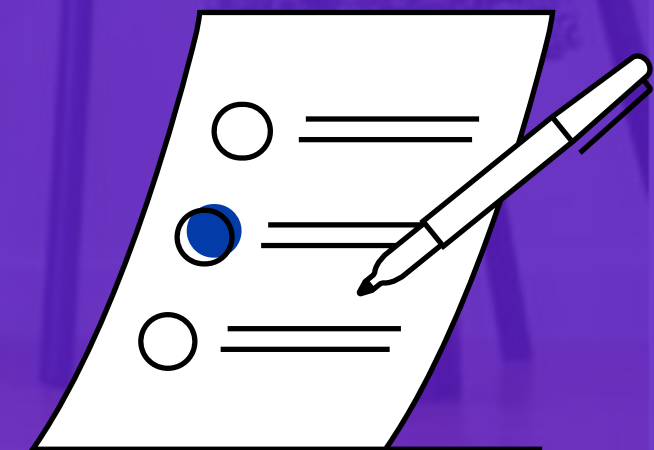
- State Board would increase to **eight members** if this bill becomes law, with four picked by Democratic lawmakers and four picked by Republican lawmakers
  - it would be similar at the county level, but with 4 members instead of 8.





# ***SBOE Structure Changes***

- Concerns: Potential for a **gridlocked system** — and in the event of inevitable gridlock, the General Assembly themselves get to make all of the elections decisions.
- That same idea was ruled unconstitutional five years ago, and soundly rejected by voters on the ballot in 2018 with 61% of the vote.



***[ Voting in 2023 ]***

# ***Caitlin Sabadish - Director of the Carteret County Board of Elections***



- Hired as Director of the Carteret County Board of Elections in October of 2019, and was recently nominated by the Board of Elections as one of the Women in Excellence leaders in Carteret County.
- Enjoys serving as an assistant coach for the Croatan Cougars Girls Lacrosse team, as well as with the Bogue Elite travel lacrosse team.
- She remains committed and passionate to ensure that our elections are fair and accurate in Carteret County.



