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Study: One Vote Can Turn an Election in North Carolina

Does one vote really make a difference in an election?

A new study from the nonpartisan voting rights group Democracy North Carolina shows that in a surprising number of cases a handful of votes can determine who wins or loses, especially in odd-year municipal elections like those now underway across the state.

By analyzing elections held in November 2015, the organization's researchers identified 69 cities in NC where the mayor or a town council member won their election by five or fewer votes.

In 31 cities, how one person decided to vote made the difference in who won or lost.

"I was surprised to see how many places had very close contests," said Bob Hall, Democracy North Carolina's executive director. "Of course, many of these are small towns but the elections involve mayors and even several ties settled by a coin toss or another method that follows state law."

In Sparta, in western North Carolina, one candidate in a tied-vote election for town council called heads – and lost. A coin toss also broke ties for council seats in Sylva, West Jefferson, Clarkton (Bladen Co.), and Godwin (Cumberland Co.), while drawing the winner's name from a box decided a council seat in Dover (Craven Co.). In Garland (Sampson Co.), the tied candidates put colored pens in a box, and the elections board chair picked the winner, a purple pen.

The mayors of Spruce Pine (Mitchell Co.), St. Pauls (Robeson Co.) and Biscoe (Montgomery Co.) squeaked by with one-vote victories. Mayors in 9 other towns won by five or fewer votes: Angier (Harnett & Wake Co.), Atkinson (Pender Co.), Cooleemee (Davie Co.), Mooresboro (Cleveland Co.), Newton Grove (Sampson Co.), Roxobel (Bertie Co.), Sylva (Jackson Co.), St. Paul (Robeson Co.), and Teachey (Duplin Co.).

Other cities with races settled by 5 or fewer votes in 2015 include Bladenboro, Bryson City, Chadbourne, Creedmoor, Lumberton, Marshville, Nashville, Oriental, Plymouth, Ramseur, Wallace, and Whiteville. A complete list is at demnc.co/2015close (and also below).

"Local elections are where citizens can have the most impact and, vice versa, who they choose has a big impact on their lives," said Sunny Frothingham, senior researcher at Democracy NC. "The winners oversee the police, decide funding for vital services, shape neighborhood development, set tax rates, and more."

"These local officials may win by a narrow margin, but history shows they may eventually become a state legislator or even member of Congress," she added. "Participating in local elections can have an immediate impact on voters' daily lives and shape the pipeline of political leaders long term."

Early voting continues in most towns until 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 4. The State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement has created a list of the locations and hours of all early voting sites at demnc.co/earlyvote17.

On Election Day, November 7, polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. People in cities with elections can see their **personal ballot** by following the directions at demnc.co/ballot.

Close North Carolina Elections in 2015

The spreadsheet below shows mayoral and council contests in 2015 that were decided by 5 votes or less. The yellow highlighted rows show the winning and losing candidates for a contested seat. For example, in an at-large race where 3 candidates with the most votes win (i.e. # Seats =3), the highlighted rows show the candidates with the 3rd and 4th most votes, with the 4th place finisher losing by 5 or fewer votes. (If there is a tie for 4th place, both candidates are highlighted.)

Source: http://er.ncsbe.gov/?election_dt=11/03/2015&county_id=1&office=ALL&contest=0

