

**ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW  
NORTH CAROLINA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
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The next stop in the protracted battle for the Democratic nomination for the presidency is North Carolina. While Election Day is still a few days away, thousands of state residents have already cast ballots at early voting locations, through no-excuse mail-in absentee ballots and "one-stop" voting that allows registration and voting until the Saturday before the election.

**On the ballot:** Presidential nominees, U.S. Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Labor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Treasurer, Court of Appeals Judge, local district judges.

**Polling place hours:** 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Any voter waiting in line at 7:30 p.m. will be permitted to cast a ballot.

**Registered voters:** [5,791,221](#) (April 2008)

**Absentee and early ballots:** The state permits no-excuse absentee voting at vote centers as well as "One-Stop" that enables both registration and voting up to three days before Election Day at [select locations](#). One-stop voting ends Saturday.

**Voting systems:** Optical scan, touch-screen DRE (no voter-verified paper audit trail) and hybrid system (touch-screen interface that prints optically scanned ballot). All systems are produced by ES&S. [Click here](#) for a complete list of voting systems by county.

**Voter ID:** Federal minimum requirement – first-time voters who register by mail but do not include verification with their registration application are required to show ID (photo and non-photo forms accepted) at a polling place when they cast ballots.

**State election links:**

[Primary Election Voter Guide](#)

[North Carolina State Board of Elections](#)

[Polling place locator](#)

**Recent news stories:**

["A little homework, planning will make voting easy,"](#) The Citizen-Times

["Ballots pour in for early voting,"](#) The News & Observer

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