

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION  
BEAUFORT NORTH CAROLINA

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Beaufort County to vote in the following contests: President (Cst, Dem, Gre, Lib, Rep), US Senate (Dem, Rep), Governor (Dem, Rep), Lieutenant Governor (Dem, Rep), Attorney General (Rep), Auditor (Dem, Rep) Commissioner of Agriculture (Dem), Commissioner of Insurance (Rep), Commissioner of Labor (Rep), Secretary of State (Rep), Superintendent of Public Instruction (Dem, Rep), Treasurer (Dem), County Commissioner (Rep),

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. One-stop early voting will be held at the Board of Elections office beginning February 13th, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. One-stop early voting hours are 8:00 am to 7:30 pm, except for February 29<sup>th</sup> when voting will end at 3:00 pm. Additional sites at the Aurora Community Building and John A. Wilkinson Center will operate on February 27th and 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 7:30 pm and February 29th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Canvass Day will be held in the Beaufort County Board of Elections office on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 11:00 am.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form and must be received in the Beaufort County Board of Elections office or any one-stop early voting site by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25th. Absentee request forms may be mailed or delivered in person. Faxed or emailed requests will not be excepted. Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Beaufort County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multipartisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and serve as witnesses.

Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to vote in this election. Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. **THOSE VOTERS WHO ARE REGISTERED UNAFFILIATED MAY VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION.** Unaffiliated voters will be given a choice of a Democratic, Libertarian or Republican ballot at the polling places. Unaffiliated voters are not allowed to vote in the constitution or green party primaries. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multipartisan Assistance Team visit to a facility, or other election matters may call the Beaufort County Board of Elections Office at 252-946-2321.

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