

2012 PRIMARY Election

Craven County, North Carolina



PRIMARY ELECTION

The registration books will close Friday, April 13, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., for the Primary Election to be held in Craven County on Tuesday, May 8, 2012. Voters may also register and vote during the One-Stop Absentee Voting (early voting) period (see below for details).

The following contests will be submitted to the voters:

- Democratic, Republican and Libertarian Presidential Preference Primary
- Democratic US House of Representatives – District 1
- Republican US House of Representatives – District 3
- Democratic and Republican NC Governor
- Democratic and Republican NC Lieutenant Governor
- Republican NC Auditor
- Democratic and Republican NC Commissioner of Agriculture
- Republican NC Commissioner of Insurance
- Democratic NC Commissioner of Labor
- Republican NC Secretary of State
- Republican NC Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Democratic and Republican NC Treasurer
- Republican NC Senate - District 2
- Republican NC House of Representatives - Districts 3 & 10
- Judicial, District Court Judge – Waddell seat – Non-Partisan
- Craven County Board of Education - District 5 only – Non-Partisan
- Constitutional Amendment

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, May 8, 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, April 13, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. After April 13th, new registrations and changes – WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGES - may be done in-person at a One-Stop Absentee Voting (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.

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 One-Stop Absentee Voting (early voting).

Mail in Absentee

- The fastest way to receive an absentee ballot by mail is to send a WRITTEN, SIGNED 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 can request an absentee ballot from the Craven County Board of Elections prior to the last Tuesday before the election. A voter may apply for an absentee ballot beginning on Monday, March 19, 2012 and ending at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2012. The application must be made in person or in writing to the Craven County Board of Elections.

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 which voter wishes to vote a mail-in absentee ballot; and partisan ballot choice (if election is a primary and voter is Unaffiliated).
- 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 absentee ballot if there is any doubt.

Sealed absentee ballots may be returned in person by the voter or their 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).

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

Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (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>

ONE-STOP ABSENTEE VOTING (EARLY VOTING)

One-Stop Absentee Voting (early voting) begins on Thursday, April 19, 2012 and ends Saturday, May 5, 2012. One-Stop Absentee Voting (early voting) will be held at the following locations, dates, and times:

APRIL 19, 2012 THROUGH MAY 5, 2012
April 19th through May 4th, Monday – Friday 8:00 am till 5:00 pm
Saturday, May 5th 8:00 am till 1:00 pm

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

**ADDITIONAL ONE-STOP ABSENTEE VOTING (EARLY VOTING) SITES
WILL ALSO BE OPEN APRIL 19, 2012 THROUGH MAY 5, 2012:
April 19th through May 4th, Monday – Friday 11:00 am till 6:00 pm
Saturday, May 5th 8:00 am till 1:00 pm**

<u>Cove City Fire Department</u> ~ <u>St. Christopher's Episcopal Church's parish hall</u> ~ <u>Vanceboro Fire Department</u>		
425 S. Main St. Cove City, NC 28523	1100 E Main St. Havelock, NC	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 Absentee Voting (early voting) site in the person's county of residence during the One-Stop Absentee Voting (early voting) period.

From the NC State Board of Elections Absentee Voting Brochure:

In North Carolina, a non-registered person can 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 shows 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.*

Absentee Board Meetings

The Board of Elections will meet at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates: April 17th, 24th, May 1st, and 7th, to approve returned absentee ballots. Absentee ballots will be counted on Election Day, May 8th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Board of Elections Office; results will not be released until after 7:30 p.m. when the polls close.

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 polling place on Election Day. Precinct officials have a difficult job managing voter flow and assuring procedures are followed within the voting enclosure. 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 voting enclosure 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 Primary Candidate List

Presidential Preference (Dem)

Obama, Barack

Presidential Preference (Rep)

Gingrich, Newt
Paul, Ron
Romney, Mitt
Santorum, Rick

Presidential Preference (Lib)

Gary, Roger
Harris, R. J.
Johnson, Gary
Person, Carl
Still, Bill
Wrights, Lee

US House of Representatives District 1 (Dem)

Whittacre, Daniel-Lynn
Butterfield, G. K.

US House of Representatives District 3 (Rep)

Jones, Walter B.
Palombo, Frank

NC Governor (Dem)

Dalton, Walter H.
Dunn, Gary M.
Etheridge, Bob
Faison, Ollie William, Jr.
Henley, Gardenia M.
Blackmon, Bruce

NC Governor (Rep)

Harney, James
Jones, Scott A.
Mahan, James E.
McCrary, Pat
Moss, Charles Kenneth
Wright, Paul

NC Lieutenant Governor (Dem)

Mansfield, Eric L.
Coleman, Linda D.

