

IMPORTANT DATES

Candidate Filing Period		
	Primary	Soil & Water
Candidate Filing Period Begins G.S. § 163-106.2 ; G.S. § 139-6	12/01/2025 (noon)	06/08/2026 (noon)
Last Day to Withdraw as a Candidate Entitled to a Refund G.S. § 163-106.4	12/16/2025	06/29/2026
Candidate Filing Period Ends G.S. § 163-106.2 ; G.S. § 139-6	12/19/2025 (noon)	07/06/2026 (close of business)
Election Event Schedule		
Event	Primary Election	General Election
Absentee Voting by Mail Begins G.S. § 163-227.10	01/12/2026	09/04/2026
Voter Registration Deadline G.S. § 163-82.6(d)	02/06/2026	10/09/2026
Voter Challenge Deadline G.S. § 163-85(a)	02/06/2026	10/09/2026
Early Voting Begins G.S. § 163-227.2	02/12/2026	10/15/2026
Last Day to Request a Civilian Absentee Ballot G.S. § 163-230.1(a)	02/17/2026	10/20/2026
Early Voting Ends G.S. § 163-227.2	02/28/2026	10/31/2026
Last Day to Return an Absentee Ballot G.S. § 163-231	03/03/2026 (7:30pm)	11/03/2026 (7:30pm)
Election Day G.S. § 163-1 ; G.S. § 163-111	03/03/2026	11/03/2026
County Canvass G.S. § 163-182.5	03/13/2026 (11am)	11/13/2026 (11am)
Deadline to File an Election Protest (before 11AM) G.S. § 163-182.9 (re: vote count or tabulation)	03/13/2026	11/13/2026
Deadline to Request a Recount G.S. § 163-182.7(b) (county board jurisdictional contest)	03/16/2026 (5pm)	11/16/2026 (5pm)
Deadline to Request a Recount G.S. § 163-182.7(c) (state board jurisdictional contest)	03/17/2026 (12 noon)	11/17/2026 (12 noon)
Deadline to File an Election Protest G.S. § 163-182.9 (re: other than vote count or tabulation)	03/17/2026 (noon)	11/17/2026 (noon)
State Canvass G.S. § 163-182.5(c)	TBD	11/24/2026 (11 am)