

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
WATAUGA COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

The statewide general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Voters will be asked to show photo ID when they vote. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without ID. Voters who lack ID can get one for free from their county board of elections. Find out more at ncsbe.gov/voter-id.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, October 15, 2026, through Saturday, October 31, 2026.

County Administration Building: 814 W King Street
Blowing Rock American Legion: 333 Wallingford Street
Deep Gap Fire Department: 6583 Old 421 S
Meat Camp Fire Department: 4797 NC HWY 194 N
Plemmons Student Union, App State: 263 Locust Street
Western Watauga Community Center: 1082 Old US HWY 421

Open Weekdays October 15 – 30 from 8:00am to 7:30pm
Open Saturday, October 31 from 8:00am to 3:00pm

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning September 4, 2026. Absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections no later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2026. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at votebymail.ncsbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by the county board of elections office. The request must be received through the website or by the Watauga County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. October 20, 2026.

Contests on the ballot include U. S. Senate, U.S. House, N.C. Supreme Court Associate Justice, N.C. Court of Appeals Judge, Superior and District Court Judge, N.C. House and Senate, County Commissioner, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, and Board of Education . A Statewide Referendum proposing amendments to the N.C. Constitution will also be on the ballot.

All persons who are registered to vote with the **Watauga County** Board of Elections may vote in this election. The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2026. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. Individuals registering to vote at an early voting site will be required to provide current documentation of their residence (for example, a government ID, other government document, or a paycheck, bank statement, or utility bill).

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites without physical assistance because of age or physical disability.

The Watauga County Board of Elections will approve absentee by mail ballots at meetings on the following dates: September 29th, October 6th; October 13th; October 20th; October 27th; November 2nd; and November 12 at 5:00pm in the County Courthouse.

The Watauga County Board of Elections will meet at 1:00 p.m. on November 3rd in the Watauga County Courthouse to tally the votes from Early Voting and approve absentee by mail ballots.

The Board will meet November 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building to approve Provisional Ballots.

Questions? Call the Watauga County Board of Elections Office at (828)265-8061 or send an email to matthew.snyder@watgov.org.

Perry Yates, Chair

Watauga County Board of Elections