***[The Basics]***

# ***Who is stationed at voting sites?***



**PARTISAN  
POLL  
OBSERVERS**



**CAMPAIGNERS /  
ELECTIONEERS**



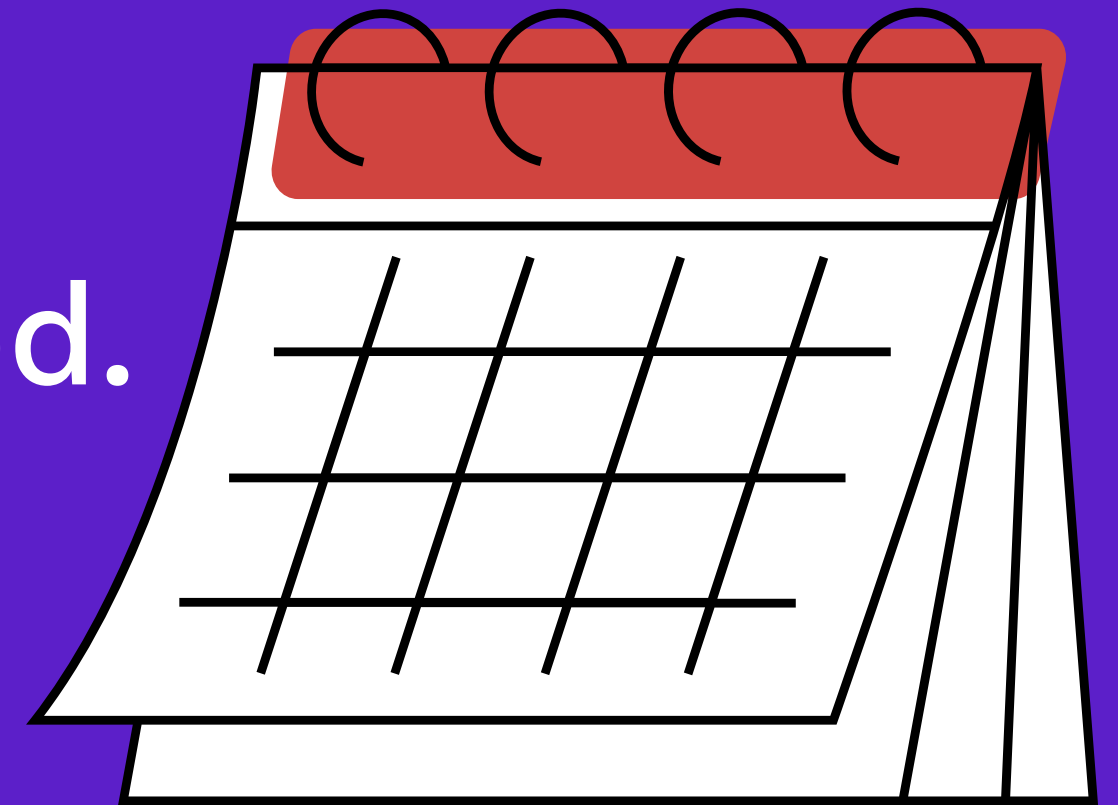
**ELECTION  
OFFICIALS**



**VOTERS**

# ***Early Voting Period***

- Begins third Thursday before an election and is typically administered for a 17-day period.
- October 19 to November 4
- Can vote at ANY early voting location





# ***Early Voting Period***

- Locations
  - County Board of Elections Office
  - Fort Benjamin Park
  - Western Park
- Operating Hours
  - Monday – Friday 8:00AM to 6:00PM
  - Saturday November 4, 8:00AM to 3:00PM



# ***Same Day Registration***



Attest to their eligibility

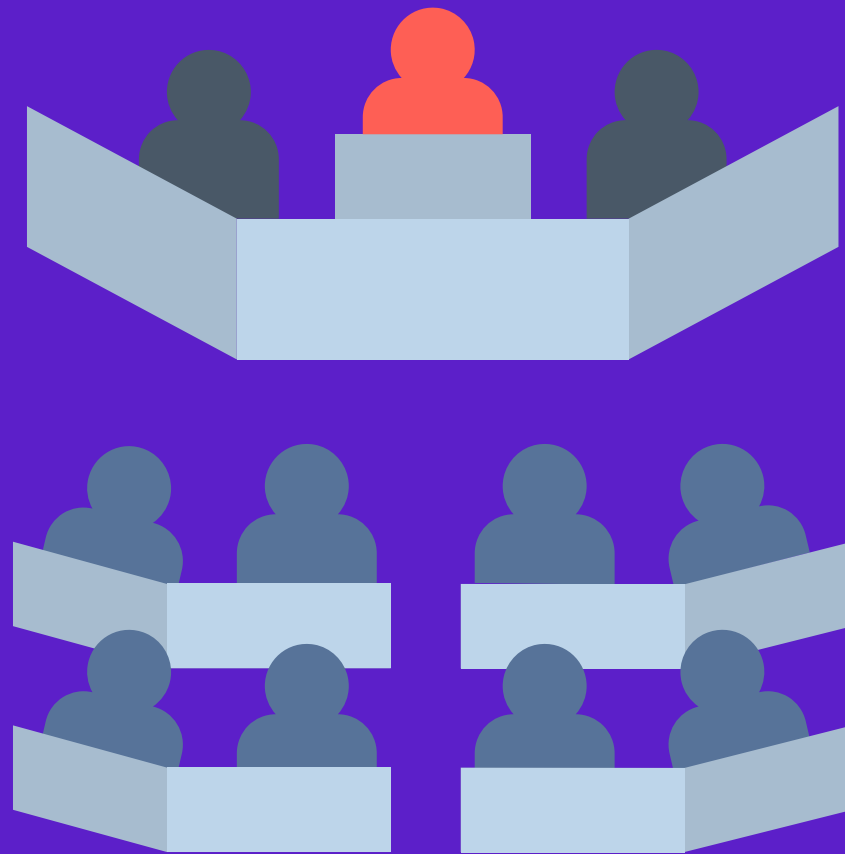
Complete One-Stop Application



Provide proof of residence (HAVA Document)