	COUNTY	CITY COUNCIL OR MAYORAL CONTEST	CANDIDATE	# SEATS	VOTES
1	ALAMANCE	OSSIPEE COUNCIL MEMBER	Billy Carter	3	25
	ALAMANCE	OSSIPEE COUNCIL MEMBER	Ernest (Smokey) Bare	3	25
	ALAMANCE	OSSIPEE COUNCIL MEMBER	Danny Sutton	3	19
	ALAMANCE	OSSIPEE COUNCIL MEMBER	Paul Farris	3	15
	ALAMANCE	OSSIPEE COUNCIL MEMBER	Royce Fargis	3	15
	ALAMANCE	OSSIPEE COUNCIL MEMBER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	1
2	ALLEGHANY	SPARTA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER	Terry McGrady	3	80
	ALLEGHANY	SPARTA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER	Chris Jones	3	73
	ALLEGHANY	SPARTA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER	Agnes Joines	3	61
	ALLEGHANY	SPARTA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER	Milly Richardson	3	61
	ALLEGHANY	SPARTA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER	Jack Wagoner	3	55
	ALLEGHANY	SPARTA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER	Carollyn Thomas	3	32
	ALLEGHANY	SPARTA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER	Iboya Pasley	3	27
	ALLEGHANY	SPARTA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	1
3	ASHE	LANSING ALDERMAN	Michelle Slaton	2	15
	ASHE	LANSING ALDERMAN	Jim Blevins	2	14
	ASHE	LANSING ALDERMAN	Brenda Reeves	2	10
4	ASHE	WEST JEFFERSON ALDERMAN	Jerry C. McMillan	2	82
	ASHE	WEST JEFFERSON ALDERMAN	Brett T. Summey, Sr.	2	77
	ASHE	WEST JEFFERSON ALDERMAN	Rusty Barr	2	77
	ASHE	WEST JEFFERSON ALDERMAN	Lester S. Mullis	2	44
	ASHE	WEST JEFFERSON ALDERMAN	Barry Davis	2	17
5	AVERY	BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL	Renee Castiglione	3	132
	AVERY	BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL	Wendel L. Sauer	3	121
	AVERY	BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL	Rick Owen	3	72
	AVERY	BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL	Carl Marquardt	3	67
	AVERY	BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL	Tony Ananea	3	58
	AVERY	BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL	Fred France	3	56
	AVERY	BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL	Cindy Keller	3	16
	AVERY	BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL	Dottie Moretz	3	11
	AVERY	BEECH MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	2
6	AVERY	CROSSNORE ALDERMAN	Eddie Yarber	3	36
	AVERY	CROSSNORE ALDERMAN	Hannah (Ginny) Smith	3	30
	AVERY	CROSSNORE ALDERMAN	Dan Vance (Write-In)	3	24
	AVERY	CROSSNORE ALDERMAN	Dale Henson	3	23
	AVERY	CROSSNORE ALDERMAN	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	2

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7	AVERY	ELK PARK COUNCIL MEMBER	Daniel Boone	5	32
	AVERY	ELK PARK COUNCIL MEMBER	Joel Whitley	5	30
	AVERY	ELK PARK COUNCIL MEMBER	Tommy Norman	5	26
	AVERY	ELK PARK COUNCIL MEMBER	Tony Eller	5	24
	AVERY	ELK PARK COUNCIL MEMBER	Michael Smith	5	22
	AVERY	ELK PARK COUNCIL MEMBER	Brad Benfield	5	20
	AVERY	ELK PARK COUNCIL MEMBER	Mike Whittington	5	20
	AVERY	ELK PARK COUNCIL MEMBER	Neil Reece	5	14
	AVERY	ELK PARK COUNCIL MEMBER	Cory Hughes	5	12
8	BEAUFORT	CHOCOWINITY COMMISSIONER	Curt Jenkins	2	60
	BEAUFORT	CHOCOWINITY COMMISSIONER	Casey T. Langley	2	45
	BEAUFORT	CHOCOWINITY COMMISSIONER	Arlene D. Jones	2	42
	BEAUFORT	CHOCOWINITY COMMISSIONER	M. L. Dunbar	2	14
	BEAUFORT	CHOCOWINITY COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	2	3
9	BERTIE	ROXOBEL MAYOR	Alvin Simmons	1	52
	BERTIE	ROXOBEL MAYOR	Gary Johnson	1	47
10	BERTIE	ROXOBEL TOWN COMMISSIONER	David L. Baisey	4	52
	BERTIE	ROXOBEL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Manuel Lee Joyner, Sr.	4	48
	BERTIE	ROXOBEL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Sammy R. Pruden	4	46
	BERTIE	ROXOBEL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Carolyn Bracy	4	44
	BERTIE	ROXOBEL TOWN COMMISSIONER	H. C. Boschen	4	41
	BERTIE	ROXOBEL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Alton H. Parker	4	38
	BERTIE	ROXOBEL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Carroll Minton	4	29
	BERTIE	ROXOBEL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Stanley F. Harrell	4	28
	BERTIE	ROXOBEL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Gene Mitchell	4	26
	BERTIE	ROXOBEL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	4	1
11	BLADEN	BLADENBORO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Gene Norton	3	205
	BLADEN	BLADENBORO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Patsi Callihan	3	181
	BLADEN	BLADENBORO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Sarah Jane Benson	3	148
	BLADEN	BLADENBORO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Larry Hayes	3	145
	BLADEN	BLADENBORO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Everett Butler	3	107
	BLADEN	BLADENBORO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	1
12	BLADEN	CLARKTON TOWN COMMISSIONER	Jimmy Hudson, Sr.	1	25
	BLADEN	CLARKTON TOWN COMMISSIONER	Lawrence McDougald	1	25
13	CALDWELL	SAWMILLS MAYOR (UNEXPIRED TERM)	Joesph L. (Joe) Wesson	1	203
	CALDWELL	SAWMILLS MAYOR (UNEXPIRED TERM)	Johnny Wilson	1	200
	CALDWELL	SAWMILLS MAYOR (UNEXPIRED TERM)	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	1	5
14	CATAWBA	BROOKFORD ALDERMEN	Byran A. Wright	2	34
	CATAWBA	BROOKFORD ALDERMEN	Sue Noblitt	2	31
	CATAWBA	BROOKFORD ALDERMEN	William (Bill) McGregor	2	30
	CATAWBA	BROOKFORD ALDERMEN	Randy Beam	2	26
15	CLEVELAND	GROVER COMMR (UNEXPIRED TERM)	Todd Wyllys	2	31
	CLEVELAND	GROVER COMMR (UNEXPIRED TERM)	Tony L. Willis Sr. (Write-In)	2	21
	CLEVELAND	GROVER COMMR (UNEXPIRED TERM)	Cynthia O'Brien	2	18
	CLEVELAND	GROVER COMMR (UNEXPIRED TERM)	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	2	13

