

Why Vote In 2013?

Many cities and school boards hold elections in 2013. A few votes can decide who wins.

The 2013 rules for voting are the same as in 2012. Save this card.

1 Voter ID. Unless there was a problem when you registered, you will NOT be asked to show a government photo ID in 2013. But you'll need one to vote in person in 2016. See #10 inside for details.

Questions? Call 888-OUR-VOTE

9 Vote by Mail. You can vote by mail by requesting an absentee ballot. See ncsbe.gov for details.

10 Show ID? Until 2016, voters generally do not need to show ID – but if you are a first-time voter or moved, you may need to show one with your address, such as a utility bill, bank statement, or a license or letter from any government agency. It's always best to carry an ID. From 2016 on, you'll need to show one of these: NC driver's license or ID card; military or veterans card; passport; tribal ID card. A student ID and most non-NC driver's licenses are not OK.

2 Election Date & Candidates. Some cities have runoffs, others use primaries. Learn about the schedule and candidates for your area at NCElectionConnection.com.

3 On Election Day, the polls open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. If you are in line at 7:30, you will be allowed to vote; it's your right!

4 Sign Up. To vote, citizens must first register. Forms are at libraries, high schools, on www.ncsbe.gov or call 888-OUR-VOTE. If you register and then don't vote in some elections, your registration is still good.

11 Lists. You can take a list of your choices into the polls to help you remember, but don't leave the list behind or show to others.

12 Assistance. A family member can help you vote. If you have a disability or difficulty reading (due to language or vision), you have the right to assistance from anyone of your choice except your employer or union agent. You may also get voting instructions in Spanish.

13 Curbside. If the voting room isn't accessible due to your age or a disability, you can vote at the curb.

You only need to register again if you change your address or name or are convicted of a felony.

5 Felony. People with a felony record from any state can register and vote in NC after serving their sentence, including probation or parole. *No special document is needed. Register like anyone else.*

6 Choice of Home. Students and military personnel can register with their address in the campus or base community – it's home. Or use the address where they may eventually return. Register in just one place!

14 Best Time. Lines during Early Voting are often shorter on weekdays, 9-11 AM and 1-3 PM. These are good times on Election Day too.

15 Penalty? You do not lose your right to vote if you have a warrant, fine, misdemeanor, or bankruptcy. No election official asks about this.

16 Button. You may wear a hat, shirt or button with a candidate's name when you quietly vote, but you may not draw attention to it.

17 Tel-No. You can't use a cell-phone or camera in a voting room.

7 Deadlines. Register 25 days before the election or register at an Early Voting location. See #8.

8 Early Voting. Avoid possible bad weather! You can update a registration or register at this time but not on Election Day. For hours and locations of Early Voting, call your county election board listed on NCElectionConnection.com.

RULES CHANGE IN 2014

- Early voting: one week less
- Mail-In voting: ID# needed
- No Same-Day Registration
- No straight-party voting

18 Back-up Ballot. If you have any problem at the poll, you have the right to receive a *provisional ballot*. You should also be given a way to learn if that ballot counted or if not, the reason why not.

For details about new rules for 2014 and the photo ID requirement for 2016, or for other questions, call 888-OUR-VOTE or go to NCElectionConnection.com