- NC driver's license, government-issued ID
- Utility bill, bank statement, check
- Student ID card and document issued by school that includes name and on-campus housing

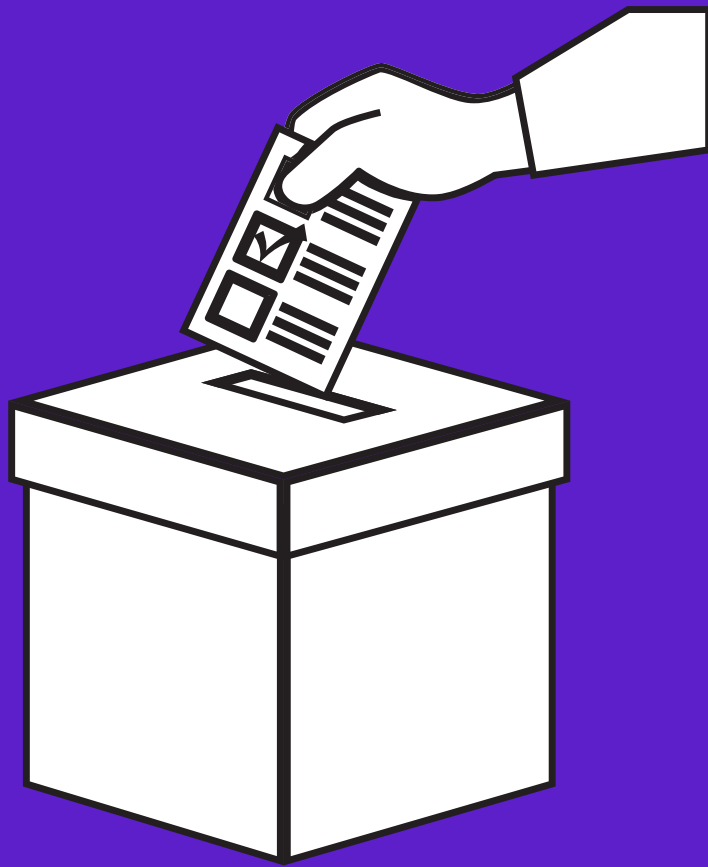
# ***Same Day Registration***



- Early Voting IS Absentee Voting
- Within 2 business days CBOE will:
  - Verify driver's license or SSN.
  - Search for duplications.
  - Verify address by-mail.
    - Ballots will be counted



# ***What is a provisional ballot?***



- Used when a normal ballot cannot be cast.
  - Voter is at the wrong voting precinct (ED only)
  - Voter's record not found in system or other issues with the voter record.
- Every voter has the right to a provisional ballot and can track their ballot.



***Voter ID is the Only  
Change in 2023 Elections***

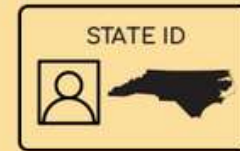
# Clarification on Voter IDs

## NC Driver's License



- Must NOT be expired OR expired for 1 year or less

## Non-Driver's ID From NC DMV



- Must NOT be expired OR expired for 1 year or less

## U.S. Passport or Passport Card



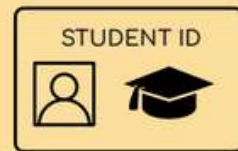
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## Driver's License or Non-Driver ID From A State, Washington DC or U.S. Territory



- Only if voter registered in North Carolina within 90 days of the election.
- Must NOT be expired OR expired for 1 year or less

## College or University Student ID Approved by the NCSBE.



- Must NOT be expired OR expired for 1 year or less

## State or Local Government or Charter School Employee ID Approved by the NCSBE.



- Must NOT be expired OR expired for 1 year or less.