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16	CLEVELAND	LAWNDALE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	Sarah Queen	3	53
	CLEVELAND	LAWNDALE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	Reece McRorie	3	39
	CLEVELAND	LAWNDALE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	Ray Padgett	3	31
	CLEVELAND	LAWNDALE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	Farrell Laughlin	3	26
	CLEVELAND	LAWNDALE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	5
17	CLEVELAND	MOORESBORO MAYOR	John O. Eargle	1	19
	CLEVELAND	MOORESBORO MAYOR	Thomas Whitaker (Write-In)	1	15
	CLEVELAND	MOORESBORO MAYOR	Donald Terry (Write-In)	1	1
18	CLEVELAND	WACO BOARD OF ALDERMEN	Pete Sauls	2	33
	CLEVELAND	WACO BOARD OF ALDERMEN	Brandy Sanders	2	28
	CLEVELAND	WACO BOARD OF ALDERMEN	Diana Beebe (Write-In)	2	27
	CLEVELAND	WACO BOARD OF ALDERMEN	Barbara Zackavich (Write-In)	2	27
	CLEVELAND	WACO BOARD OF ALDERMEN	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	2	3
19	COLUMBUS	BRUNSWICK TOWN COMMISSIONER	Everlene Davis	2	62
	COLUMBUS	BRUNSWICK TOWN COMMISSIONER	Jackie Williams-Rowland	2	60
	COLUMBUS	BRUNSWICK TOWN COMMISSIONER	Nancy H. Hill	2	59
	COLUMBUS	BRUNSWICK TOWN COMMISSIONER	Queen Hawkins	2	59
20	COLUMBUS	CHADBOURN TOWN COUNCIL	Donald Ray Bass	3	207
	COLUMBUS	CHADBOURN TOWN COUNCIL	Colene (Tootie) Kelly	3	203
	COLUMBUS	CHADBOURN TOWN COUNCIL	James Green	3	197
	COLUMBUS	CHADBOURN TOWN COUNCIL	Jay Suggs, Jr.	3	196
	COLUMBUS	CHADBOURN TOWN COUNCIL	Brian Edwards	3	172
	COLUMBUS	CHADBOURN TOWN COUNCIL	Edwin L. Roberts	3	121
	COLUMBUS	CHADBOURN TOWN COUNCIL	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	6
21	COLUMBUS	WHITEVILLE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1	Robert B. Leder	2	203
	COLUMBUS	WHITEVILLE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1	Sara B. Thompson	2	156
	COLUMBUS	WHITEVILLE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1	Emory Worley	2	155
	COLUMBUS	WHITEVILLE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	2	7
22	CRAVEN	DOVER ALDERMAN	Theodore Bright	5	88
	CRAVEN	DOVER ALDERMAN	Gary Whitley	5	86
	CRAVEN	DOVER ALDERMAN	Bobby Pollard	5	80
	CRAVEN	DOVER ALDERMAN	William Randy Mitchell	5	70
	CRAVEN	DOVER ALDERMAN	W. (Maxie) Davenport, Jr.	5	61
	CRAVEN	DOVER ALDERMAN	Audrey Hart (Write-In)	5	61
	CRAVEN	DOVER ALDERMAN	Billy Hoffman	5	56
	CRAVEN	DOVER ALDERMAN	Daniel New	5	47
	CRAVEN	DOVER ALDERMAN	John Wetherington III	5	40
	CRAVEN	DOVER ALDERMAN	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	2
23	CUMBERLAND	GODWIN COMMISSIONER	Ronald McNeill	4	26
	CUMBERLAND	GODWIN COMMISSIONER	George Cooper, Jr.	4	24
	CUMBERLAND	GODWIN COMMISSIONER	Donald McIntyre	4	19
	CUMBERLAND	GODWIN COMMISSIONER	Darold Dugger	4	17
	CUMBERLAND	GODWIN COMMISSIONER	Robert McKenzie	4	17
	CUMBERLAND	GODWIN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	4	3

