

2012 General Election

Craven County, North Carolina



GENERAL ELECTION

The registration books will close on Friday, October 12, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., for the General Election to be held in Craven County on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

The following contests will be submitted to the voters:

- President & Vice President of the United States
- US House of Representatives – District 1
- US House of Representatives – District 3
- NC Governor
- NC Lieutenant Governor
- NC Auditor
- NC Commissioner of Agriculture
- NC Commissioner of Insurance
- NC Commissioner of Labor
- NC Secretary of State
- NC Superintendent of Public Instruction
- NC Treasurer
- NC State Senate - District 2
- NC House of Representatives - Districts 3, 10, & 12
- Register of Deeds
- NC Supreme Court Associate Justice (Newby Seat)
- NC Court of Appeals Judge (McGee, Bryant, & Thigpen Seats)
- NC District Court Judge (Alexander, Mack, Mills, Quinn, Spencer & Waddell Seats)
- Judicial, District Court Judge – Various
- Craven County Board of Education - District 1,3,5 & 7
- Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor

STRAIGHT-PARTY VOTING

IMPORTANT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

A “straight party” vote does not include the office of **President/Vice President** or any nonpartisan race or issue:

- You must vote for **President/Vice President** separately from the other offices.
- Nonpartisan offices and issues also must be voted separately.

More detailed instructions are on your ballot. For paper ballots, be sure to turn the ballot over because there are contests on the back of the ballot.

The requirements for voter registration are 18 years of age (by the date of the General Election) and 30 days residency by date of election. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

Voters who are presently registered need not re-register for this election. Those residents who are not registered to vote, have address or name changes, or wish to change their party affiliation must do so by Friday, October 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. After October 12th, new registrations and changes – WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGES - may be done in-person at a One Stop Early voting site.

A person may register at the office of the Craven County Board of Elections, located at 406 Craven Street, new Bern, NC 28560, Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., or at any branch of the Craven County Public Library, Driver License Offices (when conducting license business), Public Assistance Agencies, agencies serving persons with disabilities, public high schools and various town halls.

A voter may apply for an absentee ballot beginning Monday, September 07, 2012 and ending 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 30, 2012. The application must be made in writing to the Craven County Board of Elections.

“One-Stop” absentee voting begins Thursday, October 18, 2012 and ends Saturday, November 3, 2012. There will be four locations for One Stop absentee voting. Those sites are the **County Administration Building, the State Farm Insurance complex in Havelock, the Vanceboro Fire Department & the Cove City Fire Department. Specific address’s and hours of operation are listed below.**

The Board of Elections will meet at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates: October 16th, 23rd, 30th, and November 5th, to approve returned absentee ballots. Absentee ballots will be counted on Election Day, November 6th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Elections Office. Results will be released at 7:30 p.m. when the polls close.

Any questions about registration, absentee ballots, location of polling places, and other election matters may be answered on the Elections Department Website within the Craven County Website @ www.cravencounty.com/departments/elc.cfm or by telephoning the Board of Elections’ office at 252-636-6610.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting is comprised of two methods by which registered voters may cast ballots other than the traditional method of appearing in person and casting a ballot on the day of the election. These methods are mail in absentee and absentee one-stop.

Mail in Absentee

- The fastest way to receive an absentee by mail is to mail a **HANDWRITTEN LETTER** to the Craven County Board of Elections. Please do not send requests filled out on forms not issued by this office
- *Craven County Board of Elections
Attn: Absentee Request
406 Craven Street
New Bern, NC 28560*

Any registered North Carolina voter may request an absentee ballot from the Craven County Board of Elections prior to the last Tuesday before the election.

A written request from the voter or the voter's *near relative must include the following:

- full name;
- residential address;
- date of birth;
- address to which the ballot should be mailed;
- Election in which voter wishes to vote a mail-in absentee ballot; and partisan ballot choice (if election is a primary and voter is Unaffiliated); and
- Signature of requestor.

*A request by mail can be made for the voter, by his/her self or by a near relative (spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, or verifiable legal guardian). If a near relative, the requestor must also include his or her name, address, and relationship to the voter.

