

WILKES COUNTY 2026 ELECTION

Monday, Dec 1 st @ Noon	Filing begins for NC House & Senate, Clerk of Court, County Commissioner, Sheriff and Board of Education
Tuesday, Dec 16 th @ 5:00 pm	Deadline to withdraw notice of candidacy
Friday, Dec 19 th @ Noon	Filing closes
Wednesday, Jan 8 th @ 5pm	Deadline to challenge a candidate
Monday, Jan 12 th	First day to mail absentee ballots (State absentee ballot request form must be used)
Friday, Feb 6 th @ 5:00 pm	Voter Registration forms must be received by 5:00 pm or postmarked by 2/6/2024 (last day to change party affiliation prior to primary)
Thursday, Feb 12 th	Early Voting begins (check with elections office for additional information on locations and hours)
Tuesday, Feb 17 th @ 5:00 pm	Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail
Saturday, Feb 28 th @ 3:00 pm	Early Voting ends
Monday, Mar 2 nd @ 5:00 pm	Last day for a military/overseas absentee ballot request
Tuesday, Mar 3rd	Election Day all polling places open at 6:30 am close at 7:30 pm 7:30 pm deadline to return absentee ballot in person or by mail 7:30 pm deadline to receive military/overseas ballots (electronically)
Thursday, Mar 12 th @ 5:00 pm	Deadline to receive military/overseas absentee ballots (mailed)
Friday, Mar 13 th @ 11:00 am	County Canvass
Tuesday, Mar 16 th @ 5:00 pm	Deadline to request a recount (county candidates)
Tuesday, March 17 th @ 5:00 pm	Deadline to file an election protest
Monday, June 8 th @ noon	Filing for Soil and Water begins
Friday, July 6 th @ noon	Filing for Soil & Water closes
Friday, July 6 th @ noon	Filing for Towns of Ronda & Elkin begins
Friday, July 17 th @ noon	Filing for Towns of Ronda & Elkin ends
Friday, Sept 4 th	First day to mail absentee ballots (State absentee ballot request from must be used)
Friday, Oct 9 th @ 5:00 pm	Voter Registration forms must be received by 5:00 pm or postmarked by 10/9/2024
Thursday, Oct 15 th	Early Voting begins (check with elections office for additional locations and hours)
Tuesday, Oct 20 th @ 5:00 pm	Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail
Saturday, Oct 31 st @ 3:00 pm	Early Voting ends
Monday, Nov 3 rd @ 5:00 pm	Last day for a military/overseas absentee ballot request
Tuesday, Nov. 3rd	Election Day all polling places open at 6:30 am close at 7:30 pm 7:30 pm deadline to return absentee ballot in person or by mail 7:30 pm deadline to receive military/overseas ballots (electronically)
Thursday, Nov 12 th @ 5:00 pm	Deadline to receive military/overseas absentee ballots (mailed)
Friday, Nov 13 th @ 11:00 am	County Canvass
Monday, Nov 16 th @ 5:00 pm	Deadline to request a recount (county candidates)
Tuesday, Nov 17 th @ 5:00 pm	Deadline to file an election protest