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24	DAVIDSON	DENTON TOWN COUNCIL	David L. Askew	3	195
	DAVIDSON	DENTON TOWN COUNCIL	Ronnie Haneline	3	154
	DAVIDSON	DENTON TOWN COUNCIL	Julie Russell Loflin	3	135
	DAVIDSON	DENTON TOWN COUNCIL	Scott S. Morris	3	132
	DAVIDSON	DENTON TOWN COUNCIL	Barbara Surratt Hogan	3	132
	DAVIDSON	DENTON TOWN COUNCIL	Kenny Small	3	32
	DAVIDSON	DENTON TOWN COUNCIL	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	7
25	DAVIE	COOLEEMEE MAYOR	Steven Corriher	1	78
	DAVIE	COOLEEMEE MAYOR	Jeannie McDaniel Taylor	1	73
	DAVIE	COOLEEMEE MAYOR	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	1	4
26	DUPLIN	CALYPSO COMMISSIONER	Sarah Nielsen	5	36
	DUPLIN	CALYPSO COMMISSIONER	Diana Lewis	5	35
	DUPLIN	CALYPSO COMMISSIONER	Katherine Thigpen	5	28
	DUPLIN	CALYPSO COMMISSIONER	Greg Martinez	5	23
	DUPLIN	CALYPSO COMMISSIONER	Larry Cashwell (Write-In)	5	6
	DUPLIN	CALYPSO COMMISSIONER	Alan Story (Write-In)	5	5
	DUPLIN	CALYPSO COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	13
27	DUPLIN	TEACHEY MAYOR	Lois McCartney	1	39
	DUPLIN	TEACHEY MAYOR	Leonard D. Fillyaw	1	34
28	DUPLIN	WALLACE COUNCILMAN	William Jeffery Carter	3	136
	DUPLIN	WALLACE COUNCILMAN	Jason Wells	3	134
	DUPLIN	WALLACE COUNCILMAN	David Warren Hepler	3	123
	DUPLIN	WALLACE COUNCILMAN	Greg Cave	3	118
	DUPLIN	WALLACE COUNCILMAN	Graham Kilpatrick (Write-In)	3	11
	DUPLIN	WALLACE COUNCILMAN	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	4
29	EDGECOMBE	PRINCEVILLE COMMISSIONER WARD 2	Linda Joyner	1	12
	EDGECOMBE	PRINCEVILLE COMMISSIONER WARD 2	Ann Brown Howell	1	11
30	GASTON	MOUNT HOLLY COUNCILMAN	Perry Toomey	3	424
	GASTON	MOUNT HOLLY COUNCILMAN	Jeff Meadows	3	387
	GASTON	MOUNT HOLLY COUNCILMAN	J. Jason Gowen	3	362
	GASTON	MOUNT HOLLY COUNCILMAN	Carolyn Holbrook Breyare	3	361
	GASTON	MOUNT HOLLY COUNCILMAN	Melissa McGinnis	3	214
	GASTON	MOUNT HOLLY COUNCILMAN	Richard D. Barnes	3	189
	GASTON	MOUNT HOLLY COUNCILMAN	Ben C. Taylor III	3	104
	GASTON	MOUNT HOLLY COUNCILMAN	Zarek Melton	3	98
	GASTON	MOUNT HOLLY COUNCILMAN	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	10
31	GASTON	RANLO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Doug Moore	3	181
	GASTON	RANLO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Ronnie E. Laws	3	177
	GASTON	RANLO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Wade Morton	3	170
	GASTON	RANLO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Linda M. Rhyne	3	166
	GASTON	RANLO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Robin Conner	3	152
	GASTON	RANLO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Rodney Aldridge	3	140
	GASTON	RANLO TOWN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	3

