

2010 ELECTION SCHEDULE

May 4, 2010 Primary

June 22, 2010 Second Primary

November 2, 2010 General

Registration Deadlines:

Primary & Second Primary – April 9, 2010

General – October 8, 2010

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 13th for the Primary and October 13th 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.

Absentee by Mail: Mail requests to PO Box 1309 Albemarle NC 28002.

Primary: March 15, 2010 – April 27, 2010 (requests accepted & ballots mailed)
April 27, 2010 – May 3, 2010 (applications for sick & disabled voters ONLY)

*Ballots must be returned to the Board of Elections by May 3, 2010 at 5:00 PM
OR be postmarked by May 4, 2010 and received by mail no later than 5:00 PM on May 7, 2010.*

General: September 3, 2010 – October 26, 2010 (requests accepted & ballots mailed)
October 26, 2010— November 1, 2010 (applications for sick & disabled voters ONLY)

*Ballots must be returned to the Board of Elections by November 1, 2010 at 5:00 PM
OR be postmarked by November 2, 2010 and received by mail no later than 5:00 PM on November 5, 2010.*

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: Board of Elections Office, 1000 N 1st Street – Suite 16, Albemarle

Primary: Thursday, April 15, 2010—Friday, April 30, 2010 Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, May 1, 2010 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

General: Thursday, October 14, 2010—Friday, October 29, 2010 Mon.-Fri. 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, October 30, 2010 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

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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:

- ❖ A North Carolina driver's license with current address
- ❖ A utility bill with name and current address
- ❖ A telephone or mobile phone bill
- ❖ An electric or gas bill
- ❖ A cable television bill
- ❖ A water or sewage bill
- ❖ 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:

- ❖ A passport
- ❖ A government-issued photo ID
- ❖ U.S. military ID
- ❖ A license to hunt, fish, own a gun, etc.
- ❖ 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 to 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, the Democrat and Republican parties will hold Primaries on May 4, 2010.

In *Primaries*, each party nominates candidates to run 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. Persons affiliated with a party vote for the person they want to be represented by in the General Election. For example, if you are registered as a Democrat, you can only vote the Democratic ballot or if Republican, you can only vote the Republican ballot.

The Democrat & Republican parties allow voters registered as Unaffiliated to vote in their primary. 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 of Judges.

If necessary, the Democrat and Republican parties may also hold Second Primaries on June 22, 2010.

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. However, even if a voter did not vote in the First Primary, they may vote in the Second Primary.

After nominees are determined a general election will follow on November 2, 2010.

POLLING PLACES

Polling places are open from 6:30a.m. to 7:30p.m. In 2010, Voters should go to their regular polling place to vote on Election Day as indicated on their voter registration card. A complete list is available at the Board of Elections Office and on our website.

ELECTION DAY CAMPAIGNING

Campaigning boundaries will be designated at each polling place by 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. (Cont. next page)

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VOTING PROCESS

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 Parking". Each sign is equipped with a call bell to alert precinct officials that assistance is needed.

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 of previous registrations and determine if the voter's ballot may be counted at the Canvass, held on May 13, 2008.

QUESTIONS

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