## NC Voter Photo ID Card (free, issued by a county board of elections)



- Voter must provide name, DOB, and the last 4 numbers of their SSN, and have their photo taken.
- Must NOT be expired OR expired for 1 year or less.

## Tribal Enrollment Card



- Must be issued by tribe recognized by NC or federal government.
- May be expired or have no expiration date

## Military or Veteran ID Card Issued by the U.S. Government



- May be expired or have no expiration date

## Public Assistance Program ID Card Issued by NC or U.S. Government



- May be expired or have no expiration date

You do not need an ID just for voting, you just need a form of ID to vote!



# Valid Voter IDs



## COMMON IDs

These IDs must be valid and unexpired, or been expired for 1 year or less

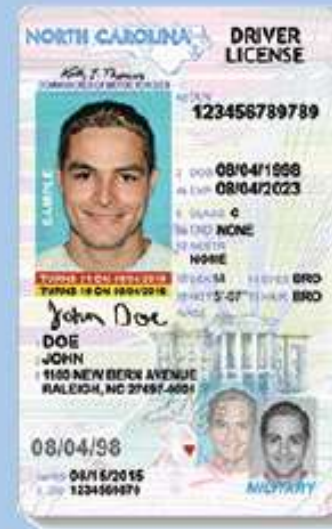
### NC Driver License



### NC Identification Card



### Other Non-Temporary NC DMV Issued ID Cards



### US Passport or US Passport Card



### NC Voter ID Card



### Out of State ID



Driver License or  
Non-Operator ID from a  
different US state or  
US territory  
**ONLY** if the voter  
registered within 90 days  
of the election

A voter 65 or older may use an expired form of acceptable  
ID if the ID was unexpired on their 65th birthday

Military ID and Veteran ID cards have no expiration date requirement



\* Images are for illustrative purposes only. Please refer to the [State Board of Elections website](#) for a complete list of acceptable IDs, including Tribal, Student and Employee IDs.



# ***Board of Elections Voter Photo ID***

**NEED AN ID?** Voters without an acceptable photo ID can get a free Voter Photo ID card from their county board of elections or a No Fee ID Card from the NCDMV.



Scan the QR code to learn more on our **Voter ID page.**

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You can obtain a FREE Voter ID card at the Board of Elections office. This is ONLY good for voting. Cannot be used as ID for anything else.

# ***Elections Processes & Procedures***

# ***Voter Registration***

- Ballots are based on the residential address on the voter registration record.
- Voter Registration: deadline is October 13th @ 5PM, but voters can still register and vote during one-stop early voting
  - Forms in Board of Elections office, DMV offices, and online [https://www.cartercountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9756/NCVoterRegForm\\_06W?bidId=](https://www.cartercountync.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9756/NCVoterRegForm_06W?bidId=)
- Qualifications
  - Be a US Citizen
  - Reside in county for which you are registering
  - Be at least 18 years old by date of general elections
  - 16 – 17 yr. olds can pre-register, but cannot vote until they are 18 at the time of the general election
  - Cannot be serving a sentence for a felony conviction

**Note: By order of the court, people serving a felony sentence who are not in jail or prison for a felony conviction may register and vote, as long as they have completed all post-release duties**

**NORTH CAROLINA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION** (fields in red text are required) 06w

**1** Indicate whether you are qualified to vote or preregister to vote based on U.S. citizenship and age.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America?  
IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO THIS CITIZENSHIP QUESTION, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM. YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO VOTE. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day?  
Are you at least 16 years of age and understand that you must be 18 years of age on or before election day to vote?  
IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO BOTH OF THESE AGE QUESTIONS, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM. YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO REGISTER OR PREREGISTER TO VOTE. ☐ Yes ☐ No

**2** Provide your full legal name.

Last Name Suffix  
First Name  
Middle Name

**3** Provide your date of birth and identification information.

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) State or Country of Birth  
NC Driver License or NC DMV ID Number Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number  
☐ Check if you do not have a driver license or Social Security number. State Voter Registration Number (Optional: To locate, check "Voter Lookup" at www.NCSBE.gov.)

