2026 GENERAL

Election Date: 11/03/2026

This is an official notice of an election to be conducted in **DARE** County on **11/03/2026**. This notice contains a list of all of the ballot measures and federal, State, and local offices this county expects, as of this date, to be on the ballot on the date of the election. (See Attachment)

An Election Notice will be prepared not later than 100 days before a regularly scheduled election that permits absentee voting, and as soon as practicable in the case of an election or vacancy election not regularly scheduled. For a second primary, an Election Notice will be prepared, no later than the day following the date the appropriate board of elections orders that a second primary be held.

As soon as ballot styles are printed, this county board of elections will update this notice with the certified candidates for each office and ballot measures and referenda questions that will be on the ballot. For General Elections during even-numbered years, ballots will be printed **60 days** prior to the election. For statewide primaries and other elections (except municipal elections), ballots will be printed **50 days** prior to the election. Municipal ballots are available **30 days** prior to Election Day. **You must request an updated Election Notice.**

Transmitting a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:
This notice may be used in conjunction with the federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB). Covered military & U.S. citizens living outside the U.S. seeking to vote by absentee ballot may use the FWAB to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and vote an official military-overseas ballot. When using the FWAB to register to vote, and/or request an absentee ballot, please transmit your signed and completed FWAB no later than **5:00 p.m. on the day before Election Day**. If submitted later than this day and time, your absentee ballot will not be counted. Federal write-in absentee ballots are available at www.NCSBE.gov. You may also request a regular absentee ballot by using the federal postcard application (FPCA), available at www.FVAP.gov. A regular ballot can be mailed, faxed or emailed to you. You may return the FWAB or a regular absentee ballot by mail, secure fax (1-919-715-0351) or email (absentee@ncsbe.gov).

Marking a Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot:
When marking a FWAB, for each office for which you wish to vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party designation. For ballot measures or referenda, write either "YES" (you are *for* the ballot measure or referendum) or "NO" (you are *against* the ballot measure or referendum). In a primary, if you are registered as Democratic, Green, Libertarian, or Republican, for partisan contests, you may only vote for the candidates of the party for which you are affiliated. You are also eligible to vote for non-partisan contests. If you are registered as unaffiliated ("independent"), in a primary, you may choose to vote for the partisan contests of one of the parties or you may choose to vote for non-partisan contests only. Please contact your local board of elections to confirm your party affiliation or voter registration status.

Please check the website for the NC State Board of Elections (www.NCSBE.gov) for additional information on military-overseas absentee voting.

Election Notice Of Contests and Referenda
DARE BOARD OF ELECTIONS (11/03/2026)

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	CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
US SENATE			
	MICHAEL DUBLIN	Michael Dublin	GRE
	ROY COOPER	Roy Cooper	DEM
	SHANNON BRAY	Shannon W. Bray	LIB
	MICHAEL WHATLEY	Michael Whatley	REP
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 01			
	DONALD DAVIS	Don Davis	DEM
	LAURIE BUCKHOUT	Laurie Buckhout	REP
	THOMAS BAILEY	Tom Bailey	LIB
NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 01			
	ANITA EARLS	Anita Earls	DEM
	SARAH STEVENS	Sarah Stevens	REP
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 01			
	MICHAEL BYRNE	Michael C. Byrne	REP
	JOHN ARROWOOD	John S. Arrowood	DEM
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 02			
	GEORGE BELL	George Cooper Bell	REP
	TOBIAS HAMPSON	Tobias (Toby) Hampson	DEM
NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 03			
	CRAIG COLLINS	Craig Collins	REP
	CHRISTINE WALCZYK	Christine Marie Walczyk	DEM
NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 01			
	MELISSA ZEHNER	Melissa Zehner	DEM
	JERRY TILLETT	Jerry Tillett	REP
NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 001			
	EDWARD GOODWIN	Edward C. Goodwin	REP
	CLAUDE HARRIS	Claude (Dorsey) Harris - WITHDRAWN	DEM
NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 079			
	DARREN ARMSTRONG	Darren Armstrong	REP
NC SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 01 SEAT 02			
	ROBERT TRIVETTE	Robert Trivette	REP
	EULA REID	Eula Reid	DEM
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 01 SEAT 01			
	KRIS FELTHOUSEN	Kris John Felthousen	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 01 SEAT 02			
	JEFFREY MORELAND	Jeffrey Moreland	REP
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 01 SEAT 03			
	MEADER HARRISS	Meader Harriss	REP

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CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 01 SEAT 04 (UNEXPIRED)		
JENNIFER WELLS	Jennifer (Jenny) Wells	DEM
THOMAS JONES	Kyle Jones	REP
DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 01		
JEFFREY CRUDEN	Jeff Cruden	REP
DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT-LARGE		
ERVIN BATEMAN	Ervin Bateman	REP
AIDA HAVEL	Aida Havel	DEM
DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 01		
DAVID TWIDDY	David Twiddy	REP
DARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 02		
ROBERT ROSS	Rob Ross	REP
DARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 01		
STEPHEN NICHOLS	Stephen Nichols	REP
KELLETA GOVAN	Kelleta Govan	DEM
DARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 02		
RONALD PAYNE	Ron Payne	REP
DARE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 03		
RICHARD SHOPE	Rich Shope	REP
DARE COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT		
DEAN TOLSON	Dean Martin Tolson	REP
DARE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS		
CHERYL HOUSE	Cheryl House	REP
DARE COUNTY SHERIFF		
RODNEY RAWLS	Rodney Rawls	REP
DARE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR		
CLARENCE BEASLEY	Clarence Wood Beasley	
MATTHEW PAULSON	Matthew J. Paulson	

CHOICE	DESCRIPTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - REQUIRE PHOTO ID FOR VOTING	
For	Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.
Against	Constitutional amendment to require all voters, not just those presenting to vote in person, to present photo identification before voting.
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - MAXIMUM INCOME TAX RATE OF 3.5%	
For	Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).
Against	Constitutional amendment to keep the State income tax rate from being raised higher than three and one-half percent (3.5%).
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT	
For	Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.
Against	Constitutional amendment requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments.
DARE COUNTY LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUM	
For	Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes.
Against	Local sales and use tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) in addition to all other State and local sales and use taxes.