

NOTICE OF STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION
ALEXANDER COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, in Alexander County to vote on the candidates for the offices of:

Democratic Ballot –US House of Representatives District 5

Republican Ballot – US House of Representatives District 5; NC State Senate District 42

Polls will be open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm on Election Day. One-Stop Absentee voting will be at the Alexander County Board of Elections Office, located at 370 1st Avenue, SW, Taylorsville, beginning on Thursday, April 19, 2018, through May 4, 2018, from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and on Saturday, May 5, from 8 am until 1 pm. Two additional satellite One-Stop Absentee voting locations will be at the Bethlehem Community Fire and Rescue Department located at 7373 NC Hwy 127, Taylorsville, and at the former Energy United Building, 431 Ruritan Park Road, Stony Point, NC beginning on Monday, April 30, 2018, through Friday, May 4, 2018, from 10 am until 6 pm, and on Saturday, May 5, 2018, from 8 am until 1 pm. Canvass Day will be held in the Alexander County Board of Elections Office on May 18, 2018 at 11 am.

Absentee voting by mail is available and begins on March 19, 2018. Requests for an absentee ballot by mail must be made on an absentee request form (available on the State Board of Elections website, at the county board of elections office and where one-stop early voting is offered), and must be received in the Alexander County Board of Elections Office, or any one-stop early voting site by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Alexander County Board of Elections by 5:00 pm on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multipartisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and serve as witnesses.

All persons who are registered to vote with the Alexander County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, April 13, to be eligible to vote in this election. Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites.

Under NCGS 163-111(e) if a second primary is required, the appropriate board of elections, State or County, shall order that it be held 10 weeks after the first primary if any of the offices of which a second primary is required are for a candidate for the office of US Senate or member of the US House of Representatives, which would be Tuesday, July 17, 2018; otherwise, the second primary shall be held 7 weeks after the first primary, which would be Tuesday, June 26, 2018. In the event of a second primary, the polls will be open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm.

The Alexander County Board of Elections will meet in the Board of Elections Office on the following dates and times to approve absentee applications for absentee ballots: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 2 pm, Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 2 pm, Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 2 pm, Monday, May 7, 2018, at 2 pm, Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 2 pm (Election Day), and Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 2 pm. Canvass is at 11 am on May 18, 2018.

Persons with questions about registration, absentee voting, one-stop voting sites, location of polling places, and other election matters may call the Alexander County Board of Elections at (828) 632-2990 Monday through Friday.

ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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