**4** Provide your residential address - where you physically live. Do not enter a P.O. Box or a mail drop location.

Address Number Street Name and Type  
Address Line 2 (e.g., apartment, lot or unit number)  
City State Zip Code  
County Have you lived at this address for 30 or more days? If "No", date moved?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

**5** Provide a mailing address.

Do you receive mail at your residential address?  
☐ Yes ☐ No  
If "No", you are required to provide a mailing address.

Mailing Address Line 1  
Mailing Address Line 2  
Mailing Address Line 3  
City State Zip Code

Fields in RED ink are required

Note:  
RESIDENTIAL address

MAILING address

**NOTE THAT A PHYSICAL ADDRESS IS NOT REQUIRED**

**No Physical Address?** If you do not have an address, use the space to the right to illustrate where you normally live or sleep. Write in the names of the nearest crossroads (or streets). Draw an X on the map to show where you live or usually sleep.

**IMPORTANT:** You should also provide a valid mailing address above to permit the board of elections to send you a voter card.

First Name Used in Last Registration Middle Name Used in Last Registration Last Name Used in Last Registration Suffix  
Address Where You Were Last Registered City/State/Zip Code of Last Registration County of Last Registration

**9** Provide your contact information (optional).  
(This information is helpful if we need to contact you concerning your voter registration. Your telephone number may be disclosed as a public record.)

Area Code Phone Number Email Address Would you like to be contacted to be a poll worker?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

**10** Sign below to attest to your qualifications to vote.  
**FRAUDULENTLY OR FALSELY COMPLETING THIS FORM IS A CLASS 1 FELONY UNDER CHAPTER 163 OF THE NC GENERAL STATUTES.**

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that in addition to having read and understood the contents of this form, that: (1) I am a United States citizen, as indicated above; (2) I am at least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the general election; or I am at least 16 years old and understand that I must be at least 18 years old on the day of the general election to vote; I shall have been a resident of North Carolina, this county, and precinct for 30 days before the date of the election in which I intend to vote; (3) I will not vote in any other county or state after submission of this form and if I am registered elsewhere, I am canceling that registration at this time; and (4) I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed my sentence, including any probation, post-release supervision or parole OR I am serving an extended term of probation, post-release supervision, or parole, I have outstanding monetary obligations, and I am not aware of other reasons for the extension of my period of supervision.

X Signature Required Date

Signature and Date

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# ***Running Elections***

- Identify and procure polling places and early voting sites
- Recruiting and training poll workers and precinct officials
- Preparing and testing voting equipment
  - Ballot proofing
  - Logic and Accuracy Testing
  - Mock Election Event
- Ensuring that all materials needed for elections are available

# ***Validating Voters***

- In NC, county BOEs follow a comprehensive list maintenance schedule to remove names of individuals who are no longer eligible to be registered due to death, felony conviction, moving from the county or state, or lack of voter contact.
- Voter Registration Monthly List Maintenance mandated by federal and state law
  - Duplicate registration check
  - Felony registration check
  - Deceased voters; DHHS, death certificates

# ***List Maintenance***

- Voter Registration  
Biennial List Maintenance mandated by federal and state law
  - No contact from voter for two federal election cycles, voter is sent a forwardable address confirmation mailing, with 30 days to return. If no response, voter marked as inactive.
- Inactive voters can still vote, but must verify and, if necessary, update their address
- Once a registered voter's status becomes Inactive, if the voter remains inactive for an additional two statewide general elections, then following the last general election, the voter will be removed from the list of registered voters and would need to re-register



