

# 2012 ELECTION SCHEDULE

May 8, 2012 Primary      June 26 or July 17 Second Primary      November 6, 2012 General Election

## Registration Deadlines:

**Primary & Second Primary** – April 13, 2012

**General** – October 12, 2012

Applications must be postmarked, faxed\* or emailed as an attachment\* by the following dates. Hand delivery is also accepted. (\*Originals of faxed or emailed forms must be received by April 18<sup>th</sup> for the Primary and October 17<sup>th</sup> for the General, if the registration is new or a party change.)

Applications are available at the following locations: Board of Elections Office, Stanly County High Schools, Employment Security Commission, Stanly County Libraries, Department of Social Services, Military Recruitment Offices, Health Department (WIC office), DMV (when you apply for or renew your driver's license), Town Halls, or online at [www.votestanlycounty.com](http://www.votestanlycounty.com).

## Absentee by Mail:

**Mail requests to PO Box 1309 Albemarle NC 28002.**

**Primary:**      March 19, 2012 – May 1, 2012 (requests accepted & ballots mailed)

May 1, 2012 – May 7, 2012 (applications for sick & disabled voters ONLY)

*Ballots must be returned to the Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. May 7, 2012. Also accepted are Civilian ballots postmarked by May 8, 2012 and received by 5:00 p.m. May 11, 2012. Military ballots must be transmitted by 12:01 a.m. (voter time) on May 8, 2012 and received by 5:00 p.m. May 14, 2012.*

**General:**      September 7, 2012 – October 30, 2012 (requests accepted & ballots mailed)

October 30, 2012— November 5, 2012 (applications for sick & disabled voters ONLY)

*Ballots must be returned to the Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. November 5, 2012. Also accepted are Civilian ballots postmarked by November 6, 2012 and received by 5:00 p.m. November 9, 2012. Military ballots must be transmitted by 12:01 a.m. (voter time) on November 6, 2012 and received by 5:00 p.m. November 15, 2012.*

Ballots may be requested by the voter, voter's near relative (spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, stepchild), or a verifiable legal guardian. **Power of Attorney does NOT have this authority.**

Include the following in your request: 1. Full name, 2. Physical address, 3. Address where you want the ballot mailed, 4. Party affiliation (if primary election), 5. Date of birth, 6. Telephone number, 7. Signature

**The request must be signed by the voter OR the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian along with their address. Requests are accepted in person, by mail, by fax, or email of a scanned document.** You may also use an **Absentee Request Form**. Call the Board of Elections at 704-986-3647 to have one sent to you.

## One-Stop Voting: Primary

**Board of Elections Office, 1000 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street – Suite 16, Albemarle**

**Primary:**      Thursday, April 19, 2012—Friday, May 4, 2012

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 5, 2012

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

**Additional Voting Sites:      Norwood Community Bldg., 247 W. Turner St., Norwood 28128**

**SCC Crutchfield Campus, 102 Stanly Pkwy, Locust 28097**

**New London Community Bldg., 118 W Gold Street, New London 28127**

Monday, April 30, 2012—Friday May 4, 2012

Monday-Friday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 2012

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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## One-Stop Voting: General Election

### Board of Elections Office, 1000 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street – Suite 16, Albemarle

Thursday, October 18, 2012—Friday, November 2, 2012

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 3, 2012

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

**Additional Voting Sites:**     **Norwood Community Bldg., 247 W. Turner St., Norwood 28128**  
  **SCC Crutchfield Campus, 102 Stanly Pkwy, Locust 28097**  
  **New London Community Bldg., 118 W Gold Street, New London 28127**

Monday, October 29, 2012—Friday, November 2, 2012

Mon.-Fri. 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 3, 2012

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## How to Register and Vote at a One-Stop Absentee Voting Site:

A North Carolina resident who is qualified to vote but who misses the 25-day deadline for voter registration may register and vote at a One-Stop Site during the One-Stop Absentee Voting period. To use this process, a citizen must (1) go to a One-Stop Voting Site in the county of residence during the One Stop Absentee Voting period, (2) fill out a voter registration application, and (3) provide proof of residency by showing the elections official an appropriate form of identification with the citizen's current name and current address. **The new registrant may vote ONLY at a One-Stop Absentee Voting Site in the county of registration during One-Stop Absentee Voting period and not on Election Day.**

Acceptable forms of identification include:

- ❖ North Carolina driver's license with current address
- ❖ Utility bill (telephone, electric, gas, water, sewer, tv) with name and current address
- ❖ A student photo ID along with a document from the school showing the student's name and current address
- ❖ A paycheck or paycheck stub from an employer or a W-2 statement
- ❖ A bank statement or bank issued credit card statement
- ❖ A document with name and current address from a local, state, or U.S. government agency, such as:  
Passport, government-issued photo ID, or U.S. military ID, A license to hunt, fish, own a gun, A property or other tax bill, Automotive or vehicle registration, Certified documentation of naturalization, A public housing or Social Service Agency document, A check, invoice, or letter from a government agency, A birth certificate

If you cannot supply an acceptable form of identification for Proof-of-Residence, your registration application cannot be fully processed until the required information is provided.