Near relatives may use the same letter to request an absentee ballot both for themselves and for any other eligible family member. It is permissible for a near relative to request a partisan ballot choice for a voter. When a request is received by the Board of Elections office, and it is verified, an absentee application and ballot will be mailed to the address provided.

Effective January 1, 2004, if an individual registered to vote on or after January 1, 2003 and did not present identification he/she will be required to submit **one** of the following forms of identification with returned absentee ballot:

1. A current and valid photo identification;
2. A current utility bill showing name and residential address;
3. A current bank statement showing name and residential address;
4. A current government check or document showing name and residential address;
5. A current paycheck showing name and residential address.

SPECIAL POSTAGE NOTICE FOR MAILED ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Proper postage must be affixed when returning absentee balloting materials to the Craven County Board of Elections. Most ballot return envelopes exceed the standard size (11½" X 6 1/8" maximum). The postage on larger envelopes is typically higher. The post office should be contacted before mailing an absentee ballot if there is any doubt.

Sealed absentee ballots may be returned in person by the voter or his/her near relative.

Please call the Craven County Board of Elections at 252-636-6610 with any questions.

Uniformed and Overseas Citizens (UOCAVA)

UOCAVA citizens are members of one of two groups.

1. Member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. Uniformed services of the United States includes, but is not limited to, the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, the Merchant Marine, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, and members of the National Guard and Military Reserve,
2. United States Citizens residing outside the United States.

How can I apply?

- Federal Voting Assistance website for more information: <http://www.fvap.gov>

Absentee One Stop

ONE-STOP VOTING

One-Stop Early Voting will be held **OCTOBER 18, 2012 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 2012** in the following locations at the times shown below:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am till 6:00 pm, Saturdays 8:00 am till 1:00 pm and Sundays, 1:00 pm till 5:00 pm in the:

Craven County Board of Elections Office
County Administration Building
406 Craven St.
New Bern, NC 28560

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am till 6:00 pm and Saturdays 8:00 am till 1:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY VOTING AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITES:

Cove City Fire Department
425 S. Main St.
Cove City, NC 28523

~ State Farm Complex ~
Suite 102, 288 Hwy 70 West
Havelock, NC

Vanceboro Fire Department
375 NC HWY 43
Vanceboro, NC 28586

A North Carolina resident who is qualified to register and vote may register In-Person and vote at a One-Stop site in the person's county of residence during the One-Stop Absentee Voting period.

From the NC State Board of Elections Absentee Voting Brochure:

In North Carolina, a non-registered person may register to vote for the first time and vote at one-stop sites. In order to register, one-stop registrants are required to present ID* that show the person's name and current address in the county. One-stop registrants are only permitted to vote during the one-stop voting period. They may not register at one-stop and then expect to vote on Election Day.

Election Day Electioneering

In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 163-166.4, please remember there is to be no campaigning within 50 feet of the entrance to the voting location on Election Day. Precinct officials have a difficult job managing voter flow and assuring procedures are followed within the voting enclosure. Unnecessary electioneering within the 50 foot parameter detracts from the effective operations of the polling place and interrupts the election process.

Election Day Assistance to Voters

In accordance with N.C.G.S. § 163-166.8, the following scenarios permit assistance to voters in the polling place on Election Day:

- 1) Near relatives may assist voters at the request of the voter:

Spouse	Grandparent	Daughter-in-Law	Son-in-Law
Parent	Grandchild	Sibling	Stepparent
Child	Mother-in-Law	Father-in-Law	Stepchild
- 2) Any person may assist blind, disabled, or illiterate voters, ***ONLY IF REQUESTED BY VOTER.***
- 3) Precinct Election Officials may assist any voter, ***ONLY IF REQUESTED BY VOTER.***

2012 General Election Contest and Candidates – Craven County, North Carolina

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Barack Obama/Joe Biden (Dem)

Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan (Rep)

Gary Johnson/James P. Gray (Lib)

US HOUSE DISTRICT 1

G. K. Butterfield (Dem)

Pete DiLauro (Rep)

Darryl Holloman (Lib)

US HOUSE DISTRICT 3

Erik Anderson (Dem)

Walter B. Jones (Rep)