***Voting Absentee  
with an ID***

# ***Absentee (Mail-in Ballots)***

- To vote by mail, voter must submit NC Absentee Ballot Request form by October 31 at 5PM. BOE mails these out by request only.
  - Paper requests available at County BOE office or can be printed online – completed by voter or near relative
  - Can complete online at N.C. Absentee Ballot Portal
    - All registered NC Voters may request a ballot by mail.
    - Military/Overseas Voter Services
    - Accessible Ballot – for visually impaired voters



# ***Absentee (Mail-in Ballots)***

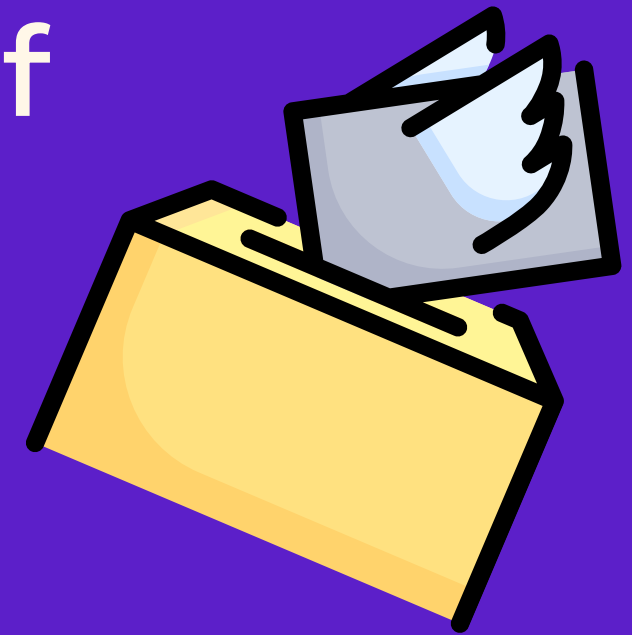
- Ballots can be dropped off in person at any one-stop site or at the board of elections office. If returning in person, ballots must be received by 5PM on Election Day.
- BOE will accept post-marked Election Day ballots up until 3 days after the election at 5PM.
  - All envelopes are reviewed by County BOE to ensure all required items/signatures are included
  - Validated ballots are then inserted into a dedicated tabulator, with counts kept for each absentee ballot meeting. **THESE ARE PUBLIC MEETINGS** – observers are welcome





# ***Absentee (Mail-in Ballots)***

- When submitting your mail-in-ballot, you must also submit a photo copy of your ID
  - There will be a separate envelope included just for you to submit the photo copy
  - You can also send in an ID exception form if you are unable to send in a photo copy of your ID photo
- Mail-in Ballots must be received by 5pm on November 10th (3 days after Election Day)
  - Note: this will change next year, but there is still a 3-day grace period for 2023 elections



# Absentee (Mail-in Ballots) Envelopes

County Board use only

Voter do not write above this line

Step 1: Get your 2 witnesses or notary ready.

See information printed on envelope flap for their eligibility requirements.

Step 2: Voter, sign and complete below.

I certify that:

- I am a US citizen.
- I am at least 18, or will be by the date of the general election.
- I have not been convicted of a felony, or if so, I have completed my sentence (including any probation, post-release supervision, or parole).
- I am registered to vote in this county.
- I will have lived at my address printed above for at least 30 days before this election.
- I understand it is a felony to vote more than once in an election.
- I marked the enclosed ballot or it was marked for me according to my instructions.

Voter, sign here:

X

☐ If a second primary is called, please mail me an absentee ballot for that election.

Name correction (if applicable)

Step 3: Witnesses or notary, certify below.

Each witness or notary certifies that:

- I meet the eligibility requirements as outlined on the envelope flap.
- I respected the secrecy of the ballot unless I assisted at the voter's request.
- The voter marked the ballot in my presence, or caused it to be marked in the voter's presence according to their instruction.
- The voter signed this envelope, or caused it to be signed.

