

VOTER INFORMATION
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To qualify to vote in North Carolina, the applicant must sign a voter declaration attesting that he or she:

- is a citizen of the United States
- has been a resident of North Carolina and this county for 30 ~~Days~~ **Months** before the election
- will be at least 18 years old by the next General Election
- is not registered nor will vote in any other county or state
- if convicted of a felony, has had rights of citizenship restored

Where to register to vote or make changes in one's registration:

- Board of Elections Offices
- Public Libraries
- Drivers License Examining Offices
- Public Assistance Agencies
- Agencies serving persons with disabilities
- Armed Forces Recruitment Offices
- Public High Schools

A qualified resident needs to register **ONLY** if:

- Not previously registered in Henderson County
- Henderson County registration has been canceled because of registration in another county or state
- Voter registration has been canceled because of felony conviction. Citizenship rights are automatically restored when probation is completed, but resident must reregister.

A citizen may register with any political party recognized in the State of North Carolina. Party affiliation determines the primary in which a voter is eligible to vote. A voter may also register unaffiliated, but during a partisan primary election, they must declare the party primary in which they wish to cast their vote.

A registration form may be hand delivered or mailed to the Board of Elections office. If mailed, the form must be postmarked at least 25 days before the day of the election. If hand delivered, the form must be received no later than 5:00 pm on the 25th day prior to the election.

Once the registration form has been completed and submitted to the local Board of Elections office, allow two to six weeks for delivery of the voter identification card. Read the information thoroughly and note any changes or mistakes on the card. This card can be used to make

name changes, party affiliation changes, and address changes within the county. The voter identification card will show the name and location of the voter's polling place. It is for the voter's use only and is not required in order to vote.

Changes in the election laws now permit citizens to register up to the Saturday before the election, provided they bring one of the following ID types with them: current NC driver's license, current passport, current utility bill showing residence address, current bank statement, current government check, current paycheck, and/or other current government documents which show residence address.

Changes in one's party affiliation **cannot** take place during ONE-STOP VOTING. If a voter wants to change party affiliation, it must be done at least 25 days before the election.

17 Year Olds Voting and Party Primaries

Seventeen year olds may vote in party primaries if they will be 18 years old at the time of the general election or regular municipal election for which the primary is held. Such voters shall be registered not earlier than 60 days nor later than the last day for making application to register by law.

Elections

Henderson County is divided into 35 voting precincts. Polling places for each precinct are advertised in the Hendersonville Times-News prior to each election. The polls are open on Election Day from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm. In addition to primary and general elections, special elections may be called by a city, county, state or special district for purposes of submitting proposals to the voters (examples: bond issues, referendums or amendments to the state constitution). Special elections may be held at the same time as a primary or general election, or at some other time.

National, State, District and County - General Elections are held in even numbered years on Tuesday following the first Monday in November - primary elections are held on Tuesday following the first Monday in May.

County School Board - Non-partisan elections are held in even numbered years at the same time as general elections.

Municipal Elections - General Elections are held in odd numbered years. The General Elections are held on Tuesday following the first Monday in November. If the elections are non-partisan, the primaries are held on the fourth Tuesday before the general election.

Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor - Non-partisan elections are held in even numbered years at the same time as the General Election.

Absentee Voting

By Mail: To request an absentee ballot, a voter should send a written request to the county Board of Elections no earlier than 50 days before an election and no later than the Tuesday before the election. The request should include name of the voter, residential address, date of birth, address where the voter would like the ballots mailed and signature of voter or near relative (indicate relationship with voter). Near relatives may also request absentee ballots using the same format as above and must also include the relationship to the voter and the near relative's contact information. A near relative includes: spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild.

If the voter is qualified, an application and ballots will be mailed to the voter after the receipt of the request. The voted ballot must be received in the County Board of Elections office by 5:00 PM on the day before the election in order to be counted.

One-Stop Voting

Any registered North Carolina voter may choose to vote in person using One-Stop Absentee Voting that begins the third Thursday before the election and ends the Saturday prior to the election. Voters are able to vote by One-Stop voting at the Board of Elections offices during regular office hours and at additional sites as designated by the local Board of elections.

PARTY ORGANIZATION

The two permanently established parties in North Carolina are the Democratic and the Republican parties. Both parties are organized on the precinct, county, district and state levels.

POLITICAL ADDRESSES

11th U.S. Congressional District: All Henderson County precincts

42nd N.C. Senatorial District: All Henderson County precincts.

113 N.C. House of Representatives District: Armory, Atkinson, Crab Creek, East Flat Rock, Etowah South, Flat Rock, Green River, Raven Rock

117 N.C. House of Representatives District: Bat Cave, Brickton, Clear Creek, Carolina Village, Edneyville, Etowah Valley, Fletcher, Grimesdale, Hoopers Creek, Horse Shoe, Hendersonville 1, Hendersonville 2, Hendersonville 3, Long John Mountain, Laurel Park, Moore's Grove, North Blue Ridge, Northeast, North Mills River,

Northwest, Park Ridge, Pisgah View, Rugby, South Blue Ridge,
Southeast, South Mills River, Southwest

29B Judicial District: Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania counties.

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