

Alexander County

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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June 7, 2016 Primary

In February, the General Assembly enacted <u>S.L. 2016-01</u> and <u>S.L. 2016-02</u>, which redrew districts for the U.S. House of Representatives and established a primary for U.S. House of Representatives on **June 7, 2016**. Those district lines are under review by a federal court and are not final. To check your new district under the proposed plan, <u>click here</u>.

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Absentee by Mail

Any registered North Carolina voter can request a mail-in absentee ballot. This type of absentee voting allows a voter or a near relative or legal guardian to request that an absentee ballot be sent to the voter by mail. The voter may vote the ballot and return it to the Alexander County board of elections by the ballot return deadline. To receive a mail-in absentee ballot for an election, a voter or the voter's near relative* or legal guardian must use the <u>State Absentee</u> <u>Ballot Request form</u> to request the ballot. Request forms are available at the Alexander County Board of Elections' office and on the Alexander County Board of Elections website. The form can be reproduced.

*A "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.

A signed and completed State Absentee Ballot Request Form must be received by the county board of elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday prior to the date of the election for which the ballot is being requested.

A signed and completed request form may be mailed, faxed, e-mailed or delivered in person to the county board of elections office.

Note: A request form must be received for each election that a voter desires to vote a by-mail absentee ballot.

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JUNE 7, 2016 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

ABSENTEE BY MAIL APPLICATION BEGINS	_April 18, 2016	
(You may request an absentee ballot by mail) NCGS §163-227.3 (a) (50 days before Primary Election)		
REGISTRATION DEADLINE		
(Last day to register before the Primary Election) NCGS § 163-82.6 (c) (25 days before election)		
ONE STOP ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS	May 26, 2016	
NCGS § 163-302, NCGS § 163-22.2 (b) (2 nd Thursday before an election)		
Board of Elections Office, 370 1st Avenue SW, Taylorsville		
May 26-27, Thursday through Friday, 8am-5pm		
May 30 , Monday – <u>CLOSED</u> for Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)		
May 31-June 3, Tuesday through Friday, 8am until 5pm		
June 4, Saturday, 8am until 1pm		
ABSENTEE BY MAIL APPLICATION ENDS	May 31, 2016	
NCGS § 163-230.1 (a) (5pm Tuesday before Election Day)		
<u>Voted ballots must be received in the BOE office by 5pm June 7, 201</u>	<u>6</u>	
NCGS § 163-231 (b) NOTE: Ballots postmarked by 5pm on the day of the Elec	ction will be	
accepted until 3 days after the date of the election if received by 5pm.		
ONE STOP ABSENTEE VOTING ENDS	June 4, 2016	
NCGS § 163-227.2 (b) (Saturday before Election Day)		
ELECTION DAY (vote in your assigned precinct)	June 7, 2016	
NCGS § 163-279 (1) POLLS OPEN 6:30AM AND CLOSE 7:30PM		
CANVASS DAY	_June 14, 2016	
NCGS § 163-182.5		

Register to Vote

To register, a person who meets the voting qualifications must sign and <u>complete a voter</u> <u>registration application</u>. When completing the application, applicants must provide their full name, residential address, date of birth, and citizenship status. In addition, the application must be signed. Failure to complete a required field on the form will delay the processing of the application. After completion, the application should be mailed to the board of elections in the county in which the applicant resides. If the application is for new registration in a county, the form must be submitted prior to the voter registration deadline (25 days before each Election). The board of elections must receive the original signed application.

Change my Name/Address

The <u>North Carolina Voter Registration Application</u> may be used to change any voting information, including: name, address and party affiliation. The change notification must be signed, and should be sent to the appropriate <u>County Board of Elections</u> by the voter registration deadline (25 days before each election).

When you move within a county, you should complete an in-county change of address. This can be completed on your voter identification card, a signed letter to your <u>local board of elections</u>, or on the form specified above.

When you move from one county to another, you will need to apply for voter registration in your new county of residence. Use the form specified above, request that an application be mailed to you, or pick up a form at any local board of elections or public library. Note that when you move within the State, the law requires that you update the address on your driver's license within 60 days. When you obtain a duplicate drivers license, you may also elect to update your voter registration information as well.

Note that if you move during a time close to an election, the following rules apply:

- If you have moved more than 30 days prior to the election, you will need to update your registration with your new address (or if applicable, register to vote in your new county of residence) no later than 25 days prior to the election. You will then be registered and may possibly have a new polling location. On election day, if you failed to update your voter registration, you may still vote at your new polling location, as long as you have not moved out of the county of your existing registration. Since your move was unreported, you may be asked to vote a provisional ballot.
- If you have moved fewer than 30 days prior to the election, you are still qualified to vote in your prior polling place and may vote only there, even if you moved outside of your county. It is important that the board of elections is able to contact you by mail to inform you of changes to your polling place and/or voting districts, so be sure to notify the board of any changes to your mailing address.

Change my Party

If you need to make other changes to your voter record (name change, party affiliation change, etc.), you may use a voter registration application. No change may be made without your signature. Note, in a partisan primary, a voter who is registered with a political party may only participate in that party's primary. Voters who are registered as unaffiliated may participate in the primary of any political party that has opened its primary to unaffiliated voters. North Carolina's three recognized political parties have all opened their primaries to unaffiliated voters.

Where do I Vote on Election Day?

On Election Day, you must go to your proper precinct to receive your correct ballot style. Your proper precinct is the polling place for the precinct that is based on the address where <u>you</u> <u>have resided for at least 30 days prior</u> to Election Day. The ballot in your proper precinct will include the entire contests for which you are eligible to vote. To find your proper precinct online, use the NC State Board of Elections <u>NC Polling Place Search</u>. You may also call the Board of Elections office (828)-632-2990.

POLLS OPEN 6:30AM -7:30PM

PLEASE NOTE THE VOTING PLACE CHANGES FOR ELLENDALE AND WITTENBURG PRECINCTS

PRECINCT	VOTING PLACE	ADDRESS
BETHLEHEM #1	BETHLEHEM ELEMENTARY	900 NC HIGHWAY 127
	SCHOOL	TAYLORSVILLE
BETHLEHEM #2	BETHLEHEM COMM.	7373 NC HIGHWAY 127
	FIRE/RESCUE	TAYLORSVILLE
ELLENDALE	ST LUKES LUTHERAN CHURCH	1364 CHURCH ROAD
		TAYLORSVILLE
GWALTNEY #1 #2	GWALTNEY COMM. BUILDING	2218 SHARPE MILL ROAD
		HIDDENITE
LITTLE RIVER AND SUGAR LOAF	LITTLE RIVER COMM. BUILDING	2141 LITTLE RIVER CHURCH
		ROAD TAYLORSVILLE
MILLERS	DRUMSTAND COMM. BUILDING	7830 PAUL PAYNE STORE ROAD
		STONY POINT
SHARPES #1 #2	STONY POINT VOL. FIRE DEPT	501 RURITAN PARK ROAD
		STONY POINT
TAYLORSVILLE #1 #4 #5	ALEXANDER SENIOR CENTER	730 7 [™] STREET SW
		TAYLORSVILLE
TAYLORSVILLE #2 #3	ALEXANDER COUNTY YMCA	260 BLACK OAK RIDGE ROAD
		TAYLORSVILLE
WITTENBURG	FRIENDSHIP LUTHERAN CHURCH	5300 CHURCH ROAD
		TAYLORSVILLE