Witness 1 print name:

Street Address / PO Box:

City / State / Zip:

Witness 1, sign here:

Witness 2 print name:

Street Address / PO Box:

City / State / Zip:

Witness 2, sign here:

If using a notary instead of 2 witnesses, the notary also certifies that:

State of

County of

The voter, 

Voter name

 appeared in person and was positively identified on 

Date

Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date

seal

Voter assistant certification (if applicable). As the voter's assistant, I certify that:

- If assisting NOT due to voter's disability: I am the voter's near relative or legal guardian, or I am helping the voter because a near relative or legal guardian is not available to assist the voter, and I am not disqualified from assisting the voter. I am not an owner or staff of a hospital, clinic, nursing home or adult care facility where the voter is a patient. The voter asked for my help marking the ballot and/or this form, and I followed their instructions and was in their presence.
- If assisting, mailing or returning due to voter's disability: The voter asked for my help due to their disability. If I helped mark the ballot and/or this form, I followed the voter's instructions and was in their presence.

Assistant Print Name:

Street Address/ PO Box:

City / State / Zip:

Assistant, sign here:

Instructions

1. Place your marked ballot in this envelope and seal the envelope. Do not add anything else inside this envelope.

2. You and your witnesses or notary complete steps 2 and 3 of this envelope.

3. Place a copy of your photo ID or a completed Disclosure Form in the sleeve on the back of this envelope.

If you are a patient in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or adult care home and do NOT require assistance due to a disability, your witnesses or notary can not be:

- An owner or staff of the facility where you are a patient.
- A person who holds any federal, state, or local elective office.
- A person who holds office in a state, congressional district, county or precinct political party or organization, or who is a campaign manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party.

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class 1 felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

Witness/notary requirements: You must have 2 witnesses (or 1 notary) with you when you mark your ballot. A witness must be 18 or older. A candidate cannot be a notary or a witness (unless the candidate is your near relative or legal guardian or you need assistance due to a disability and you are a patient in a facility).

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☐ I am including a photocopy of my photo ID  
(copy only - do not send us your original ID)

OR

☐ I am including a completed Photo ID Exception Form  
(the yellow sheet in your absentee packet)

↓ You must place ONE of these documents in the clear sleeve. ↓

***Photo ID  
Exception Forms***



# ***ID Exemption Form***

## **ID Exceptions**

If any voter is unable to show photo ID when voting (whether in person or by mail), they may fill out an ID Exception Form and vote their ballot. The voter will choose from the following permitted exceptions:

1. The voter has a “reasonable impediment” to showing photo ID. This means that something is preventing the voter from showing ID. The voter must provide their reason by selecting from the following choices on the form.

1. Lack of transportation
2. Disability or illness
3. Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain ID
4. Work or school schedule
5. Family responsibilities
6. Photo ID is lost, stolen, or misplaced
7. Applied for photo ID but have not received it
8. (For mail voters only) Unable to attach a copy of photo ID (Voter must include driver’s license number or last four digits of Social Security number)
9. Other reasonable impediment (if selected, the voter must write the reason on the form)
10. State or federal law prohibits voter from listing the reason

2. The voter has a religious objection to being photographed.

3. The voter was a victim of a natural disaster within 100 days before Election Day that resulted in a disaster declaration by the President of the United States or the Governor of North Carolina.