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32	GRAHAM	LAKE SANTEETLAH COUNCIL MEMBER	Jim Hager	5	27
	GRAHAM	LAKE SANTEETLAH COUNCIL MEMBER	Bob Crabtree	5	26
	GRAHAM	LAKE SANTEETLAH COUNCIL MEMBER	John Garland	5	25
	GRAHAM	LAKE SANTEETLAH COUNCIL MEMBER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	24
	GRAHAM	LAKE SANTEETLAH COUNCIL MEMBER	Bob Wehr	5	22
	GRAHAM	LAKE SANTEETLAH COUNCIL MEMBER	Connie Gross	5	18
	GRAHAM	LAKE SANTEETLAH COUNCIL MEMBER	Roger Carlton	5	14
	GRAHAM	LAKE SANTEETLAH COUNCIL MEMBER	Chris Griggs	5	11
	GRAHAM	LAKE SANTEETLAH COUNCIL MEMBER	David Dickert	5	10
33	GRANVILLE	CREEDMOOR COMMISSIONER	Archer Wilkins	3	368
	GRANVILLE	CREEDMOOR COMMISSIONER	Ernie Anderson	3	290
	GRANVILLE	CREEDMOOR COMMISSIONER	Herman B. Wilkerson	3	280
	GRANVILLE	CREEDMOOR COMMISSIONER	Jason Jenkins	3	277
	GRANVILLE	CREEDMOOR COMMISSIONER	Jimmy Minor	3	245
	GRANVILLE	CREEDMOOR COMMISSIONER	Amor Agdeppa	3	196
	GRANVILLE	CREEDMOOR COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	7
34	GREENE	WALSTONBURG TOWN COMMISSIONER	Brenda Moore Haymond	5	31
	GREENE	WALSTONBURG TOWN COMMISSIONER	Gary Langston	5	31
	GREENE	WALSTONBURG TOWN COMMISSIONER	Ronald Turner	5	30
	GREENE	WALSTONBURG TOWN COMMISSIONER	Ray Holloman (Write-In)	5	20
	GREENE	WALSTONBURG TOWN COMMISSIONER	Bonnie Riddle	5	19
	GREENE	WALSTONBURG TOWN COMMISSIONER	Robert B. Hicks	5	17
	GREENE	WALSTONBURG TOWN COMMISSIONER	Dianne Morris (Write-In)	5	13
	GREENE	WALSTONBURG TOWN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	12
35	HARNETT	ANGIER MAYOR	Lewis (Lew) Weatherspoon	1	263
	HARNETT	ANGIER MAYOR	R.H. Ellington	1	260
36	HERTFORD	WINTON COUNCIL MEMBER	William McCoy Pierce	5	108
	HERTFORD	WINTON COUNCIL MEMBER	James (Bud) Manley	5	97
	HERTFORD	WINTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Emily Winstead	5	87
	HERTFORD	WINTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Blake Blythe	5	76
	HERTFORD	WINTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Wesley Liverman	5	70
	HERTFORD	WINTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Will Liverman	5	69
	HERTFORD	WINTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	9
37	JACKSON	SYLVA COUNCIL MEMBER	David Nestler	3	182
	JACKSON	SYLVA COUNCIL MEMBER	Harold Hensley	3	163
	JACKSON	SYLVA COUNCIL MEMBER	Greg McPherson	3	112
	JACKSON	SYLVA COUNCIL MEMBER	Charles Schmidt	3	112
	JACKSON	SYLVA COUNCIL MEMBER	Jeremy Dale Edmonds	3	96
	JACKSON	SYLVA COUNCIL MEMBER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	3
38	JACKSON	SYLVA MAYOR (UNEXPIRED TERM)	Lynda Sossamon	1	97
	JACKSON	SYLVA MAYOR (UNEXPIRED TERM)	Danny Allen	1	94
	JACKSON	SYLVA MAYOR (UNEXPIRED TERM)	Barbara W. Hamilton	1	86
	JONES	POLLOCKSVILLE COMMISSIONER	B.E. (Nickey) Miller	3	39
	JONES	POLLOCKSVILLE COMMISSIONER	Samuel Lincoln	3	28
39	JONES	POLLOCKSVILLE COMMISSIONER	Mike Duffy	3	25
	JONES	POLLOCKSVILLE COMMISSIONER	Sherry Henderson (Write-In)	3	24
	JONES	POLLOCKSVILLE COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	5

