

Voting Regulations

To be eligible to vote in North Carolina, you must:

- 1) be a citizen of the United States;
- 2) be 18 years old by the date of a general election;
- 3) have resided in a NC precinct for 30 days before the next election;
- 4) not be a convicted felon, or, if so, have had voting rights restored and have re-registered to vote;
- 5) be properly registered.

Where to Register

Anyone eligible to vote may call the Board of Elections at **250-4200** and request that a Voter Registration form be mailed to a home address. Forms are available at the Board of Elections in the Buncombe County Court House Annex at **189 College Street**, and at the following places: libraries in the Asheville-Buncombe Library System, public high schools; Drivers License offices (DMV), Employment Security Offices, AFDC, WIC, Food Stamp, and Medicaid offices, and agencies serving persons with disabilities.

Registered voters will be sent a voter verification card with necessary voter information. Voters are **not** required to present this card when voting.

When to Register

Registration is year-round, but you must be registered at least 25 days before any election to vote in that election. Voters registered with Democratic or Republican affiliation may vote in their respective primaries. Unaffiliated voters may choose to vote in the Democratic or Republican primary (not both).

Changes in Registration

You must change your registration if you change your name, address, or party affiliation. Any change of party must be made at least 25 calendar days before a primary election; other changes (including address) may be made anytime, including election day, without affecting the right to vote.

Registration & Changes by Mail

Mail-in registration forms may be used for all election-related transactions. Registration and any of the changes listed above that are requested by mail must be postmarked at least 25 days before the election.

Times of Elections

General Elections: Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

Odd Numbered Years: nonpartisan elections are held in November for municipal officials.

Even Numbered Years: elections are held in November for federal, state, and county officials and the Buncombe County School Board.

Primary elections: Tuesday following the first Monday in May* to select party nominees to run in general elections. Nonpartisan primary elections for municipal seats, when needed, are held the 4th Tuesday before the general election. The Buncombe County School District elects its nonpartisan Board during the general elections in November.

* Moved to July in 2004

A candidate's party affiliation must be stated 90 days before a Primary election.

Absentee Voting

No excuse is required. A registered voter may request an absentee ballot by written request to the Board of Elections. The request must: be received no later than the Tuesday before the election; include full name, address, telephone number and date of birth; and be signed by the voter requesting a ballot. A ballot will be mailed to you. The voted ballot must be returned to the Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. the day before the election.

A near relative (spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-, father-, son- or daughter-in-law, stepparent or child, or legal guardian) may request in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday prior to the election, to complete an Absentee Request on your behalf. A ballot will be mailed to you. If a voter becomes ill after the Tuesday deadline, a qualifying relative can apply for a ballot in person for the voter and a ballot will be issued at that time. The voted ballot must be returned to the Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. A voted ballot must be returned by the voter or the near relative.

One-Stop Voting

The One-Stop voting process permits voting in person at the Board of Elections office. One-Stop voting begins the third Thursday prior to the election and ends at 1 p.m. the Saturday before the election.



2004 Election Calendar

Filing opens for Federal, State, and County elections at 12:00 noon Apr. 26 and ends at 12:00 noon May 7, 2004. Filing for Buncombe County School Board begins at 12:00 noon July 2, and ends at 12:00 noon Aug. 6, 2004.

Contact the Buncombe County Board of Elections for updated information: 828-250-4200 or www.bcboe.org

PRIMARY ELECTION - Tues., July 20, 2004

- May 31 -Mailing out absentee ballots begins
- June 25 -Voter registration closes
- July 1 -One-Stop voting begins
- July 13 -Last day to return ballots (5 p.m.)
- July 17 -One Stop voting ends (1 p.m.)
- July 20 - Presidential primary
- Aug 17 - Second primary if needed

GENERAL ELECTION - Tues., Nov. 2, 2004

- Sep. 13 -Mailing out absentee ballots begins
- Oct. 8 -Voter registration closes
- Oct. 14 -One-Stop absentee voting begins
- Oct. 26 -Last day to accept ballot requests
-Last day to mail ballots
- Oct. 30 -One Stop voting ends (1 p.m.)
- Nov. 1 -Last day to return ballots (5 p.m.)

Polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Board of Elections

MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED

2-year term	Expires: 2005
Chair	Jones P. Byrd
Secretary	Lucy Smith
Member	Penny Squires
Democratic Party Chair	Max I. Haner
Republican Party Chair	Robin L. Wilson
Libertarian Party Chair	Clark Walter
Director of Elections	Trena Parker
Court House Annex	189 College Street
www.bcboe.org	Asheville, NC 28802

828-250-4200

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ASHEVILLE & BUNCOMBE COUNTY

FACTS FOR VOTERS 2004

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS*

*SELECTED APPOINTED OFFICIALS ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote informed and active citizen participation in government. Membership is open to all voting age citizens.

For more information, or for additional copies of this publication, contact us at:



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Federal - United States

PRESIDENT: George W. Bush (R)
VICE PRESIDENT: Dick Cheney (R)
(4-year term) term ends 1/20/05
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500
202-456-1414

SENATORS (6-year terms)
Elizabeth Dole (R) term ends 2006
403 Dirksen Senate Building Washington, DC 20510
202-224-6342 FAX: 202-228-1339
Email: mail@dole.senate.gov

John Edwards (D) term ends 2004
225 Dirksen Senate Building Washington, DC 20510
202-224-3154 FAX: 202-228-1374
www.senate.gov/~edwards/contact.html
Website: <http://edwards.senate.gov>
Email: <http://edwards.senate.gov/mailform.html>
or

Federal Building, Suite 200 Attn: Jewel Wilson
151 Patton Avenue Asheville, NC 2801
828-285-0760

or
301 Century Post Office Building
300 Fayetteville St. Mall Raleigh, NC 27601
919-856-4245 FAX 919-856-4408
or

Federal Court House, Suite 219
401 W. Trade Street Charlotte, NC 28202
704-344-6154 FAX 704-344-6161

REPRESENTATIVE 2-year term ends 2004
Charles H. Taylor (R) - NC 11th District
231 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-6401
or

Jackson Building
22 S. Pack Square, Suite 330 Asheville, NC 28801
Office: 828-251-1988 Home: 828-883-2946
FAX: 828-251-0794
website: www.house.gov/charlestaylor/

State - North Carolina

GOVERNOR: Michael Easley (D)
LT. GOVERNOR: Beverly Perdue (D)
4-year term ends 2004

Governor Mike Easley
20301 Mail Service Ctr. Raleigh, NC 27699-0301
919-733-4240 or 919-733-5811 or 1-800-662-7952
FAX: 919-715-3175 governor@ncmail.net
Governor's Western Office 828-251-6160
46 Haywood Street, Suite 300 Asheville, NC 28801
Lt. Governor Beverly Perdue 919-733-7350
State Capitol Raleigh, NC 27603

STATE SENATORS:
(2-year term) term ends 2004
Correspondence to state senators or representatives
may be addressed to:
State Legislative Building Raleigh, NC 27601-2808
Office of Principal Clerk to Senate: 919-733-7761

District 48
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214 N. King Street Hendersonville, NC 28792
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Leg. Office: 919-715-3001 FAX: 919-733-2599

STATE REPRESENTATIVES:
(2-year term) term ends 2004
Office of Principal Clerk to House: 919-733-7760

District 114
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36 Clarendon Road Asheville, NC 28806
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District 115
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District 116
Wilma Sherrill (R) Wilmas@ncleg.net
PO Box 18561 Asheville, NC 28814
Office: 828-254-0991 Home: 828-254-5770
Office: 919-715-3026 FAX: 919-733-2599

Buncombe County

COMMISSIONERS: 4-year term ends 2004
Nathan Ramsey (R), Chair 628-3216
nathan.ramsey@buncombecounty.org
David Gantt (D), Vice-Chair 252-2852
commissioner@davidgantt.com
Patsy Keever (D) 274-0114
patsy.keever@buncombecounty.org
Bill Stanley (D) 254-4925
bill.stanley@buncombecounty.org
David Young (D) 274-2555
davidy@fugazync.com
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m.
County Court House, Room 204 255-5533

