

VOTE EARLY IN PERSON!

The one-stop "in-person" absentee voting process permits voting at any of the designated early voting locations prior to election day.

Many long term care facilities will take advantage of the one-stop voting process. The following suggestions are offered in an effort to promote a positive voting experience:

- Curbside voting is available for handicapped residents who might have difficulty getting into the one-stop voting location. Look for the curbside parking space to activate the curbside bell.
- Consider calling ahead to alert the Elections personnel so that they can be prepared for the number of residents that will arrive to vote early. **250-4222**
- Please encourage staff and residents to call the Election Services office at **250-4200**, ahead of time to resolve questions in regard to voter eligibility.

ONE-STOP 2014 - GENERAL

Begins: Thursday, October 23rd, 2014

Ending: Saturday, November 1st, 2014

Call 250-4200 or check our website for Early Voting Locations & times.

AT THE VOTING PLACE

Upon entering the voting place you will be asked to state your name, address and party (partisan primary election only) to the precinct election officials. If you are properly registered, you will be given the appropriate ballot. If there is a problem with your registration status, you will be given a **PROVISIONAL BALLOT**; this allows Election Services an opportunity to verify your registration status.

2014 ELECTION DATES

General Election - November 4, 2014

ELECTION DAY VOTING

Voting Locations are open from 6:30 am - 7:30 pm on Election Day.

To vote in Buncombe County you must:

- have been a county resident for 30 days by the date of the election.
- be registered to vote in Buncombe County.

You will be assigned a voting location within the precinct where you live when you register or when you notify Election Services of an address change within Buncombe County.

Find your correct polling precinct and location at:
<http://voter.buncombecounty.org>

TRANSFER VOTING

If you have moved within Buncombe County more than 30 days prior to an election and failed to notify Election Services, it is a violation of the law to return to your old precinct and vote. *There are procedures that will allow you to vote in your new precinct.* Call Election Services for further information.

CURBSIDE VOTING

If you are unable to enter the voting place because of a physical disability, you will be allowed to vote either in your vehicle or immediately outside the voting place. Look for the curbside parking space to activate the curbside bell or have someone come inside to inform our workers of your desire to vote in this manner.

FUTURE PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS

Beginning in 2016, North Carolina will require voters to show a photo identification (photo ID) when they present to vote in person. This change is a result of the Voter Information Verification Act or "VIVA." Until 2016, most voters will not be required to show any form of identification when they vote.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA)

Before 2016, there are certain voters who will be required to show some form of identification when they present to vote – either "in person" or when voting "by mail." First-time voters, who at the time of their initial voter registration did not provide their North Carolina driver license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number, or who provided a number that could not be validated, will be required to show identification when they vote. This identification does not have to be a photo ID. The requirement for first-time voters to show identification is a requirement of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002, a federal law not unique to North Carolina.

Acceptable forms of HAVA ID include:

A current and valid photo ID or a copy of one of the following documents that show the name and address of the voter: a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document.

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24 HOUR VOTER HOTLINE
828.250.4200

For more information visit:

BUNCOMBECOUNTY.ORG/VOTE

ELECTION SERVICES ★ 35 WOODFIN ST. ASHEVILLE, NC 28801
PO BOX 7468 ASHEVILLE, NC 28802
FAX - 828.250.6262

VOTER REGISTRATION

You may register to vote if you are:

- a citizen of the United States.
- a person 18 years of age or older.
- a person 17 years of age who will be 18 by the date of the general election.
- a legal resident of Buncombe County.
- not a convicted felon.

Buncombe County has a permanent registration system. You need to register only if you:

- have not previously registered in Buncombe County.
- your Buncombe County registration has been cancelled because you registered in another county or state.
- your voter registration has been cancelled because you were convicted of a felony and your citizenship rights have now been restored.

You need to update your registration if you:

- have moved within Buncombe County since you registered.
- have changed your name.
- wish to change your party affiliation.

A voter registration card will be mailed to you once your registration has been processed. Keep the card as a reference for your election districts and voting location. You may use this card to change your address or party affiliation. You do not need to present this card to vote.

