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Frequently Asked Questions

How can I register to Vote?

You can register at the Pitt County Board of Elections office located at 201 E. 2nd St., at your local DMV office when you apply for your driver's license, at your local library or town hall. You can also download the voter registration form from the North Carolina State Board of Elections website at <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/>, click on Voting in North Carolina and then Voter Registration Forms.

What do I need to register?

You should have a current and valid photo ID, driver's license's number, or the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have any of the above, you will be required to provide ID on Election Day at the polls which can include a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document.

When is the deadline to register?

Registration applications must be received by 5pm 25 days before the election.

When will I receive my voter card?

Voter cards are mailed at the beginning of each month. If you do not receive your card, contact the elections office by phone.

Do I need my voter card to vote?

No, it is not required.

How do I get a replacement voter card?

Call the Elections Office if you need a voter card or wish to verify that the districts listed on your card have not changed.

How do I vote absentee?

There are two ways to vote absentee. First by mail, you simply write a letter to the Board of Elections requesting an absentee ballot. Make sure you sign the letter and state where the ballots are to be sent. You can also complete a request form from our office which serves the same purpose. Secondly, starting the third Thursday before an election, One-Stop early voting will be open at the Elections Annex located at 1800 N. Greene St. and at the Community Schools Building located at 4561 County Home Rd. One-Stop early voting is the easiest way to vote absentee and takes much less time. Hours for One-Stop are Monday through Friday 8am-5pm. The last Saturday before the Election, our hours are 8am to 1 pm. This is the only Saturday we will be open. Call our office if you need directions.

How can I find out who represents me?

Maps showing districts for all offices are available on the Elections Office website www.pittcountync.gov/depts/elections/maps.shtml

How can I see immediate Election results?

The Elections Office website is the fastest way to receive this information. www.pittcountync.gov/depts/elections/results/

How can I receive a sample ballot?

Sample ballots are available on the Elections Office webpage. www.pittcountync.gov/depts/elections/ballot/

How can I receive a map or voter list of the County?

Contact the Elections Office by phone for this information. A request form will be sent to you asking for the details of your request. Costs vary by request.

What is the total number of registered voters in Pitt County?

As of July 12, 2006 the total number of registered voters was approximately 94,395. For an up to date number you can contact the Elections Office by phone for this information.

What hours are the polling places open?

All polling places open at 6:30am and close at 7:30pm.

When will the election totals be made official?

The election totals are made official at canvass, which takes place at 11am the 7th day after a Primary or Municipal election and 11am the 10th day after a General election.

How will I cast my vote on Election Day?

Pitt County utilizes optical scan voting machines manufactured by ES&S. Each voter will receive a paper ballot upon which they fill in the oval to the left of the candidate or issue they wish to vote for. Once complete, the voter feeds their ballot into the optical scan machine which tabulates the totals of all ballots. These machines are 100% secure and do **NOT** in any way record the voter's name with the votes they have cast.

Is my polling place handicapped accessible?

The Elections Office has made every effort to ensure that all polling places are handicapped accessible. Should you discover that a polling place is not 100% accessible, please contact the Board of Elections immediately. Also, if you are not able to leave your vehicle the polling place assistants will assist you with casting a "curbside ballot" from your car.

I am disabled, illiterate, or blind and may need assistance voting, who is allowed to help me?

You are allowed by law to receive assistance from whomever you choose or from a polling place assistant. However, voters who are not disabled, illiterate, or blind may only receive assistance from a member of their immediate family or a polling place assistant. Also, voters may opt to use the AutoMark machine; this is a handicapped accessible ballot marking machine that has the capability of reading the ballot to voters via earphones and marking their ballot using the touch-screen, keypad, or sip-n-puff device.

After I cast my ballot can I stay and watch others vote?

No. Only those in the act of voting and precinct officials are allowed inside the polling place. If you have already cast your ballot you have completed the act of voting and must exit the polling place.

I plan on passing out flyers and stickers for a candidate on Election Day, are there any rules that I must follow?

By law there can be no electioneering within 50 feet from the polling place entrance. Beyond that 50 foot line any electioneering activity is between the campaigner and the property owner. Persons who are electioneering within the 50 foot line or are loud and disruptive to the voting process may be asked to leave.