

Three Ways to Vote

- * **Absentee-by-mail**
- * **One-Stop Early Voting**
- * **Election Day**

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO
VOTE!**



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Important Dates 2016

Absentee-by-Mail Voting Begins:

Monday, January 25, 2016

Voter Registration Deadline:

Friday, February 19, 2016

5:00 pm

One-stop Voting Begins:

Thursday, March 3, 2016 8:00 am

**Last Day to Request an
Absentee Ballot by Mail:**

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 5:00 pm

One-stop Voting Ends:

Saturday, March 12, 2016 1:00 pm

**Last Day to Return an
Absentee Ballot by Mail:**

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 5:00 pm

Primary Election Day:

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

Polls open 6:30am-7:30 pm

County Canvass:

Tuesday, March 22, 2016 11:00 am



One-Stop Voting Location and Times

To Be Determined

Open:

Thurs. March 3 — Sat. March 12, 2016

Craven County



Board of Elections

Absentee Voting Guide 2016

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ABSENTEE VOTING INFORMATION

Who can vote absentee?

Any person who is registered to vote in North Carolina can vote an absentee-by-mail ballot or at a One-Stop voting site in their county before the day of the Election. This is known as Absentee Voting.

Requesting a ballot by mail

If it is more convenient for you to vote by mail, you may request an absentee ballot by mail by filling out the **required State Absentee Request form** which is found on our webpage, in our office, or the office can mail you one.

Request forms have to be requested and signed by the voter or a near relative can request for the voter. **Note:** *A Power of Attorney is not allowed to sign for a voter.*

The last day an absentee-by-mail ballot request can be received and processed is 5:00 pm on the last Tuesday before the election.

Once your request is received, it will be processed and your ballot will be mailed.

NOTE: *A request form must be received for each election that a voter desires to vote an Absentee-by-mail ballot.*

Military/Overseas voters go to www.FVAP.gov for more information on voting Absentee.

More information is available on our webpage!

Absentee-by-Mail:

Voters may submit an Absentee-by-Mail request prior to the schedule established by law for the Board of Elections to mail out a ballot. Voters should be cautious to allow adequate time for the passage of their request and ballot through the mail. The Board of Elections will begin mailing ballots 50 days prior to Election Day for Primaries and General Elections AND 30 days prior for municipal elections. Again, it is in the best interest of the voter to submit a request for an Absentee-by-mail ballot as early as possible.

Request on behalf of near relatives:

If you qualify as a “near relative”, you may request an absentee ballot by mail on the voter’s behalf.

To qualify as a “near relative”, you must have one of the following relationships:

- Spouse
- Sibling (brother or sister)
- Parent
- Grandparent/Grandchild
- Child
- Mother/Daughter-in-law
Father/Son-in-law
- Stepparent/Stepchild



You are required to identify the relationship in your request.

Absence for Sickness/Physical Disability: A voter or voters’ near relative or legal guardian may go in person to the Board of Elections after the Tuesday before the election, but not later than 5 pm the day before the election, because of a voters’ sickness or other physical disability and make a request for an absentee ballot.

One-Stop Absentee Voting

One-Stop Absentee voting (Early Voting) is available beginning the 2nd Thursday before and ending at 1 pm on the last Saturday before Election Day. Times are determined by the Board of Elections and approved by the State Board of Elections before each election. **Must show a valid PhotoID to vote in-person at One-Stop.**

More information is available on our webpage!

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Voting an absentee ballot

An absentee-by-mail ballot packet will include; an instruction sheet, a paper ballot, a return envelope.

It is very important for voters to fully **read the provided instruction sheet carefully.** All instructions need to be followed to ensure each vote is to be counted. These instructions will direct voters on proper writing instruments to be used in the proper marking of the ballot, remind a voter to have witnesses to sign and address the return envelope.

VOTERS MUST SIGN THEIR RETURNED BALLOT ENVELOPE AND HAVE ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION AND ALL SIGNATURES COMPLETED FOR THE BALLOT TO BE COUNTED

Note: *POA’s cannot sign for a voter-Voters must make their own signature marks.*

After marking the ballot, PLEASE place it in the return envelope and drop in the mail, with the proper postage, or you may personally deliver it to the Board of Election’s office.

Ballots may only be returned in person or by a near relative of the voter.

RETURN DEADLINE

The deadline for a voted absentee-by-mail ballot to be received by our office is 5 pm the day of the Election.

Ballots are timely if postmarked by Election Day and received by 5:00 pm the Friday after Election Day.

SAMPLE BALLOTS

Available 50 days prior to an Election Day for primaries and general elections and 30 days prior to municipal elections. Found on web page and copies available in the Craven Co. Bd of Elections office after ballots have been received.



Ballots are voter specific and are based on the voter’s residence address and proper jurisdictions a voter is eligible to vote in.