

# PRIMARY ELECTIONS



For Your **Favorite**  
**Candidates** to Make it  
to the **General Election** Ballot

## Be an Unstoppable Voter

Your vote can shape the future of our state

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North Carolina is having elections this spring for state and federal positions. Winners will move on to the General Election ballot later in 2022. The winning candidate will create policies that will affect your life.

**Early Voting** will be April 28th - May 14th  
**Election Day** will be Tuesday, May 17th

Voting questions? Visit [ncvoter.org](https://ncvoter.org) or  
call **888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-8683)**.

**DEMOCRACY** **NC**

# TOP 10 TIPS FOR VOTING

- 1. REGISTER.** You can register to vote online or by print form by April 22nd – or in person at an Early Voting site. A 17-year-old may register and vote if they will be 18 by General Election Day, November 8th, 2022. Update your registration if you move. For more rules, visit [demnc.co/register](https://demnc.co/register).
- ➔ PRO TIP** Check now to make sure your registration is current so you're ready to vote at [demnc.co/lookup](https://demnc.co/lookup).
- 2. VOTE EARLY.** Choosing Early Voting will be the quickest way to cast your ballot — with 17 days to choose from and multiple locations! You can also register AND vote on the same day during the Early Voting period ONLY. Just fill out a form at your county's Early Voting site, and show one of the following with your name and address: a government-issued ID or document, pay stub, utility bill, bank statement, or student ID with a school document showing your name and address. Find your Early Voting site at [demnc.co/voteearly](https://demnc.co/voteearly).
- 3. VOTE BY MAIL.** Any registered voter may vote by mail (also known as “absentee” voting). Learn the latest rules about what you'll need and who can help you vote by mail at [demnc.co/absentee](https://demnc.co/absentee).
- 4. BEEN LOCKED UP?** Don't get locked out. If you've been convicted of a misdemeanor, you never lose your right to vote. If you've been convicted of a felony but

have finished your sentence, you can vote. If you are currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction but have been released from prison, you may be able to vote. Visit [demnc.co/notlockedout](https://demnc.co/notlockedout) for more information. To learn the latest, visit [ncvoter.org](https://ncvoter.org).

- 5. ASSISTANCE.** A close family member may help you vote; voters with a disability or difficulty reading may get help from anyone (except their employer or union agent). You have the right to vote curbside from your vehicle if you can't reach the voting room due to age, a physical or mental disability, or you have COVID-19 symptoms, can't wear a mask, or have a medical condition that puts you at greater risk of COVID. Problems voting curbside? Call **888-OUR-VOTE**.
- 6. BACK-UP PLAN.** If you go to the wrong precinct and do not have time to get to your correct precinct, you can cast a provisional ballot. If you are told that you cannot vote a normal ballot for another reason, you have the right to vote a provisional ballot. Ask for it! If you are denied a provisional ballot, call **888-OUR-VOTE** immediately.
- 7. VOTE YOUR ENTIRE BALLOT.** If you are registered under a certain political party, you will receive that ballot to vote. If you are registered as "unaffiliated", you will choose which party's ballot you will vote. You can take a cellphone or paper list into the polls to help remember your choices for each elected office, but no photos are allowed. If you mess up your ballot, just ask for a new one.

➔ **PRO TIP:** Review your sample ballot at [demnc.co/yourballot](https://demnc.co/yourballot); new voting maps may have changed your districts. Learn more and see nonpartisan voter guides at [ncvoter.org](https://ncvoter.org).

8. **YOUR DISTRICTS MAY HAVE CHANGED.** Now that NC's Redistricting process is complete, you may live in different state or federal districts. Check your districts at [demnc.co/lookup](https://demnc.co/lookup).
9. **ELECTION DAY.** Polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on May 17th. Vote at your polling location, NOT an Early Voting location. Find your Election Day poll at [demnc.co/lookup](https://demnc.co/lookup) (it may have changed due to new districts). Lines are longest 7-9 a.m. and 4-7:30 p.m. If you are in line by 7:30 p.m. you can vote. Stay in line!
10. **ID RULES.** You do not need to show a photo ID to vote. Courts have blocked NC's photo ID requirement to vote. You should not be asked to verify your identity at the polls unless you use same-day registration (tip #2) or are a first-time voter in your county and your registration was not already verified. Learn more at [ncvoter.org](https://ncvoter.org).



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