

Party Affiliation

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 register as unaffiliated. If you do not declare a party, you will be registered as unaffiliated. During a partisan primary, an unaffiliated voter may vote if that party authorizes unaffiliated voters to vote in their primary. The unaffiliated voter must state the party primary in which he/she wishes to vote.

Primaries & General Elections

In primaries, in North Carolina, you vote only in the primary of the party with which you are affiliated. If you register unaffiliated, you may be allowed to vote in a primary, if the party allows unaffiliated voters to vote in their primary.

In a primary, you nominate candidates and in a general election officials are elected for offices:

- United States Senator (6 year terms)
- United States Representative (2 year terms)
- Governor & other State Officials (4 year terms)
- State Senate & State House (2 year terms)
- County Officials (length of term varies)

In a presidential election year and every four years thereafter you also elect the United States President and Vice President.

Municipal Officials are elected every 2 years for four-year terms.

All voting places in Wilkes County are open from 6:30 am until 7:30 pm on every Election Day.

Voting Precinct and Locations

101 Antioch	Antioch Sub-Station RRFD
102 Boomer	Boomer Fire Department
103 Brushy Mtn.	Brushy Mtn. Comm. Center
104 Cricket	Cricket Fire Dept.
105 Edwards #1	Ronda Town Hall
106 Edwards #2	Roaring River Elem Media Ctr
107 Edwards #3	CB Eller Elem. Cafeteria
108 Fairplains	Wilkes Senior Center
109 Ferguson	Ferguson Comm. Center
110 Jobs Cabin	Maple Springs Comm. Ctr
111 Millers Creek	West Middle School Gym
112 Moravian Falls	Moravian Falls Fire Dept.
113 Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Elem. Cafeteria
114 Mulberry #1	Halls Mill Community Ctr
115A Mulberry	Mulberry Elem. School Gym
117 New Castle	Clingman Comm. Center
118 N. Wilkesboro	North Wilkesboro Fire Dept.
119 Reddies River	West Wilkes High Cafeteria
120 Rock Creek #1	Mtn View Elementary Gym
121 Rock Creek #2	Knotville Fire Dept.
122 Somers	SouthEast Wilkes Comm. Ctr.
123 Traphill #1	Traphill Fire Department
124 Traphill #2	Thurmond Community Ctr
125 Union	Wilbar Fire Department
126 Walnut Grove	North Wilkes High Gym Lob.
127 Wilkesboro #1	Wilkesboro Civic Center
128 Wilkesboro #2	CC Wright Elem. Gym
129 Wilkesboro #3	Wilkesboro Fire Dept.

Voter Guide For Wilkes County



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Voter Registration

You may register to vote in Wilkes County if you are:

- ✓ **A citizen of the United States** (If convicted of a felony, citizenship rights must have been restored.)
- ✓ **A person 18 years of age or older** (If a person is 17 years of age and will be 18 by the date of the next general election, he/she is eligible to register.)
- ✓ **A person 16 years of age** but who is otherwise qualified may preregister to vote.
- ✓ **A legal resident of Wilkes County for 30 days by the date of the next election.**

Wilkes County has a permanent registration system. You need to register only if:

- ✓ You have not previously registered to vote in Wilkes County.
- ✓ You have had your Wilkes County registration cancelled because you registered in another county or state.
- ✓ You have had your Wilkes County 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 Wilkes County since you registered. (If you moved more than 30 days before an election, it is unlawful to vote in your old precinct.)
- ✓ You have changed your name.
- ✓ Your address has changed due to a 911 address update.
- ✓ You 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 Wilkes County, or to change your name or party affiliation. If you move out of Wilkes County, you may use the card

to cancel your registration. You do not need to present this card to vote.

A registration form must be postmarked 25 days before an election or delivered to the Board of Elections office no later than 25 days before an election in order to be valid for that election.

A voter record may be placed in inactive status if election mailings are returned by the Postal Service as undeliverable.

Identification Requirements

If you do not have a driver's license or social security number, and a registration form is submitted by mail, and you have never registered to vote in the county you are now registering in, you must send, with the application, either A) a copy of current and valid photo ID, or B) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. If you do not provide the information requested above, you will be required to provide to election officials either A. or B. above the first time you vote at a voting place or by absentee ballot.

Registration Locations

You may register to vote, make changes in your voter registration or obtain mail-in update forms at the following locations:

- Wilkes County Board of Elections Office Wilkes County Office Building Rm 315
110 North Street Wilkesboro
(Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm)
- Public Library in North Wilkesboro
- Driver's License Office
- Public Assistance Agencies

Voting

You will be assigned to a voting place within the precinct where you live. Our office will assign your precinct when you register or change an address.

You will receive a voter card in the mail after you register to vote or after any change has been made to your voting record. The voter card will indicate the name and location of your voting precinct. You may also contact the Board of Elections office for the location of your voting precinct.

Transfer Voting

If you fail to change your address by the registration deadline, the best procedure that allows you to vote is as follows: On Election Day, you should go to your old precinct and complete an Election Day Transfer form. Then you should take this transfer form to your new precinct where you will complete a registration form changing your precinct. To avoid this inconvenience, change your address by the registration deadline, 25 days before the election.

At the Voting Place

Upon entering the voting place, state your name and address to the precinct official. If it is a primary, you must also state your party. If you are properly registered, you will be given the appropriate ballot to take to the voting booth. In order to insure that your ballot is properly counted, use only the pens provided by the precinct officials to mark your ballot. If you mark your ballot in error, you may return it to the precinct official and they will give you a new ballot.

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. Have someone enter the voting place and inform the precinct officials of your desire to vote in this manner.