



CHAPTER 163
ARTICLE 4 - COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS

N.C.G.S. § 163-30.

County boards of elections; appointments;
terms of office; qualifications; vacancies;
oath of office; instructional meetings.

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§ 163-30(a) In every county of the State there shall be a county board of elections, which may be referred to as "county board" in this Chapter. Each county board shall consist of five persons of good moral character who are registered voters in the county in which they are to act. Four members of each county board shall be appointed by the State Board on the last Tuesday in June of each odd-numbered year and shall continue to serve until successors are appointed and qualified. One member of each county board shall be appointed by the State Auditor to be the chair of the county board on the last Tuesday in June of each odd-numbered year and that member's term of office shall continue until a successor is appointed and qualified. Of the appointments to each county board by the State Board, two members each shall belong to the two political parties having the highest number of registered affiliates as reflected by the latest registration statistics published by the State Board.

§ 163-30(b) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of a county board who meets any of the following criteria:

(1) Holds any elective office under the government of the United States, or of the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision thereof.

- (2) Holds any office in a state, congressional district, county or precinct political party or organization. Provided, however, that the position of delegate to a political party convention shall not be considered an office for the purpose of this subdivision.
- (3) Is a campaign manager or treasurer of any candidate or political party in a primary or election.
- (4) Is a candidate for nomination or election.
- (5) Is the wife, husband, son, son in law, daughter, daughter in law, mother, mother in law, father, father in law, sister, sister in law, brother, brother in law, aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew of any candidate for nomination or election. Upon any member of the county board becoming ineligible, that member's seat shall be declared vacant. This subdivision only applies if the county board is conducting the election for which the relative is a candidate.

§ 163-30(c)

The State chair of the two political parties having the highest number of registered affiliates as reflected by the latest registration statistics published by the State Board shall have the right to recommend to the State Board three registered voters in each county for appointment to the county board for that county. If such recommendations are received by the State Board 15 or more days before the last Tuesday in June of each odd-numbered year, it shall be the duty of the State Board to appoint the county boards from the names thus recommended.

§ 163-30(d)

Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of a county board for any cause the State chair of the political party of the vacating member shall have the right to recommend two registered voters of the affected county for such office, and it shall be the duty of the State Board to fill the vacancy from the names thus recommended.

§ 163-30(e)

At the meeting of the county board required by G.S. 163-31 to be held on Tuesday following the third Monday in July in the year of their appointment the members shall take the following oath of office:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States; and that I will well and truly execute the duties of the office of member of the _____

County Board of Elections to the best of my knowledge and ability, according to law; so help me God."

§ 163-30(f)

Each member of the county board shall attend each instructional meeting held pursuant to G.S. 163-46, unless excused for good cause by the chair of the county board, and shall be paid the sum of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per day for attending each of those meetings.

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APPARATUS I
33 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1901	c. 89, ss. 6, 11	ENACTED
02	Rev.	ss. 4303, 4304, 4305	RECODIFIED
03	1913	c. 138	AMENDED
04	C.S.	ss. 5924, 5925, 5926	RECODIFIED
05	1921	c. 181, s. 1	AMENDED
06	1923	c. 111, s. 1	AMENDED
07	1923	c. 196	AMENDED
08	1933	c. 165, s. 2	AMENDED
09	1941	c. 305, s. 1	AMENDED
10	1945	c. 758, ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
11	1949	c. 672, s. 1	AMENDED
12	1953	c. 410, ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
13	1953	c. 1191, s. 2	AMENDED
14	1955	c. 871, s. 1	AMENDED
15	1957	c. 182, s. 1	AMENDED

16	1959	c. 1203, s. 1	AMENDED
17	1967	c. 775, s. 1	AMENDED
18	1969	c. 208, s. 1	AMENDED
19	1973	c. 793, s. 7	AMENDED
20	1973	c. 1094	AMENDED
21	1973	c. 1344, s. 4	AMENDED
22	1975	c. 19, s. 66	AMENDED
23	1975	c. 159, s. 1	AMENDED
24	1981	c. 954, s. 1	AMENDED
25	1983	c. 617, ss. 1, 2	AMENDED
26	1985	c. 472, s. 4	AMENDED
27	1997	S.L. 1997-211, s. 1	AMENDED
28	2016	S.L. 2016-125, 4th Ex. Sess., s. 5(h)	AMENDED
29	2017	S.L. 2017-6, ss. 2, 3, 7(h)	AMENDED
30	2018	S.L. 2018-145, s. 25(a)	AMENDED
31	2018	S.L. 2018-146, ss. 3.1(a), (b), 4.3(a)	AMENDED
32	2023	S.L. 2023-139, s. 4.1	AMENDED
33	2024	S.L. 2024-57, s. 3A.3(a), (f)	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. 163-31	(e)	<i>"of the county board required by"</i>
G.S. 163-46	(f)	<i>"each instructional meeting held pursuant to"</i>

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

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