PARTY AFFILIATION

You may register with any political party recognized in the State of North Carolina. If you do not declare a party, you will be registered as unaffiliated. Party affiliation determines the partisan primary for which you are eligible to vote. In a partisan primary election, unaffiliated voters may choose to vote in any one recognized party's primary and will be asked to state their preference at the time they vote. If an unaffiliated voter chooses not to participate in a partisan primary, a nonpartisan ballot will be provided.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

2014 Election Registration

If mailed, the registration form must be received in the office or postmarked by October 10, 2014 for the November General Election.

Hand delivered forms must be received by Election Services office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the respective registration deadline.

REGISTRATION LOCATIONS

You may register to vote or make changes to your registration information at:

- **Election Services** – 35 Woodfin Street
Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Or you may obtain a mail-in registration form at the following locations in Buncombe County:

- **Public Libraries**
- **Public High Schools**
- **Various Town Halls**

Or when receiving services at the following public service agencies:

- **Drivers License Offices**
- **Public Assistance Agencies**
- **Agencies Serving Persons with Disabilities**

NO OUT OF PRECINCT VOTING

Voters who vote on Election Day must vote at the polling place for their correct precinct, based on their residential address as of 30 days prior to the date of the election. County boards of elections will not be able to count any provisional ballot for a voter that does not vote at his or her correctly assigned precinct on Election Day unless the provisional ballot is related to an unreported move within the county. Such a ballot runs the risk of only being partially counted due to ballot style availability. We advise everyone to make their best effort to vote in the correct precinct or to vote early.

You will be assigned a voting location within the precinct where you live when you register or when you notify Election Services of an address change within Buncombe County.

Find your correct voting location at:
<http://voter.buncombecounty.org>

ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY MAIL

Every voter in the state of North Carolina is permitted to vote absentee by mail, without an excuse. Therefore, you need not be sick or disabled to request a ballot for absentee voting.

REQUESTS BY MAIL

Download and send in a State Absentee Ballot Request Form to Buncombe County Election Services or call (828) 250-4222 to request a form by mail.

Requests must be received by Election Services office no later than 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the election. After the request is processed, a ballot will be mailed to the voter.

A near relative (*spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, or verifiable legal guardian*) may request in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday prior to the election, an Absentee Request on your behalf. After the request is processed, a ballot will be mailed to the voter.

NEAR RELATIVE REQUEST

If a voter becomes ill after the Tuesday deadline, a qualified near relative may come into the office and apply for a ballot for the voter. A ballot will be issued to the near relative at the counter. A voted ballot must be returned by the voter or the voter's near relative.

RETURNING VOTED BALLOTS

The voted ballot must be returned to the Election Services office by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election or postmarked and received by 5:00 p.m. no later than three days after the election.

DECEASED VOTER

Election Services must have official notification from a near relative or from the Dept. of Health and Human Services to remove a person's name from the registration records. The Notification of Deceased Voter Form can be found on our website. Please call (828) 250-4200 for more information.

OTHER ABSENTEE VOTING INFORMATION

It is declared a Class I felony for any owner, manager, director, employee or other person other than the voter's near relative or legal guardian to make a written request or mark or assist in marking the voter's absentee ballot on behalf of a registered voter who is a patient in any hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home in this State or for any owner, manager, director, employee, or other person other than the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, to mark the voter's absentee ballot or assist such a voter in marking an absentee ballot.

Nursing homes and rest home facilities may request a bipartisan team trained by the Election Services office to assist voters with absentee ballots. Please call our office for details.

It is declared a Class I felony for any person to take into that person's possession for delivery to a voter or for return to a county board of elections, the absentee ballot of any voter, provided however, that this prohibition shall not apply to a voter's near-relative or the voter's verifiable legal guardian.

The absentee ballot request application must be signed only by the voter or the voter's near relative or legal guardian as defined under Near Relative Request. **Power of Attorney does not apply and will not be accepted for the absentee voting by mail process.**

If you have additional questions about absentee voting by mail, please call (828) 250-4222.

IT'S 9:00 P.M. AND YOU JUST WATCHED ANOTHER POLITICAL AD... AND NOW YOU'RE WONDERING WHERE, HOW OR EVEN IF YOU ARE REGISTERED? NO NEED TO WAIT TILL MORNING.

**CALL OUR 24 HOUR VOTER HOTLINE
828.250.4200**

An operator will ask for your birthdate & street number. You will be given your current voter information, and an option to request a registration form if there are changes you need to make. You can also be directed to request absentee ballots, maps, or directions to your precinct.

DON'T WAIT TILL MORNING! YOU CAN CALL NOW!