NC GOVERNOR

Walter H. Dalton (Dem)

Pat McCrory (Rep)

Barbara Howe (Lib)

NC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Linda D. Coleman (Dem)

Dan Forest (Rep)

NC ATTORNEY GENERAL

Roy Cooper (Dem)

NC AUDITOR

Beth A. Wood (Dem)

Debra Goldman (Rep)

NC COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Walter Smith (Dem)

Steve Troxler (Rep)

NC COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

Wayne Goodwin (Dem)

Mike Causey (Rep)

NC COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

John C. Brooks (Dem)

Cherie Berry (Rep)

NC SECRETARY OF STATE

Elaine Marshall (Dem)

Ed Goodwin (Rep)

NC SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

June Adkinson (Dem)

John Tedesco (Rep)

NC TREASURER

Janet Cowell (Dem)

Steve Royal (Rep)

NC STATE SENATE - DIST 2

Greg Muse (Dem)

Norman Sanderson (Rep)

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DIST 3

Robert B. Cayton (Dem)

Michael Speciale (Rep)

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DIST 10

Jim Babe Hardison (Dem)

John Bell (Rep)

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - DIST 12

George Graham (Dem)

Jim Dancy (Rep)

COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

Sherri B. Richard (Dem)

NON PARTISAN RACES

NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

Sam J. Ervin IV

Paul Martin Newby

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

Linda McGee

David S. Robinson

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

Wanda Bryant

Marty McGee

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

Chris Dillon

Cressie Thigpen

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Karen A. Alexander

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Peter Mack, Jr.

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

L. Walter Mills

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Paul M. Quinn

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Clinton Rowe

Cheryl Spencer

NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

W. David McFadyen III

Kirby Smith

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - DIST 1

Linda M. Thomas

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - DIST 3

Carroll G. (Carl) Ipock II

Dave LaVigne

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - DIST 5

David Hale

Tanya P. Roberts

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - DIST 7

Joseph L. Walton

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION SUPERVISOR

Gretchen C. Davis

TERM OF OFFICE

US

United States President	Four years
United States Senate	Six years
United States House	Two years

State

Governor	Four years
Lieutenant Governor	Four years
Secretary of State	Four years
Auditor	Four years
Treasurer	Four years
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Four years
Attorney General	Four years
Commissioner State Agriculture	Four years
Commissioner of Labor	Four years
Commissioner State Insurance	Four years
State Senator	Two years
State House of Representative	Two years
State Justices and Judges of the Appellate Division	Eight years
Judges of Superior Court	Eight years
Judges of District Court	Four years
District Attorney	Four years

Local

County Commissioners	Four years
Board of Education	Four years
Clerk of Superior Court	Four years
Register of Deeds	Four years
Sheriff	Four years

2012 Elections Schedule and Information

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February 8th noon – February 26th noon ---- Filing Period for Candidates

September 7th 8am – October 30th 5pm ---- Absentee Ballots by Mail Available

October 12th 5pm ---- Voter Registration Deadline

October 18th 8am – November 3rd 1pm-One Stop Voting

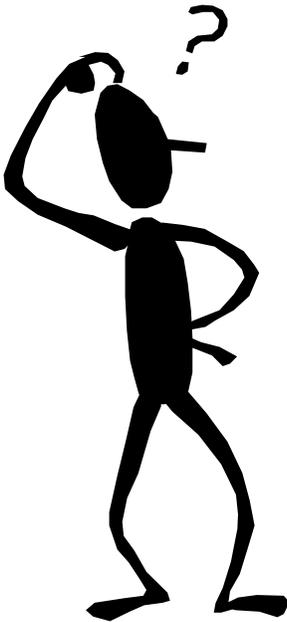
November 5th 5pm ---- Return Deadline for Voted Absentee Ballots

November 6th 6:30am – 7:30pm ---- GENERAL ELECTION

November 16th 11am ---- Canvass

November 19th 5pm ---- Deadline for Recount Requests

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Our website also now includes links to interactive maps of Craven County's Polling locations and One Stop early voting sites.

Check out our website @
www.cravencounty.com/departments/elc.cfm

Check Back Often