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40	MARTIN	HASELL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Bobbie S. Wiseman	5	11
	MARTIN	HASELL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Ruby Warfe	5	9
	MARTIN	HASELL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Jane Williams (Write-In)	5	6
	MARTIN	HASELL TOWN COMMISSIONER	David Sawyer (Write-In)	5	2
	MARTIN	HASELL TOWN COMMISSIONER	David Wiseman (Write-In)	5	2
	MARTIN	HASELL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Edward Keel (Write-In)	5	2
	MARTIN	HASELL TOWN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	2
41	MARTIN	JAMESVILLE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Rachel Craddock (Write-In)	2	18
	MARTIN	JAMESVILLE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Mary Allen	2	16
	MARTIN	JAMESVILLE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Willis E. Williams	2	15
	MARTIN	JAMESVILLE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Bobby Sexton	2	12
	MARTIN	JAMESVILLE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Dennis D. Anton	2	12
	MARTIN	JAMESVILLE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	2	7
	MARTIN	JAMESVILLE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Christopher Bryant (Write-In)	2	6
42	MARTIN	PARMELE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Glenda R. Barnes	5	74
	MARTIN	PARMELE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Lula H. Council	5	59
	MARTIN	PARMELE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Doris Jackson	5	55
	MARTIN	PARMELE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Curtis Willet	5	48
	MARTIN	PARMELE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Richard Andrews	5	47
	MARTIN	PARMELE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Peggy M. Wilson	5	42
	MARTIN	PARMELE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	3
43	MITCHELL	SPRUCE PINE MAYOR	Darla Phillips Harding	1	260
	MITCHELL	SPRUCE PINE MAYOR	Larry McKinney	1	259
	MITCHELL	SPRUCE PINE MAYOR	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	1	6
44	MONTGOMERY	BISCOE MAYOR	James E. (Jimmy) Blake	1	119
	MONTGOMERY	BISCOE MAYOR	Eddie Reynolds	1	118
	MONTGOMERY	BISCOE MAYOR	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	1	1
45	NASH	NASHVILLE COUNCIL (UNEXP TERM)	Michael Coleman	1	172
	NASH	NASHVILLE COUNCIL (UNEXP TERM)	James (Butch) Mull, Jr.	1	167
	NASH	NASHVILLE COUNCIL (UNEXP TERM)	Marguerite Bishop	1	56
	NASH	NASHVILLE COUNCIL (UNEXP TERM)	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	1	2
46	PAMLICO	ALLIANCE COMMISSIONER	Frank Willis	5	39
	PAMLICO	ALLIANCE COMMISSIONER	Will Riggs	5	35
	PAMLICO	ALLIANCE COMMISSIONER	Heather B. Riggs	5	27
	PAMLICO	ALLIANCE COMMISSIONER	Louis Daniels	5	27
	PAMLICO	ALLIANCE COMMISSIONER	Mike Cuthrell	5	27
	PAMLICO	ALLIANCE COMMISSIONER	Arthur Kelly	5	25
	PAMLICO	ALLIANCE COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	5
47	PAMLICO	ORIENTAL COMMISSIONER	Allen Price	5	284
	PAMLICO	ORIENTAL COMMISSIONER	David White	5	236
	PAMLICO	ORIENTAL COMMISSIONER	Barb Venturi	5	223
	PAMLICO	ORIENTAL COMMISSIONER	Charlie Overcash	5	213
	PAMLICO	ORIENTAL COMMISSIONER	Sandy Winfrey	5	202
	PAMLICO	ORIENTAL COMMISSIONER	Gwendolyn G. Gibbs	5	200

