

## NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION CRAVEN NORTH CAROLINA

The statewide primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Voters will be asked to show photo ID when they vote. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without ID. Voters without ID may vote provisionally by completing a photo ID exception form or by later bringing their photo ID to the county board office by noon on the third business day after the election. Voters who lack ID can get one for free from their county board of elections. Find out more at [ncsbe.gov/voter-id](https://ncsbe.gov/voter-id)

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, February 12, 2026, through Saturday, February 28, 2026.

- County Board of Elections Office, 406 Craven Street, New Bern, NC 28560
- Cove City Fire Department, 425 S. Main Street, Cove City, NC
- Vanceboro Fire Department, 375 NC Hwy 43, New Bern, NC
- AMP, LLC, 322 E. Main Street, Havelock, NC

Sites will be open Weekdays 8 am – 7:30 pm, Saturday February 21st and 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 3 pm.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning January 12, 2026 Absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections no later than 7:30 p.m. on March 3, 2026. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at [votebymail.ncsbe.gov](https://votebymail.ncsbe.gov), or by filling out a request form provided by the county board of elections office. The request must be received through the website or by the Craven County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. February 17, 2026.

In the primary election, voters will select nominees for a political party to move on to the general election on November 3rd. **Contests on the ballot include U. S. Senate, U.S. House, N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice, N.C. Court of Appeals Judge, Superior and District Court Judge, N.C. House and Senate, and county offices.** In the primary, voters affiliated with a political party will be given a ballot of candidates for their party, if their party has a primary. Unaffiliated voters may choose to vote in any party's primary, but they may select only one party's ballot.

The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, February 6, 2026. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. Individuals registering to vote at an early voting site will be required to provide current documentation of their residence (for example, a government ID, other government document, or a paycheck, bank statement, or utility bill). Voters who wish to change party affiliation must do so by the February 6 deadline.

Buffer Zones are clearly marked at all sites and maps can be found on the county BOE web page.

Questions? Call the Craven County Board of Elections Office at 252-636-6610 or send an email to [cravenboe@cravencountync.gov](mailto:cravenboe@cravencountync.gov)

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