



CHAPTER 163  
ARTICLE 20 - ABSENTEE BALLOT

N.C.G.S. § 163-227.10.

Date by which absentee ballots must be available for voting.

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- § 163-227.10(a)

A board of elections shall provide absentee ballots of the kinds needed 60 days prior to the statewide general election in even-numbered years and 50 days prior to the date on which any other election shall be conducted, unless 45 days is authorized by the State Board under G.S. 163-22(k) or there shall exist an appeal before the State Board or the courts not concluded, in which case the board shall provide the ballots as quickly as possible upon the conclusion of such an appeal. Provided, in a presidential election year, the board of elections shall provide general election ballots no later than three days after nomination of the presidential and vice presidential candidates if that nomination occurs later than 63 days prior to the statewide general election and makes compliance with the 60-day deadline impossible. However, in the case of municipal elections, absentee ballots shall be made available no later than 30 days before an election. In every instance the board of elections shall exert every effort to provide absentee ballots, of the kinds needed by the date on which absentee voting is authorized to commence.
- § 163-227.10(b)

The board of elections shall provide absentee ballots, of the kinds needed, as quickly as possible after the ballot information for a second primary has been determined.
- § 163-227.10(c)

At least once per primary or election, each county board of elections and the State Board shall publish on its website or in any mailing sent to voters the date by which absentee ballots are available for voting.

APPARATUS FOLLOWS — DERIVED, NOT ENACTED

## Amendment lineage

| 1973                                                                        | 1998 |                                       | 2023      |
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| Nº                                                                          | YEAR | ACT                                   | CHARACTER |
| 01                                                                          | 1973 | c. 1275                               | ENACTED   |
| 02                                                                          | 1977 | c. 469, s. 1                          | AMENDED   |
| 03                                                                          | 1977 | 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 986, s. 2 | AMENDED   |
| 04                                                                          | 1987 | c. 485, ss. 2, 5                      | AMENDED   |
| 05                                                                          | 1987 | c. 509, s. 9                          | AMENDED   |
| 06                                                                          | 1989 | c. 635, s. 5                          | AMENDED   |
| 07                                                                          | 2001 | S.L. 2001-353, s. 4                   | AMENDED   |
| 08                                                                          | 2002 | S.L. 2002-159, s. 55(i)               | AMENDED   |
| 09                                                                          | 2009 | S.L. 2009-537, s. 2                   | AMENDED   |
| 10                                                                          | 2013 | S.L. 2013-381, s. 17(a)               | AMENDED   |
| 11                                                                          | 2017 | S.L. 2017-6, s. 3                     | AMENDED   |
| 12                                                                          | 2018 | S.L. 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b)         | AMENDED   |
| 13                                                                          | 2023 | S.L. 2023-140, s. 35                  | AMENDED   |

## Authorities referenced

| REFERENCE      | APPEARS IN | OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION    |
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| G.S. 163-22(k) | (a)        | "authorized by the State Board under" |

## APPARATUS III

## Citation

## FULL SECTION

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