

Updated Rules to Vote in 2015

Most cities hold elections in 2015. A few votes can decide who wins. The winners oversee the police and vital services.

1 NO ID. Most voters do NOT need to show an ID to vote in 2015. Some rules could change in court. To be safe, follow this card for 2015 and vote!

2 Local Elections. Cities in NC hold elections on different days. Learn the schedule and candidates for your area at www.NCVoter.org.

3 Sign Up. To vote, citizens must first register. Forms are at libraries, high schools or www.ncsbe.gov. If you register and don't vote, you're still registered. **BUT register again if you change your address or name or finish serving a felony sentence.**

4 Deadline. Be sure you are registered in your home county by **25 days before the election**. Look yourself up at demnc.co/myreg.

5 Where's Home? Students may register at a campus address if you view it as home, or at another address where you intend to return. Register in just one place!

6 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 a new voter.

7 Vote by Mail. See "Absentee Voting" at www.ncsbe.gov to get a mail ballot. Any voter may do this. No excuse or reason is needed.

8 Penalty? You do not lose your right to vote if you have a warrant, fine, misdemeanor or bankruptcy.

9 Vote Early to avoid possible bad weather! Call your elections board listed on NCVoter.org for Early Voting hours/places. **If you change your name or move within your county, you can update your registration during Early Voting.**

10 On Election Day, polls are open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. If you're in line at 7:30 PM, you will be allowed to vote. **Vote at your precinct's poll on Election Day.**

KEY RULES

- Register again if you move.
- On Election Day, you must vote at your precinct's poll.
- No straight-party voting.

11 Aid Inside. A family member can help you vote. A voter with a disability or reading hardship may get help from anyone but your employer or union agent. **If you mess up a ballot, ask the official for a new one.** If the voting room is not accessible due to age or physical disability, you can vote at the curb in a vehicle.

12 Ready for 2016? You will need to show one of these IDs in 2016 to vote with a regular ballot (*see some other options below*):

- NC driver's license or an ID card issued by the NC DMV;
- US military or veteran's ID card;
- US passport; or
- Tribal enrollment card.

Don't have one of these? Get a FREE ID from DMV. See www.GotIDNC.org or call 888-OUR-VOTE to learn how.

The ID's address doesn't matter but the name should resemble your name on the voter registration roll. If it doesn't, update your registra-

tion or ID now. If the ID is current when you turn 70, it's good for life.

ALTERNATIVE: If you can't easily get one of these IDs, you can use a provisional ballot. It counts if you give a reason for not having one and (1) give the last 4 digits of your SSN and birth date or (2) show a utility bill, registration card or bank or government document with name/address. See GotIDNC.org.

ALERT: You don't need a photo ID if you use a mail-in ballot (see #7) or qualify for curbside voting.

13 Inside Poll. You may wear a

shirt or hat with a candidate's name in the polls, or take in a list of your choices to help you remember, but don't call attention to these items. Do not use a cell phone or camera.

14 Back-up. If a problem means you can't use a regular ballot at the poll, you have a right to a *provisional ballot* and to learn if it counted.

15 Need help? Questions? Call 888-OUR-VOTE or go to www.NCVoter.org

