

VOTING

FROM REGISTRATION TO RETURNS



REGISTERING TO VOTE

1) Complete a **Voter Registration Application**

2) NC Eligibility

- a) US Citizen
- b) resident of the county where you live for **30** days
- c) **18** or older
- d) not currently **incarcerated** or residing in a **mental institution**
- e) in North Carolina, ex-convicts can regain their voter eligibility by simply **applying for voter registration**

AT THE POLLING PLACE

- 1) Election Day is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November
- 2) Your polling place is determined by your address
- 3) The polling place is designated as a non-political location
- 4) No campaigning can take place within several hundred feet of the polls

12th Amendment:

- separate ballots for president and vice president

15th Amendment:

- voting rights for former slaves (African American men)

17th Amendment:

- U.S. Senators are elected directly by the people rather than by state legislatures



19th Amendment:

- gives women the right to vote (suffrage)

23rd Amendment:

- gives people in D.C. the right to vote for the president; D.C. received three electors

24th Amendment:

- bans poll taxes (forbids having to pay a tax to vote)



26th Amendment:

– lowers the voting age to 18

- Passed in response to Vietnam War.

Election cycles

(FYI! Do not need to know.)

Presidential cycle- 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020, 2024

Federal cycle (every two years on the even year) - '00, '02, '04, '06, '08, '10, '12, '14, '16, 18', '20

Municipal elections - 2007, 2011, 2015, 2019 (ex. Mayoral cycle of Cary)

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1) Secret Ballot ensures that people do not feel intimidated about the candidates they are voting for

2) In North Carolina we use a “bubble sheet”

3) For those people who know they will not be able to get to their polling place on Election Day, they may fill out an absentee ballot in advance. It must be received before the prescribed date.

4) North Carolina also uses “No Excuses Early Voting” where people may vote early several scheduled days prior to Election Day

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2012 (L) FORSYTHE

2008 (R) WAKE

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President?

Straight Party?

Patterns?

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Ballot Style G028				Ballot Style 13		
SAMPLE	BALLOT MARKING INSTRUCTIONS: a. With the marking device provided or a black ballpoint pen, completely fill in the oval to the left of each candidate or selection of your choice, like this: . b. Where authorized, you may write in a candidate by filling in the oval and writing the name on the Write-in line. c. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to request a replacement.		PARTISAN OFFICES US House of Representatives District 5 (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Elisabeth Molsinger Democrat <input type="radio"/> Virginia Foxx Republican		NC Commissioner of Labor (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> John C. Brooks Democrat <input type="radio"/> Cherie Berry Republican	
	PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST The offices of President and Vice President of the United States are not included in a Straight Party vote. This contest must be voted separately.		NC Governor (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Walter H. Dalton Democrat <input type="radio"/> Pat McCrory Republican <input type="radio"/> Barbara Howe Libertarian Write-in		NC Secretary of State (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Elaine Marshall Democrat <input type="radio"/> Ed Goodwin Republican	
	President and Vice President of the United States (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Barack Obama Joe Biden Democrat <input type="radio"/> Mitt Romney Paul Ryan Republican <input type="radio"/> Gary Johnson James P. Gray Libertarian Write-in		NC Lieutenant Governor (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Linda D. Coleman Democrat <input type="radio"/> Dan Forest Republican		NC Superintendent of Public Instruction (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> June Atkinson Democrat <input type="radio"/> John Tadesco Republican	
			NC Attorney General (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Roy Cooper Democrat		NC Treasurer (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Janet Cowell Democrat <input type="radio"/> Steve Royal Republican	
	STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING a. Unless otherwise noted, a Straight Party vote is a vote for ALL candidates of that party in PARTISAN OFFICES. It is not necessary to mark individual candidates for PARTISAN OFFICES if you vote a Straight Party. b. You may vote a Straight Party AND ALSO vote for a candidate of a different party in any individual office. c. In any multi-seat race, a Straight Party vote is a vote for ALL candidates of that party. If you individually vote for any candidate in a multi-seat office, you must also individually mark all other candidates in that office for whom you wish to vote in order for all votes for that office to be counted. d. If you do not vote a Straight Party below, you may vote by marking each office separately. e. A Straight Party vote does not include US President and Vice President, unaffiliated candidates, nonpartisan offices, issues or referenda.		NC Auditor (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Beth A. Wood Democrat <input type="radio"/> Debra Goldman Republican		NC State Senate District 32 (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Earline W. Parmon Democrat <input type="radio"/> Reginald Reid Republican	
	Straight Party (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Democratic <input type="radio"/> Republican <input type="radio"/> Libertarian		NC Commissioner of Agriculture (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Walter Smith Democrat <input type="radio"/> Steve Troxler Republican		NC House of Representatives District 71 (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Evelyn Terry Democrat <input type="radio"/> Kris McCann Republican	
			NC Commissioner of Insurance (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Wayne Goodwin Democrat <input type="radio"/> Mike Causey Republican		Continue voting next side →	
			North Carolina		North Carolina	