# ***Verifying Election Results***

- County Canvass
  - Official process of determining the voter history is validated and votes have been counted and tabulated correctly, resulting in certification of official election results.
  - Board must ensure sample hand-to-eye audit count and any discretionary or mandatory recounts have been completed.
  - Boards confirm all eligible ballots are counted, including:
    - Absentee ballots
    - Provisional ballots
  - The County Board of Elections sign formal Canvass documents in triplicate originals; one for County BOE, filing with clerk of the Superior Court (or local municipal clerk for local elections), and one for the State Board of Elections

# ***Post-Election Audits***

- Conducted after each election
- Types of audits
  - Voter History Audit – count of ATV or one-stop applications to ballot count
  - Manual Entry Audit – audit for transcription errors in manual entries
  - Provisional Audit – data analysts evaluate whether provisional voters were eligible to vote in the counties where they presented to vote
- Sample Audit – ensures voting machines reflected voter choices accurately
- Close Contest Audit – compares margin of victory in contest to the sum of the aforementioned variances (based on other audits) to ensure that the election outcomes are justified
- Risk Limiting Audit – samples batches of ballots to validate the results of the election. Count by hand comparison to machine results must reach 95% confidence interval.



# ***Voting Equipment and Security***

- Before any piece of election equipment can be used, it must be certified by the State Board of Elections.
  - Certification ensures that voting systems remain reliable, accurate, user-friendly, accessible to persons with disabilities, and capable of secure operation.
- N.C. voters use paper ballots, marked either by hand or with a ballot-marking device, providing a paper trail of all votes cast that can be audited or recounted by elections officials.
- North Carolina law requires that voting systems meet certain federal and state requirements.
  - The federal requirements are found in [Section 301 of the Help America Vote Act \(HAVA\) \(PDF\)](#).
  - State requirements are found in sections [163-165.7, -165.8, -165.9, and -165.9A](#) of the North Carolina General Statutes; in [Chapter 4 of Title 8 of the North Carolina Administrative Code](#); and in the State Board's [Voting System Certification Manual \(PDF\)](#).

# ***Voting Equipment and Security***

- The board of elections, in conjunction with the board of commissioners, decide which approved voting system will be used. County purchase of any new system may only come after public demonstration and test use in a simulated election (acceptance testing).
- Under state law, voting equipment may not be connected to the internet or use wireless access, limiting the possibility of outside interference. No modems.
- Once certified as a voting system in North Carolina, the vendor must deposit the system's source code with the state's approved escrow agent, post a bond or line of credit (currently \$17.01 million) to offset the cost of a new statewide election in the event of a defect in the voting system, and establish an office with support personnel in the state.
- For more information visit <https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/voting-equipment>

# ***Common points of mis/dis-information***

- There are NO ballot drop boxes in North Carolina
- Absentee ballots are sent out to registered voters who complete an absentee ballot request form. They are NOT mailed out to every registered voter in North Carolina
- It is LEGAL for 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to mail out absentee ballot request forms
- North Carolina uses paper ballots that are scanned and tabulated by DS200 machines in Carteret County
- Permanent residential addresses can be RV parks and marinas
- Unaffiliated voters can choose which party ballot they would like to vote in a Primary election
- In the General elections, all ballots are the same and are not party specific



# ***How YOU can get involved:***

- Attend Board of Election Meetings:
  - First Wednesday of the month at 9 am
  - Public Comment is allowed at all regular meetings
  - Location: Carteret County Board of Elections, 1702 Live Oak St., Suite 200, Beaufort, NC 28516
    - All meetings are open to the public; currently these are not available online.
- Public can also observe at special meetings:
- Absentee Ballot Meetings
- Election Audit Meetings
- Canvass Meetings – confirm results of election for reporting to state.
- All meetings are listed in advance on the CC BOE website:  
<https://www.carteretcountync.gov/477/Board-Meetings>
- Volunteer as a poll worker to really see this in action!

# ***VOTE!***

***Go to [VOTE411.org](https://VOTE411.org) to see  
sample ballots and find out  
about candidates.***

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# Q&A

Board of Elections  
1702 Live Oak St.  
Suite 200  
Beaufort, NC 28516

E-mail: [boemail@cartercountync.gov](mailto:boemail@cartercountync.gov)

Phone: 252-728-8460

## Hours

Monday – Friday  
8 a.m – 5 p.m.

### Board of Elections

