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May Primary Update: Filing Ends Friday; New Absentee Voting Requirements

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – The filing period ends at noon on Friday, Feb. 28, for the upcoming May 6 partisan primary. Absentee voting by mail for the primary begins at 8 a.m. March 17 and ends at 5 p.m. April 29.

The Board of Elections announces it can no longer accept a handwritten request for an absentee ballot. Registered voters in Cumberland County will need to complete the new state-approved Absentee Ballot Request Form and mail to the address on the form.

On the form, voters must provide at least one type of approved identification number (N.C. driver's license number, N.C. Department of Motor Vehicle-issued identification card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number) or a copy of one of the following approved identification methods must accompany your request:

- A current and valid photo identification.
- A document showing the name and residential address of the voter: a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document.

The State Absentee Ballot Request Form is available online at the North Carolina State Board of Elections web site, <http://www.ncsbe.gov/ncsbe/> and the Cumberland County Board of Elections web site, <http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/elections.aspx>.

You can request to have a form mailed to you by calling the Cumberland County Board of Elections office at 910-678-7733. Or, you may pick up the request form at the Board of Elections office located at 227 Fountainhead Lane, Fayetteville.

Voter registration

Voter registration ends on April 11 for the May 6 primary. Same-day voter registration will not be allowed during One-Stop Voting, which will run April 24 through May 3 at the Board of Elections and seven other sites.

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