

Voting Rights

Changes to voting and elections laws made by House Bill 589 (SL 2013-381), including requirements for photo IDs when voting, have been overturned. As a result, ASNC is updating its information about voter ID and related issues. For the most current information about voting rights for individuals with disabilities, please see [Disability Rights North Carolina](#) and [Access the Vote NC](#). For the most current information about voting, see the [State Board of Elections](#).

Voting Requirements

When do I need to have a photo ID to vote?

- At this time, you do not need an ID to vote in North Carolina.
- If you have recently registered to vote and did not provide all the needed info, and this is your first time voting, you might have to show ID or information with your name and address on it, such as a pay stub or utility bill.

Can I still vote curbside?

- Yes. Curbside voting is an option for any qualified voter who, because of age or physical disability and physical barriers encountered at the voting place, is unable to enter that polling place to vote in person without physical assistance.

Elections

Early Voting

- Early voting is 17 days. However, each county Board of Elections is setting the number and locations of sites, so availability of early voting may vary.
- If you would like to register as you vote during the early-voting period, you must bring photo ID or items listed in the Help America Vote Act that show your name, address, and Social Security number.
- See the [State Board of Elections](#) or your local Board of Elections for more information on one-stop voting and early voting.

Same-Day Voting (One-Stop Voting)

- You are allowed to register and vote on the same day. Find more information at the [State Board of Elections](#).

Pre-registration of 16- and 17-year-olds

- Sixteen and 17-year-olds are allowed to pre-register through a civic program in our state high schools but cannot vote until they turn 18.

Voting Hours

- Voting runs from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Hours during the early-voting period may vary, based on location and county. Note: If you are in line to vote on Election Day or during early voting (in a primary or general

election) when the polls close, you will be permitted to vote. So it is important that if the line is long, you do not leave the line. Your vote matters.

Absentee Voting

- You can still vote absentee. You can also request assistance from the Board of Elections if you do not have a near relative or legal guardian to assist you in voting absentee. To get more information, go to the [Board of Elections website](#).
- Voters must request an absentee ballot on the Absentee Ballot Request form on the [Board of Elections website](#).
- You cannot write a letter to request a ballot. The last day to request a ballot is the Tuesday before the election.
- The voter, voter's near relative, or voter's guardian must provide the voter's date of birth and ID information.
- The absentee ballot must be witnessed by two people older than 18 or one person who is a Notary Public.
- Completed ballots are due by 5 p.m. on Election Day. You can take them to the local Board of Elections, mail them, or walk them to the polls. The Board of Elections will accept mailed absentee ballots postmarked by this date and time. Ballots also may be returned to one-stop voting sites during early voting.
- There are restrictions on who can assist a voter who lives in a licensed facility such as a nursing home, adult care home, or other facility. Staff and owners of those facilities are [barred from providing assistance](#) to the voter. If a guardian or near relative is not available to assist the person, they can request help from the local Board of Elections; [Multipartisan Assistance Team](#) (MAT). The MAT can help with requesting an absentee ballot as well as filling out and submitting the ballot.

Polling Places

- If you show up at the wrong polling place, you can vote a provisional ballot. Please check your voter registration information on your voter registration card or through your local Board of Elections to locate your correct polling place. Contact the State Board of Elections to get information on your local Board or go to the [State Board of Elections website](#) to check your registration status and polling place. State Board of Elections: 919-733-7173 or 1-866-522-4723

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