Registered voters may also update their address and change vital information in an existing registration record at the One Stop Site, but they are not allowed to change their party affiliation during the One Stop Voting period that precedes a partisan primary.

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## **ELECTION DAY VOTING INFORMATION**

**If necessary, parties will hold Primaries on May 8, 2012.** In Primaries, each party nominates candidates to run in the General Election. Persons affiliated with a party, vote for the person they want to be represented by in the General Election. North Carolina holds what is known as a closed primary. This means voters may only vote in their party's primary. For example, if you are registered as a Democrat, you can only vote the Democratic ballot.

Parties do allow voters registered as Unaffiliated to vote in their primaries. These voters are allowed to choose ONE primary to vote in. This does NOT allow a voter to mix votes between parties. You must vote with your affiliated party or if registered as Unaffiliated, choose one party to vote with. Non-partisan ballots are available. However, these ballots only include the non-partisan offices and referendum.

**If necessary, parties may also hold a second primary for state and local offices on June 26, 2012 OR for US House of Representatives on July 17, 2012.** A Second Primary occurs when no candidate receives a substantial plurality of the votes cast and the person receiving the second highest number of votes requests a Second Primary. The Second Primary is a continuation of the First Primary. Unaffiliated voters which voted in the First Primary must vote with the same party in the Second Primary. Party changes are not allowed after the voter registration deadline for the First Primary or between Primaries. A voter may vote in the Second Primary even if the voter did not vote in the First Primary.

## **POLLING PLACES**

Polling places are open from 6:30a.m. to 7:30p.m. Voters should go to their precinct polling place to vote on Election Day. A complete list of polling places is available on the office website: [www.votestanlycounty.com](http://www.votestanlycounty.com)

## **CAMPAIGNING**

Campaigning boundaries will be designated at each polling place by a blue chalk mark and signs which state, "No Campaigning Beyond this Point". A complete list is available at the Board of Elections Office and on our website.

## **VOTING EQUIPMENT**

Stanly County uses the M100 Optical Scan Tabulator for voting. To vote, you must fill in the oval to the left of the candidate or selection of your choice. Please use the ink pen provided to vote your ballot. If you have questions, you may ask an official to help you.

Also, voters may use the AutoMARK. This machine allows voters which are blind, illiterate, aged, or physically disabled to cast their ballot without having to ask for assistance. However, any voter may use this to assist them in marking their ballot. The voter inserts the ballot in the machine and uses the headphones & keypad or touch screen to vote. The machine marks the ballot and returns it to the voter to be inserted into the M100 tabulator.

## **VOTING PROCESS**

Upon entrance to the polling place voters should read all signs and view sample ballots posted. Next, state your name, address, and party to the Registration Official. Voters which have a change of name or address will be directed to the Help Station to complete the required paperwork. You will then be asked to sign your voting authorization form. Next, you will be directed to give this form to the Ballot Official. You will be issued a ballot in a secrecy folder and directed to a voting booth to vote your ballot. After marking your ballot you will then deposit it into the M100 tabulator, located near the entrance/exit to the voting area. Once you have completed voting you must leave the voting area immediately.

Voters unable to enter the polling place due to age or physical disability may vote curbside. Curbside parking is available at each precinct and designated by signs which read, "Curbside Voting". Each sign is equipped with a call bell system to alert precinct officials that assistance is needed.

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## **VOTING ASSISTANCE**

Voters which need assistance in marking their ballot must inform an official of this need, stating the reason. The official will determine if assistance is appropriate and ask you to point out the person you would like to assist you. Any voter may receive assistance from a near relative. Voters that are blind, illiterate, or physically disabled may receive assistance from someone of their choice. Persons giving assistance must not persuade the voter to vote in any particular way. They may not make notes of anything which occurs in the voting booth, or reveal to any person how the voter marked the ballot. Persons that may not give assistance are a voter's employer, an agent of that employer, or an agent or officer of the voter's union.

## **PROVISIONAL VOTING**

If a voter's name is not found on the registration list, that voter will be offered a provisional ballot. Also, voters which dispute the party on record, have an unconfirmed address change, or appear at the incorrect precinct may vote a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are placed in envelopes and sent to the Board of Elections to be researched. The Elections office will look for evidence or previous registrations and determine if the voter's ballot may be counted at the Canvass, held seven days after the primary or election.

## **QUESTIONS**

Please call the Board of Elections at 704-986-3647 with questions regarding any voting issues or needs.