



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 24 - CONDUCT OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

N.C.G.S. § 163-296.

Nomination by petition.

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In cities conducting partisan elections, any qualified voter who seeks to have his name printed on the regular municipal election ballot as an unaffiliated candidate may do so in the manner provided in G.S. 163-122, except that the petitions and affidavits shall be filed not later than 12:00 noon on the Friday preceding the seventh Saturday before the election, and the petitions shall be signed by a number of qualified voters of the municipality equal to at least one and a half percent (1.5%) of the whole number of voters qualified to vote in the municipal election according to the voter registration records of the State Board of Elections as of January 1 of the year in which the general municipal election is held. A person whose name appeared on the ballot in a primary election is not eligible to have his name placed on the regular municipal election ballot as an unaffiliated candidate for the same office in that year. The Board of Elections shall examine and verify the signatures on the petition, and shall certify only the names of signers who are found to be qualified registered voters in the municipality. Provided that in the case where a qualified voter seeks to have his name printed on the regular municipal election ballot as an unaffiliated candidate for election from an election district within the municipality, the petition shall be signed by one and a half percent (1.5%) of the voters qualified to vote for that office.

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APPARATUS I
10 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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01	1971	c. 835, s. 1	ENACTED
02	1979	c. 23, ss. 2, 4, 5	AMENDED
03	1979	c. 534, ss. 3, 4	AMENDED
04	1989	c. 402	AMENDED
05	1991	c. 297, s. 2	AMENDED
06	2004	S.L. 2004-127, s. 8(b)	AMENDED
07	2006	S.L. 2006-264, s. 21	AMENDED
08	2017	S.L. 2017-6, s. 3	AMENDED
09	2017	S.L. 2017-214, s. 2(b)	AMENDED
10	2018	S.L. 2018-146, s. 3.1(a), (b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
1 AUTHORITY

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. 163-122		<i>"so in the manner provided in"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-296 (2018).

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