SCHOOL BOARD nonpartisan 4-year term (ends)
M. Wendell Begley, Owen (04) 669-9860
Roger Aiken, Chair Erwin (06) 258-0516
Jim Edmonds Enka (06) 667-5476
J. Robert (Bob) Embler N. Bunc. (04) 645-5236
Richard Greene Reynolds (06) 299-9880
Paul J. (Dusty) Pless, Jr. At-large (04) 254-7309
Dianne P. Shepherd Roberson (04) 684-0041
Meets monthly: 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Administrative Offices Building 255-5921
175 Bingham Road Asheville, NC 28806

DISTRICT ATTORNEY 4-year term ends 2006
Ronald H. Moore (D) 232-2500(2)/255-4724(h)

REGISTER OF DEEDS 4-year term ends 2004
Otto W. DeBruhl (D) 250-4303

CLERK OF COURT 4-year term ends 2006
Robert H. Christy, Jr. (D) 232-2605

SHERIFF 4-year term ends 2006
Bobby Medford (R) 250-4474(w)/277-3121(h)
202 Haywood Street Asheville, NC 28801

CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICIALS

BUNCOMBE COUNTY MANAGER
Wanda Greene 250-4100
wanda.greene@buncombecounty.org FAX: 255-5461
COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT
Cliff Dodson 255-5921
FAX: 255-5923

BUNCOMBE COUNTY TAX SUPERVISOR
Jerome Jones 250-4920
Court House, Room 315
ASHEVILLE CITY MANAGER
James L. (Jim) Westbrook 259-5604
Manager@ashevillenc.gov FAX: 259- 5499

Municipal

ASHEVILLE CITY COUNCIL: (nonpartisan)
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crworley@charter.net 252-2734(h)
worley_law@ioa.com FAX: 251-4746
Terry Bellamy (07) 251-5330 (h) 254-4030 x 16 (w)
terryb@buncombe.main.nc.us FAX: 251-0180
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jdull17@aol.com FAX: 274-2117
Jan Davis (07) 253-9465 (h) 253-5634 (w)
jandts@bellsouth.net FAX: 253-3762
Holly Jones (05) 281-2692 (h)
hollyj@mail.ci.asheville.nc.us 254-7206 (w)
Carl Mumpower, Vice-Mayor (05) 255-8613 (h)
drmumpower@aol.com 252-8390 (w)
Brownie Newman (07) 232-0544 (h) 243-0107 (c)
Newmanasheville@aol.com 258-8737 (w)

Work sessions 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m.
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 5th floor, City Hall

BILTMORE FOREST: 2-year term
George F. Goosmann, III, Mayor 274-0825
Charles W. Grimes 274-4839
E. Glenn Kelly 274-3295 (h) 251-9310 (w)
Doris P. Loomis 274-8552 (h) 712-8552 (c)

BLACK MOUNTAIN: 4-year staggered term
Mike Begley, Mayor (05) 669-9533 (h) 669-4000 (w)
C. Michael Sobol (07) 669-2017 (h) 777-0881 (c)
Joan G. Brown (07) 669-7382
Phillip Garrison (05) 669-0798 (h); 669-5499 (w)
Will Kennedy (05) 669-0464
Mary Leonard White (07) 669-4543

MONTREAT: 4-year staggered term
Letta Jean Taylor, Mayor (05) 669-2682
Chip Craig (07) 669-4411 (h) 273-8757 (c)
Elliott Hester (05) 669-2061
Bill Hollins (05) 669-2016
Woody Quinn (05) 669-5564
O'Neil Tate (07) 669-5564

WEAVERVILLE: 4-year staggered term
Mary "Bett" Stroud, Mayor (05) 645-3912
Dottie Sherrill (05) 645-7579
Marcie D. Nisbeth (07) 658-0348
Harold E. Payne (07) 645-4020
John V. Penley (05) 645-3550
Al Root (07) 645-7080

WOODFIN: 4-year staggered term
Jerry VeHaun, Mayor (07) 252-9850 (h) 776-6049 (c)
255-5638 (w)
James (Jim) Angel (07) 253-0631
David Clark (05) 252-1990
Ronald L. Dayton (05) 258-0807
Wanda C. Haynes (05) 259-3159
Donald H. Honeycutt, Jr. (07) 255-0519
Geneva Maney (07) 252-4567