

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION MADISON, NORTH CAROLINA

A general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in **Madison** to vote in the following contests: **US President, US Senate, US House of Representatives District 11, NC Governor, NC Lieutenant Governor, NC Attorney General, NC Auditor, NC Commissioner of Agriculture, NC Commissioner of Insurance, NC Commissioner of Labor, NC Secretary of State, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, NC Treasurer, NC State Senate District 47, NC House of Representatives District 118, Madison County Board of Commissioners, Madison County Register of Deeds, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice, NC Court of Appeals Judge (5 seats), NC Superior Court Judge District 24, NC District Court Judge District 24 (3 seats), Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.**

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, November 8. One-stop early voting will be held at the **Madison Board of Elections Office Room 26, Hot Springs Community Center, and Mars Hill Public Library.** One-stop early voting will be open from Thursday, October 20 until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 5. **The Board of Elections Office Room 26 site will be open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 P.M. The Hot Springs Community Center and Mars Hill Public Library sites will be open weekdays from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. All sites will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** Canvass will be held in the **Madison County Board of Elections Office** at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 18.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form (available on the State Board of Elections website, at the county board of elections office and where one-stop early voting is offered), and must be received in the Madison County Board of Elections office or any one-stop early voting site by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1. Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Madison County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be considered timely if it is received within three business days and is **postmarked** on or before Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility may arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multipartisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and serve as witnesses.

All persons who are registered to vote with the **Madison County** Board of Elections may vote in this election. Persons who are **not** already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, October 14 to be eligible to vote in this election. **Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline** may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

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.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multipartisan Assistance Team visit to a facility or other election matters may call the **Madison County** Board of Elections Office at **828-649-3731**.

Dyatt F. Smathers, Chair
Madison County Board of Elections