

# NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION



# NC Utilizes Instant Runoff Voting in Judicial Offices

North Carolina voters can select a Court of Appeals Judge by Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) on **November 2, 2010**. Also, IRV will be used to select three Superior Court Judges in Buncombe, Cumberland, and Rowan Counties. This method of voting combines the Primary and Election Day into one election. Voters will select their 1<sup>st</sup> choice for IRV contests like every other contest on the ballot, but they will also rank their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choices in the event the first round results produce no majority winner.

## How It Works

### ► **First Round of Counting**

Voters select their 1<sup>st</sup> choice for an office just as they have done in previous elections. Additionally, voters may select their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choices. The voters' 1<sup>st</sup> choices are tallied and are reported unofficially on Election Night. If a candidate gets enough 1<sup>st</sup> choice votes to win (more than 50%), then they are certified as the winner at Canvass and no further counting is necessary.

### ► **Second Round of Counting**

If no candidate receives enough 1<sup>st</sup> choice votes to reach the majority threshold (more than 50%), the first two candidates move to the instant runoff. The winner is determined by adding any 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice votes to their initial vote totals. After all counting is concluded, the candidate with the most first and second round total votes wins the election.

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or your county board of elections.

## Court of Appeals Judge

Fill in only one oval per choice

Your 2nd and 3rd choices will not count against your 1st choice  
They will only be considered in a runoff if your 1st choice is not in the runoff

1st



Mark your  
1st choice here

2nd



Mark your  
2nd choice here

3rd



Mark your  
3rd choice here



John F. Bloss



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John F. Bloss



J. Wesley Casteen



J. Wesley Casteen



J. Wesley Casteen



Chris Dillon



Chris Dillon



Chris Dillon



Jewel Ann Farlow



Jewel Ann Farlow



Jewel Ann Farlow



Daniel E. Garner



Daniel E. Garner



Daniel E. Garner



Stan Hammer



Stan Hammer



Stan Hammer



Mark E. Klass



Mark E. Klass



Mark E. Klass



Doug McCullough



Doug McCullough



Doug McCullough



Anne Middleton



Anne Middleton



Anne Middleton



Harry E. Payne, Jr.



Harry E. Payne, Jr.



Harry E. Payne, Jr.



John Sullivan



John Sullivan



John Sullivan



Cressie Thigpen



Cressie Thigpen



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Pamela M. Vesper



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