

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION SCOTLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Scotland County to vote in the following contests: US Presidential Preference, US Senate, US House of Representatives District 9, NC Governor, NC Lieutenant Governor, NC Attorney General, NC Auditor, NC Commissioner of Insurance, NC Commissioner of Labor, NC Secretary of State, NC Commissioner of Agriculture, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, NC Treasurer, and Board of Commissioners.

Voters will not be required to show photo ID when they vote in the primary election on March 3, 2020. In a December 31 order, a federal district court blocked North Carolina's voter photo ID requirement from taking effect. The injunction will remain in place until further order of the court.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, March 3. One-stop early voting will be held at the Board of Elections conference room located at the County Annex Building at 231 East Cronly Street, Laurinburg, NC. One-stop early voting will be open from Thursday, February 13 until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 29. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on each weekday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 29. Canvass will be held in the Scotland County Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 13.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form (available on the State Board of Elections website, the county website and at the county board of elections office), and must be received in the Scotland County Board of Elections office or the one-stop early voting site by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25. Completed request forms may only be returned in-person to the Scotland County Board of Elections by the voter, the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or by a Multipartisan Assistance Team, or delivered by the U.S. Postal Service or designated delivery service (DHL, FedEx, or UPS). 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 Scotland 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 near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives at 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.

All persons who are registered to vote with the Scotland County Board of Elections may vote in this election. In a partisan primary, voters who are affiliated with a political party may only vote in their party's primary and on any nonpartisan contests. Unaffiliated voters may choose to participate in the Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican primary or if available, may vote a nonpartisan ballot. Unaffiliated voters may not vote in the Constitution Party or Green Party primary.

Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, February 7 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. 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 Scotland County Board of Elections Office at 910-277-2595.

William R. Purcell, Chairman
Scotland County Board of Elections

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