-- VOTE BOTH SIDES --

Precinct _____
 OFFICIAL BALLOT
 WAKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
 NOVEMBER 4, 2008
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	PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST The offices of President and Vice President of the United States are not included in a Straight Party vote. These offices must be voted separately.		US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 13 (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Brad Miller Democrat <input type="radio"/> Hugh Webster Republican		COMMISSIONER OF LABOR (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Mary Fant Donnan Democrat <input type="radio"/> Cherie Berry Republican	
	PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Barack Obama Joe Biden Democrat <input type="radio"/> John McCain Sarah Palin Republican <input type="radio"/> Bob Barr Wayne A. Root LIBERTARIAN Write-in		GOVERNOR (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Bay Pardue Republican <input type="radio"/> Pat McCrory Republican <input type="radio"/> Michael C. Mungler Republican		SECRETARY OF STATE (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Elaine F. Marshall Republican <input type="radio"/> Jack Sawyer Republican	
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			ATTORNEY GENERAL (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Roy Cooper Democrat <input type="radio"/> Bob Crumley Republican		NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 16 (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Josh Stein Democrat <input type="radio"/> John M. Alexander, Jr. Republican	
	Straight Party (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Democratic <input type="radio"/> Republican <input type="radio"/> LIBERTARIAN		AUDITOR (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Beth A. Wood Democrat <input type="radio"/> Leslie Merritt Republican		NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 35 (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Jennifer Weiss Democrat <input type="radio"/> Eric Weaver Republican	
			COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Ronnie Ansley Democrat <input type="radio"/> Steve Troxler Republican			
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Types of Elections

- 1) Primary elections
 - a) Run-off
- 2) General elections
- 3) Voting on issues
 - a) Proposition
 - b) Referendum
- 4) Special elections
 - a) Recall

All elections are run at the state and local level - even for national offices

Partisan v nonpartisan elections

Some things that we vote for (by level)...

Federal

- President / Vice-President
- U.S. Senators
- U.S. House of Representatives

State

- Governor
- Lt. Gov.
- General Assembly (Sen/House)
- Council of State
- Judges (Superior Court judges *non-partisan* 1996-2018, now partisan again)

Local

- Mayor
- City Council
- County Commissioners
- Sheriff
- Board of Education

Issues

- Laws
- Taxes
- Amendments (constitutional)

EXIT POLLS

- 1) Surveys conducted by media organizations outside of the polling place
- 2) News networks use these to try and predict the outcomes before the polls close to get more viewers and higher ratings
- 3) These are unofficial results

RETURNS

- 1) These are the official results of the election
- 2) Counted after each polling place closes
- 3) If an election is close, there is a mandatory recount
Statewide elections lesser of 0.5% or 10,000 votes
County elections less than 1.0%

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