

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

RICHMOND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The statewide primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Voters will be asked to show photo ID when they vote. Voters who lack ID can get one for free from their county board of elections.

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

Several polling places and precincts have changed. Notices have gone out to voters. If you are unsure of your polling location, contact the Richmond County Board of Elections at, 910-997-8253, or visit <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup> . For more information regarding polling places and locations call the office, or visit <https://richmondnc.com/434/Precincts-and-Polling-Places> .

Early voting will be held weekdays from Thursday, February 12, 2026, through Saturday, February 27, 2026, from 8am – 7:30pm, and on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 8am – 3pm. Early voting will be held at the following location:

- Agricultural Services Center, 123 Caroline St. Rockingham, NC 28379

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning January 12, 2026. Absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections no later than 7:30 p.m. on March 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.

In the primary election, voters will select nominees for a political party to move on to the general election on November 5th. **Contests on the ballot include U.S. Senate (D&R), US House of Representatives District 8 (D), NC Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 1 (R), NC Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 3 (D), District Attorney (D), Richmond County Board of Commissioners (R), and the Richmond County Board of Education election.** In the primary, voters affiliated with a political party will be given a ballot of candidates for their party, if their party has a primary. Unaffiliated voters may choose to vote in any party's primary, but they may select only one party's ballot. If Unaffiliated voters choose the Unaffiliated ballot, they will only be voting in the Board of Education election, as it contains no other contests.

The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 pm, Friday, February 11, 2026. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. Voters who wish to change party affiliation must do so by February 12, 2026.

Buffer zones are set as designated by G.S. 163-166.4. Election officials will clearly mark buffer zones and post "No Campaigning Beyond This Point" signs. All voting sites, including Early Voting Sites, have a buffer zone that is 50 ft in all directions from the entrance. Campaigners should never

block traffic, parking, or entrances. Please note that curbside areas are set up adjacent to one side of the Buffer Zone. Curbside areas are protected areas as they are considered a voting enclosure.

For any other questions, call the Richmond County Board of Elections Office at 910-997-8253 or send an email to Richmond.boe@richmondnc.com