



# WILKES COUNTY

## Board of Elections

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## 2026 Candidate Filing Information

Candidate filing begins December 1, 2025 at noon and closes December 19, 2025 at noon.

The following offices file their Notice of Candidacy with the Wilkes County Board of Elections:

NC Senate (file in county of residence)	\$139.51
NC House (file in county of residence)	\$139.51
Clerk of Court	\$1234.88
Sheriff	\$873.35
County Commissioner (2 Seats)	\$65
Board of Education (2 Seats)	\$48

Filing Fees will be updated as they are received. We will have all filing fees by November (estimated)

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### Filing Period – 6/08/26 to 7/06/26

Soil and Water	\$5
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### Filing Period – 7/06/26 to 7/17/26

Ronda Commissioner (2 Seats)	TBD
Ronda Mayor (1 Unexpired Seat)	TBD
Ronda Commissioner (1 Unexpired Seats)	TBD
Elkin Commissioner	TBD

Deadline to withdraw candidacy for county and state offices 5:00 pm on December 16, 2025.

Deadline to withdraw candidacy for Soil & Water is 7/01/26.

All filing fees over \$50 must be paid by check or money order. (Business checks are NOT allowed)

Political Party Changes must have been made 90 days prior to filing for a partisan office.

Persons registered as Unaffiliated are not permitted to file for an office in a partisan primary. Persons registered as Unaffiliated may petition to be on the General Election Ballot for a partisan office.

Candidates must disclose **any** previous felony convictions within 48 hours of filing your Notice of Candidacy.

Candidates for Election to the Office of Sheriff or appointee to the Office of Sheriff must disclose any and all felony convictions, including any expunged felony convictions. Any individual filing notice of candidacy must provide a Disclosure Statement prepared by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission.

Candidates for NC Senate and NC House are required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest due 10 days after candidate filing closes.

Those who are planning to file for office may setup their campaign finance committee prior to candidate filing. Otherwise at the time of filing, campaign finance committee forms will be completed along with the Notice of Candidacy. If an individual makes a public announcement of definite intent to run for public office in a particular election prior to the beginning of candidate filing and does not receive any contributions (money or in-kind) or make any expenditures (money or in-kind) may wait until they file for office to open their campaign committee.

An individual must file organizational paperwork within 10 days of whichever of these actions occurs first:

- Any money is spent or in-kind contributions are received in support of a candidacy; or
- A notice of candidacy or petition requesting to be a candidate is filed; or
- A person is certified as the nominee of a political party for a vacancy.

#### Campaign Finance requirements

- Must name your committee (even if it is a committee of one)
- A *Paid For By* statement is required on many media advertisements. The committee's name is what is used in these statements
- A separate bank account is required for all committees if the committee accepts contributions from others
- Each committee must have a treasurer (can be anyone except for the spouse of the candidate)
- Treasurer training is required for all treasurers within 90 days of organizing your committee (may take online or in person)
- County or Municipal candidates may file under the \$1,000 spending and receiving threshold
- If candidates spend or receive less than \$1,000 campaign reports are not filed with Board of Elections
- Committees filing over the \$1,000 threshold are required to file campaign reports per the 2025-2026 reporting schedule
- Any committee that raises or spends in excess of \$10,000 in an election cycle must file reports electronically using the State campaign software

All campaign finance laws must be followed regardless of spending amounts or if only candidate funds are used.

**Questions Contact the Wilkes County Board of Elections at 336-651-7339 or email [elections@wilkescounty.net](mailto:elections@wilkescounty.net) .**