



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 23 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION PROCEDURE

N.C.G.S. § 163-279.

Time of municipal primaries and elections.

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§ 163-279(a) Primaries and elections for offices filled by election of the people in cities, towns, incorporated villages, and special districts shall be held in 1973 and every two or four years thereafter as provided by municipal charter on the following days:

- (1) If the election is nonpartisan and decided by simple plurality, the election shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
- (2) If the election is partisan, the election shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, the first primary shall be held on the second Tuesday after Labor Day, and the second primary, if required, shall be held on the fourth Tuesday before the election.
- (3) If the election is nonpartisan and the nonpartisan primary method of election is used, the election shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November and the nonpartisan primary shall be held on the fourth Tuesday before the election.
- (4) If the election is nonpartisan and the election and runoff election method of election is used, the election shall be held on the fourth Tuesday before the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, and the runoff election, if required, shall be held on Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

§ 163-279(b) Officers of sanitary districts elected in 1970 shall hold office until the first Monday in December, 1973, notwithstanding G.S. 130-126. Beginning in 1973, sanitary district elections shall be held at the times provided in this section or in G.S. 130A-50(b1).

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APPARATUS I
7 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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1971		1995		2018
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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER	
01	1971	c. 835, s. 1	ENACTED	
02	1973	c. 1115	AMENDED	
03	1987	c. 22, s. 2	AMENDED	
04	2006	S.L. 2006-192, s. 3	AMENDED	
05	2011	S.L. 2011-141, s. 1(a)	AMENDED	
06	2017	S.L. 2017-6, s. 3	AMENDED	
07	2018	S.L. 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b)	AMENDED	

APPARATUS II
2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 130-126	(b)	"first Monday in December, 1973, notwithstanding"
G.S. 130A-50(b1)	(b)	"provided in this section or in"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-279 (2018).

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(1971, c. 835, s. 1; 1973, c. 1115; 1987, c. 22, s. 2; 2006-192, s. 3; 2011-141, s. 1(a); 2017-6, s. 3; 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b).)

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