NC Commissioner of Insurance (Rep)

McCall, James
Morgan, Richard
Causey, John Michael

NC Commissioner of Labor (Dem)

Foster, Marlowe
Richardson, Tyrone
Brooks, John C.

NC Secretary of State (Rep)

Daoud, Abraham J.
Gardner, Kenneth Michael
Goodwin, Edward Charles
Beitler, Michael

NC Superintendent of Public Instruction (Rep)

Martin, Ray Ernest
Scholl, David
Tedesco, John
Alexander, Richard
Crawford, Mark

NC Treasurer (Dem)

Elmer, Roger Ronald
Cowell, Janet

NC Treasurer (Rep)

Roche, Frank
Royal, Steven L.

NC State Senate District 2 (Rep)

Jones, Kendall W.
Ramsey, Randall Clark
Sanderson, Norman Wesley Jr.

NC House of Representatives District 3 (Rep)

Langston, Wayne
Speciale, Michael David
Tripp, Clayton

NC House of Representatives District 10 (Rep)

Laroque, Stephen Alexander
Bell, John Richard IV

NC Lieutenant Governor (Rep)

Folwell, Dale
Forest, Dan
Gurley, Tony
Mills, Paul Grey Jr.
Rich, Arthur Jason

NC Auditor (Rep)

Debragga, Joseph Hank
Dority, Greg
Goldman, Debra
Shubert, Fern
Wright, Rudy

NC Commissioner of Agriculture (Dem)

Smith, Walter
Bryant, Scott

NC Commissioner of Agriculture (Rep)

McManus, William Joseph
Troxler, Steve

District Court Judge District 3B (Waddell Seat)

McFadyen, W. David III
Smith, Kirby
Bush, Bernard

School Board County – District 5

Bennett, Rex
Hale, David Earl
McNulty, Bernadette L.
Roberts, Tanya P.

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

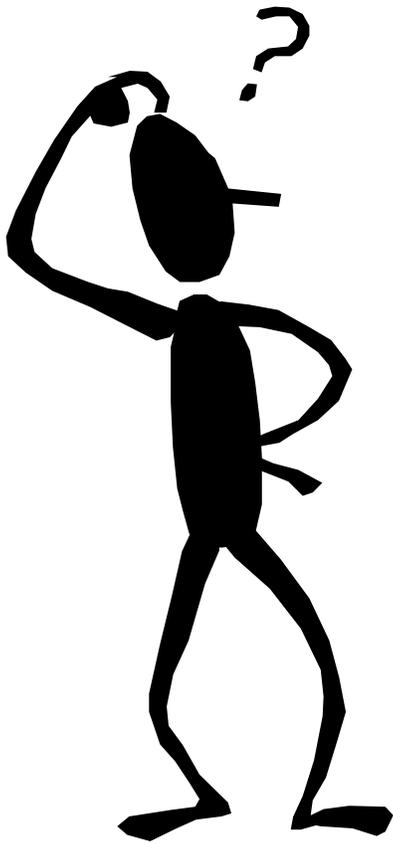
2012 Elections Schedule

February 13th noon – February 29th noon ---- Filing Period for Candidates
March 19th 8am – May 1st 5pm ---- Absentee Ballots by Mail Available
April 13th 5pm ---- Voter Registration Deadline
April 19th 8am – May 5th 1pm- ---- One-Stop Absentee Voting (early voting)
May 7th 5pm ---- Return Deadline for voted Absentee Ballots
May 8th 6:30am – 7:30pm ---- PRIMARY ELECTION
May 15th 11am ---- County Canvass
May 16th 5pm ---- Deadline for Recount Requests
May 17th noon ---- Deadline to Request a Second Primary

2012 General Election Schedule

June 14th 5pm ---- Petition Due for Unaffiliated State & Multi-County Candidates
June 11th noon – July 6th noon ---- Filing Period for Soil & Water Candidates
June 29th noon ---- Petition Due for Unaffiliated County Candidates
July 24th 5pm ---- Petition Due for Write-In State & Multi-County Candidates
August 8th noon ---- Petition Due for Write-In County Candidates
September 7th 8am – November 5th 5pm ---- Absentee Ballots by Mail Available
October 12th 5pm -- - Voter Registration Deadline
October 18th 8am – November 3rd 1pm ---- One-Stop Absentee Voting (early voting)
November 5th 5pm ---- Return Deadline for Absentee Ballots
November 6th 6:30am – 7:30pm ---- GENERAL ELECTION
November 16th 11am ---- County 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

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