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	PAMLICO	ORIENTAL COMMISSIONER	Larry Summers	5	154
	PAMLICO	ORIENTAL COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	16
48	PAMLICO	VANDEMERE COMMISSIONER	Carolyn S. Jones	5	57
	PAMLICO	VANDEMERE COMMISSIONER	Russ Hudson	5	43
	PAMLICO	VANDEMERE COMMISSIONER	Steve Lacy	5	43
	PAMLICO	VANDEMERE COMMISSIONER	Dave DeSalvo	5	41
	PAMLICO	VANDEMERE COMMISSIONER	Margaret Rose	5	38
	PAMLICO	VANDEMERE COMMISSIONER	David Howlett	5	35
	PAMLICO	VANDEMERE COMMISSIONER	Brenda Heiberg	5	33
49	PENDER	ATKINSON MAYOR	Maulin C. Patel	1	28
	PENDER	ATKINSON MAYOR	Lorie M. Flyod (Write-In)	1	23
	PENDER	ATKINSON MAYOR	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	1	8
50	PITT	FOUNTAIN TOWN COMMISSIONER	Doris Jean Edwards	2	78
	PITT	FOUNTAIN TOWN COMMISSIONER	Gloria H. Kesler	2	68
	PITT	FOUNTAIN TOWN COMMISSIONER	Amy Joslin	2	64
51	PITT	GRIMESLAND TOWN ALDERMAN	Gerald Whitley	5	49
	PITT	GRIMESLAND TOWN ALDERMAN	Kyle Hodges	5	46
	PITT	GRIMESLAND TOWN ALDERMAN	Eleanor H. Farr	5	46
	PITT	GRIMESLAND TOWN ALDERMAN	Tim Leach	5	36
	PITT	GRIMESLAND TOWN ALDERMAN	Thomas J. (Tom) Dixon	5	26
	PITT	GRIMESLAND TOWN ALDERMAN	Dan Price	5	22
	PITT	GRIMESLAND TOWN ALDERMAN	Mitchell T. Holloman	5	12
	PITT	GRIMESLAND TOWN ALDERMAN	Terry V. Hinton	5	12
	PITT	GRIMESLAND TOWN ALDERMAN	Jaime Moles	5	10
	PITT	GRIMESLAND TOWN ALDERMAN	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	1
52	RANDOLPH	RAMSEUR TOWN COMMISSIONER	Grant B. Cheek	3	176
	RANDOLPH	RAMSEUR TOWN COMMISSIONER	Paul David Overman	3	137
	RANDOLPH	RAMSEUR TOWN COMMISSIONER	Joe Lineberry	3	106
	RANDOLPH	RAMSEUR TOWN COMMISSIONER	J. C. Parrish	3	103
	RANDOLPH	RAMSEUR TOWN COMMISSIONER	Robert D. Kisely	3	97
	RANDOLPH	RAMSEUR TOWN COMMISSIONER	Ernie Mitchell	3	86
	RANDOLPH	RAMSEUR TOWN COMMISSIONER	Norval Kraft	3	83
	RANDOLPH	RAMSEUR TOWN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	7
53	RANDOLPH	SEAGROVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Jason R. Auman	5	52
	RANDOLPH	SEAGROVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Barbara Luther	5	51
	RANDOLPH	SEAGROVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Cindy Neef	5	48
	RANDOLPH	SEAGROVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Pam Allen	5	43
	RANDOLPH	SEAGROVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Sandra G. Walker	5	37
	RANDOLPH	SEAGROVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Ruby Chriscoe Mullin	5	34
	RANDOLPH	SEAGROVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Allen Hale	5	13
	RANDOLPH	SEAGROVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	4
54	RANDOLPH	TRINITY CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE	Linda M. Gantt	1	168
	RANDOLPH	TRINITY CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE	Tommy Johnson	1	167
	RANDOLPH	TRINITY CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE	Carlton Boyles	1	65
	RANDOLPH	TRINITY CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	1	2

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55	RICHMOND	ELLERBE TOWN COUNCIL	Jeremy McKenzie	2	55
	RICHMOND	ELLERBE TOWN COUNCIL	Elsie Freeman	2	40
	RICHMOND	ELLERBE TOWN COUNCIL	Lee Freeman	2	35
	RICHMOND	ELLERBE TOWN COUNCIL	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	2	3
56	ROBESON	LUMBERTON COUNCIL DISTRICT 7	Leon Maynor	1	282
	ROBESON	LUMBERTON COUNCIL DISTRICT 7	Laura B. Sampson	1	281
	ROBESON	LUMBERTON COUNCIL DISTRICT 7	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	1	2
57	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Doris Brisson Underwood	5	53
	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Nathaniel Solomon	5	46
	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Annette McKelvie McColl	5	42
	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Robin Hill	5	39
	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Wanda Brown Matute	5	39
	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Jo Ann Baldwin	5	34
	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Melody Britt	5	21
	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Mary McBee (Write-In)	5	21
	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Kristian Phillips	5	18
	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Willie Brisson (Write-In)	5	17
	ROBESON	PARKTON COUNCIL MEMBER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	1
58	ROBESON	RED SPRINGS COUNCIL MEMBER	Caroline Sumpter	3	303
	ROBESON	RED SPRINGS COUNCIL MEMBER	Duron Burney	3	293
	ROBESON	RED SPRINGS COUNCIL MEMBER	Shearlie McBryde	3	260
	ROBESON	RED SPRINGS COUNCIL MEMBER	David Shook	3	256
	ROBESON	RED SPRINGS COUNCIL MEMBER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	13
59	ROBESON	ST. PAULS MAYOR	Jerry Weindel	1	164
	ROBESON	ST. PAULS MAYOR	M. G. (Buddy) Westbrook	1	163
	ROBESON	ST. PAULS MAYOR	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	1	2
60	ROCKINGHAM	STONEVILLE COUNCILMAN	Jerry Smith	5	158
	ROCKINGHAM	STONEVILLE COUNCILMAN	Chuck Hundley	5	131
	ROCKINGHAM	STONEVILLE COUNCILMAN	Henry (Camp) Thornton	5	121
	ROCKINGHAM	STONEVILLE COUNCILMAN	Billy Farris	5	111
	ROCKINGHAM	STONEVILLE COUNCILMAN	Lori Armstrong	5	109
	ROCKINGHAM	STONEVILLE COUNCILMAN	Johnny R. Farmer	5	105
	ROCKINGHAM	STONEVILLE COUNCILMAN	Steve Rumenik	5	43
	ROCKINGHAM	STONEVILLE COUNCILMAN	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	10
61	ROWAN	ROCKWELL ALDERMAN	Chuck Bowman	5	103
	ROWAN	ROCKWELL ALDERMAN	Charles Wingerson	5	95
	ROWAN	ROCKWELL ALDERMAN	Bobby Moore	5	91
	ROWAN	ROCKWELL ALDERMAN	Chris Stiller	5	72
	ROWAN	ROCKWELL ALDERMAN	Stephenie Walker	5	71
	ROWAN	ROCKWELL ALDERMAN	Lori K. Bridges	5	69
	ROWAN	ROCKWELL ALDERMAN	Bill Earnhardt	5	58
	ROWAN	ROCKWELL ALDERMAN	Sondra Spidell Merrifield	5	42
	ROWAN	ROCKWELL ALDERMAN	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	5	5

