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Forsyth County Board of Elections
2026 CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

The filing period opens Monday, December 1, 2025 at 12 PM & closes on Friday, December 19, 2025 at 12 PM.

Deadline for all December candidates to withdraw their Notice of Candidacy is 5 PM on December 16, 2025.

Soil & Water filing period opens Monday, June 8, 2026 at 12 PM & closes on Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 5 PM.

<u>Office</u>		<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Length of Term</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Filing Fee</u>
US Senate		Tillis (R)	6 years	State BOE	\$1,740.00
US House of Representatives	6th District	McDowell (R)	2 years	State BOE	\$1,740.00
	10th District	Harrigan (R)	2 years	State BOE	\$1,740.00
NC State Senate	31st District	Jones (R)	2 years	County BOE	\$139.51
	32nd District	Lowe (D)	2 years	County BOE	\$139.51
NC State House	71st District	Brown (D)	2 years	County BOE	\$139.51
	72nd District	Baker (D)	2 years	County BOE	\$139.51
	74th District	Zenger (R)	2 years	County BOE	\$139.51
	75th District	Lambeth (R)	2 years	County BOE	\$139.51
	91st District	Hall (R)	2 years	County BOE	\$139.51
District Court Judges Dist. 31	Seat 01	McMasters (D)	4 years	State BOE	\$1,626.20
	Seat 02	Adams (D)	4 years	State BOE	\$1,626.20
	Seat 03	Kazakos (R)	4 years	State BOE	\$1,626.20
	Seat 04	Cleland (D)	4 years	State BOE	\$1,626.20
District Attorney	District 31	O'Neill (R)	4 years	State BOE	\$1,673.37
County Commissioners	At Large	Besse (D)	4 years	County BOE	\$284.00
	District A	McDaniel (D)	4 years	County BOE	\$284.00
	District A	Woodbury (D)	4 years	County BOE	\$284.00
	District B	Martin (R)	4 years	County BOE	\$284.00
Board of Education	At Large	Coone (D)	2 or 4 years***	County BOE	\$213.33
	At Large	Kaplan (D)	2 or 4 years***	County BOE	\$213.33
	At Large	Watts (D)	2 or 4 years***	County BOE	\$213.33
	District 1	Bohannon (D)	2 or 4 years***	County BOE	\$213.33
	District 1	Brown-Gaither (D)	2 or 4 years***	County BOE	\$213.33
	District 2	Barr (R)	2 or 4 years***	County BOE	\$213.33
	District 2	Crowley (R)	2 or 4 years***	County BOE	\$213.33
	District 2	Miller (R)	2 or 4 years***	County BOE	\$213.33
	District 2	Wood (R)	2 or 4 years***	County BOE	\$213.33
Sheriff		Kimbrough (D)	4 years	County BOE	TBA
Clerk of Superior Court		Hines (D)	4 years	County BOE	\$1,499.49
Town of Rural Hall	Mayor	Bennett (R)	4 years****	County BOE	\$5.00
	Council Member	Lane (R)	4 years****	County BOE	\$5.00
	Council Member	Woodcock (U)	4 years****	County BOE	\$5.00
Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor		Apple (NP)	4 years	County BOE	\$5.00
		Bost (NP)	4 years	County BOE	\$5.00

Election Dates:

Primary March 3, 2026

2nd Primary May 12, 2026 (if necessary)

General Election November 3, 2026

General Candidacy Requirements:

*Registered Voter

*Twenty-one (21) years of age by election day; NC Const. Art. VI, Sec. 6 (Exceptions - 25 years of age - State Senate; NC Const. Art. II, Sec. 6)

*Age limit for service as justice or judge: may not continue in office beyond the last day of the month in which they attain their 72nd birthday (G.S. 7A-4.20)

*Affiliated with a political party for 90 days by the date of filing the Notice of Candidacy

*Residency Requirement: U.S. Congress - NC resident by date of general election, residence not required in the district; State Senate - 2 years in State, 1 year in district (NC Const. Art. II, Sec. 6); State House - 1 year in district (NC Const., Art. II, Sec. 7); County Commissioners, District Court Judges must reside in the district; Soil and Water Conservation Dist. Sup. must reside in Forsyth County; Rural Hall Mayor & Council must reside within the municipal corporate limits

*District Attorney & District Court Judges must be authorized to practice law in North Carolina court (NC Const. Art. IV, Sec. 22)

*Citizenship Requirement: U.S. Congress - U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years

*A person is not eligible to serve as Sheriff in NC if they have been convicted of a felony, even if they've completed their sentence or had the conviction expunged from their record. Session Law 2021-107

**Filing fees are calculated by one percent of the annual starting salary of the office. Municipal fees are determined by the municipality with \$5 being the minimum amount.

**Unaffiliated Candidates: contact the Forsyth County Board of Elections office for unaffiliated petition request and process (336) 703-2800

***Board of Education: Refer to Session Law 2023-31 for length of term

****Town of Rural Hall: Refer to Session Law 2023-31 for length of term