

VOTER REGISTRATON

You may **register** to vote in Martin County if you are

- a United States Citizen,
- a legal resident of North Carolina and Martin County for 30 days by the date of the election,
- a person 18 years old by the next general election,
- a person convicted of a felony whose citizenship rights have been restored.

Martin County has a **permanent** registration system. You need to register **only** if you

- have not previously registered in Martin County,
- have had your Martin County registration cancelled because you registered in another county or state,
- have had your voter registration 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 Martin 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 Application/Update Form has been processed. Keep the card. It tells you the location of your voting place and the districts in which you reside. You may use the card to change your address, **if you move within Martin County**, or to change your name or party affiliation. If you move out of Martin County, you may use the card to cancel your registration.

PARTY AFFILIATON

You 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. You may also register unaffiliated. If you do not declare a party, you will be registered as unaffiliated. During a partisan primary election, an unaffiliated voter may vote on nonpartisan races, bond and amendment issues and **by request** may vote in either the Democratic Primary or Republican Primary.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- If mailed, the Registration/Application Form must be postmarked at least **25 days** before the election.
- If hand-delivered, the Registration/Application Form must be delivered to the Board of Elections' office no later than **5 p.m. on the 25th day** before the election.

REGISTRATION LOCATIONS

- You may register to vote, make changes on your registration record, or obtain a mail-in Registration/Update Form at the Board of Elections' office, Governmental Center, 305 E Main St., Room 120, in Williamston, N. C., on Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- A person may register to vote or make changes on their registration record at the following:
 1. DMV office – only while performing a DMV transaction,
 2. Designated agency – only while applying for - service of benefits.
- A person may obtain a mail-in Registration/Update Form from the following:
 1. Member of the Board of Elections,
 2. Director of Elections,
 3. Public libraries during regular hours (Martin Memorial Library and Robersonville Public Library),
 4. Martin Community College Library,
 5. High schools,
 6. Town office (Everetts, Hamilton, Hassell, Jamesville, Oak City, Robersonville and Williamston,
 7. At public locations designated by a special registration drive.

VOTING

To vote in Martin County you must

- have been a county resident for 30 days by the date of the election,
- be registered in Martin County.

VOTING PROCEDURES

Enter the voting enclosure, a precinct official will ask you to state your name, address and party affiliation (primary election only). If you are properly registered, you shall sign the poll book before voting. You will be given the appropriate ballot. Mark ballot in the voting booth and insert ballot into the Accu-Vote Voting Tabulator. CURBSIDE VOTING – See page 2.

ABSENTEE VOTING NO-EXCUSE

Absentee voting is comprised of two methods by which registered voters may cast ballots.

1. Absentee by Mail
2. Absentee One-Stop
 - In Elections' office.

Absentee by Mail

Any registered voter is authorized to vote by mail an absentee ballot in any primary or election in county of residence.

The voter or the voter's near relative* may send a signed written request to the county board of elections office beginning 50 days (municipal elections 30 days) prior to election day. Written request must be received in the office no later than the Tuesday prior to Election Day.

Each request must be signed by the voter or the voter's near relative, and include the voter's name and address as they appear on the registration records and the address where the ballot is to be mailed. It is helpful to include the voter's date of birth, and if request is by the near relative, the near relative's address and relationship to the absentee voter.

*Near relative – spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, or verifiable legal guardian.

Upon receipt of the request, an absentee ballot, an application on a container-return envelope and instructions for completing the ballot will be mailed to the voter. The voted ballot must be received in the County Board of Elections' office by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election in order to be counted.

Any qualified voter who is unable to be present at the voting place to vote in person on the day of the specified election because of his [or her] sickness or other physical disability occurring before 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the date of the specified election may vote by absentee ballot.

Absentee One-Stop (No-Excuse)

In the county board of elections' office

Permits qualified voters to vote absentee in person at the county board of elections.

Absentee One-Stop voting begins the third Thursday before an election and continues until 1:00 p.m. on the last Saturday before that election.

CURBSIDE VOTING

If you are unable to enter the voting place because of age or physical disability, you will be allowed to vote in your vehicle. Upon arriving at the voting place, have someone enter the voting place and inform the precinct official of your desire to vote in this manner. Curbside voting is available the entire day that the polls are open.

PRECINCTS, POLLING PLACES AND EACH ADDRESS

Board of Elections	305 E Main St Rm 120 Williamston 27892
Bear Grass	Fire Dept, 6005 Bear Grass Rd, Williamston 27892
Cross Roads	Ruritan Club Bldg., 205 Ayers St, Everetts 27825
Goose Nest	Town Hall, 102 E Commerce St, Oak City 27857
Griffins	Fire Dept, 5217 Fire Dept Rd, Williamston 27892
Hamilton	Morris Lynch Recreational Bldg., 301 S Front St, Hamilton NC 27840
Hassell	Town Hall, NC N East Ave, Hassell 27841
Jamesville	Town Hall, 1211 Water St, Jamesville 27846
Poplar Point	Morris Lynch Recreational Bldg., 301 S Front St, Hamilton 27840
Robersonville 1	Fire Dept, 119 S Main St Robersonville 27871
Robersonville 2	Senior Center, 200 E Green St Robersonville 27871
Williams	County House Bldg., 21374 US HWY 64, Williamston 27892

Williamston 1	Cooperative Extension Service (Ag Bldg.), 205 E Main St, Williamston 27892
Williamston 2	Lions Club Boy Scout Hut 117 S Smithwick St Williamston 27892
Town of Parmele (Robersonville 1 & Robersonville 2)	Municipal Elections only Parmele Town Hall 1002 Pitt Ln Parmele 27861

2004 SCHEDULE OF ELECTIONS AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

July 20	Primary
August 17	Second Primary
November 2	General Election, Nonpartisan Board of Education, Nonpartisan Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, Referendums or Bond Issues, if necessary
November 2005 (6) 2003-2005	Municipal Elections (9) Bear Grass, Everetts, Hamilton, Hassell, Jamesville, Oak City - Two year term
November 2007 (9) 2003-2007	Parmele, Robersonville, Williamston - Four year term

Absentee voting begins 30 days prior to Municipal Elections or as soon as Elections' office can secure ballots and 50 days prior to Primary and General Elections. Only qualified voters in 5 towns in municipal elections may vote by absentee ballot (Williamston, Robersonville, Jamesville, Oak City, and Bear Grass).

ALL VOTING PLACES ARE OPEN FROM 6:30 A.M. UNTIL 7:30 P.M. ON EVERY ELECTION DAY

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For further information regarding voter registration, Elections and voting in Martin County, call the Elections' office. The number is 792-5845.

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