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62	SAMPSON	AUTRYVILLE BD OF COMMISSIONERS	Jakie Faircloth	3	32
	SAMPSON	AUTRYVILLE BD OF COMMISSIONERS	Carolyn L. Cashwell	3	22
	SAMPSON	AUTRYVILLE BD OF COMMISSIONERS	Dana T. Hairr	3	21
	SAMPSON	AUTRYVILLE BD OF COMMISSIONERS	Richard (Ricky) Spell	3	20
	SAMPSON	AUTRYVILLE BD OF COMMISSIONERS	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	1
63	SAMPSON	GARLAND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	Ralph Smith	2	115
	SAMPSON	GARLAND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	Judy C. Smith	2	74
	SAMPSON	GARLAND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	Larry Lee Anderson	2	74
	SAMPSON	GARLAND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS	Denise Toler	2	61
64	SAMPSON	NEWTON GROVE MAYOR	Gerald W. Darden	1	65
	SAMPSON	NEWTON GROVE MAYOR	Stephen Jackson	1	61
65	STOKES	WALNUT COVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Charles Mitchell	2	115
	STOKES	WALNUT COVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Danny Hairston	2	111
	STOKES	WALNUT COVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Elwood Mabe	2	106
	STOKES	WALNUT COVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Kim Lewis	2	59
	STOKES	WALNUT COVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Charles Byron	2	46
	STOKES	WALNUT COVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Sandra Hazelwood	2	40
	STOKES	WALNUT COVE TOWN COMMISSIONER	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	2	1
66	SWAIN	BRYSON CITY ALDERMAN	Jim Gribble	2	95
	SWAIN	BRYSON CITY ALDERMAN	Heidi Ramsey-Woodard	2	95
	SWAIN	BRYSON CITY ALDERMAN	Kate Welch	2	92
	SWAIN	BRYSON CITY ALDERMAN	Mike Treadway	2	73
	SWAIN	BRYSON CITY ALDERMAN	Tim Hines	2	53
	SWAIN	BRYSON CITY ALDERMAN	Tee Angel	2	39
	SWAIN	BRYSON CITY ALDERMAN	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	2	1
67	UNION	MARSHVILLE COUNCIL	Ernestine Staton	3	180
	UNION	MARSHVILLE COUNCIL	Margaret C. Bivens	3	177
	UNION	MARSHVILLE COUNCIL	Norma Carpenter	3	146
	UNION	MARSHVILLE COUNCIL	Dora C. Bridget	3	141
	UNION	MARSHVILLE COUNCIL	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	13
68	UNION	VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL	John G. Barnes	3	363
	UNION	VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL	Ashley Dance	3	345
	UNION	VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL	Fabian Szarko	3	290
	UNION	VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL	Sean Lowther	3	285
	UNION	VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	3	5
69	WASHINGTON	PLYMOUTH COUNCIL WARD 3	Mary Ann Byers	2	120
	WASHINGTON	PLYMOUTH COUNCIL WARD 3	Joseph (Joey) Womble	2	112
	WASHINGTON	PLYMOUTH COUNCIL WARD 3	Mary D. Nixon	2	109
	WASHINGTON	PLYMOUTH COUNCIL WARD 3	Arlene Adams Basnight	2	102
	WASHINGTON	PLYMOUTH COUNCIL WARD 3	Write-In (Miscellaneous)	2	5