

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION SWAIN NORTH CAROLINA

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in **SWAIN** to vote in the following contests: **Presidential Preference as follows: Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Constitutional, and Green Parties. Democrat and Republican US Senate, Democrat and Republican US House of Representatives District 11, Democrat and Republican NC Governor, Democrat and Republican NC Lieutenant Governor, Republican NC Attorney General, Democrat and Republican NC Auditor, Democrat NC Commissioner of Agriculture, Republican NC Commissioner of Insurance, Republican NC Commissioner of Labor, Republican NC Secretary of State, Democrat and Republican NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, Democrat NC Treasurer, Republican NC Senate District 50, Republican NC House of Representatives 119, Republican NC District Court Judge District 30 Seat 6, Democrat Swain County Board of Commissioners.**

Voters will not be required to show photo ID when they vote in the primary election on March 3, 2020. In a December 31 order, a federal district court blocked North Carolina's voter photo ID requirement from taking effect. The injunction will remain in place until further order of the court.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, March 3. One-stop early voting will be held at the **SWAIN** Board of Elections office **located at 1422 Hwy. 19 South Bryson City, NC 28713** and **The Birdtown Rec Center located at 1212 Birdtown Road Cherokee, NC 28719**. One-stop early voting will be open from **8:00 am** Thursday, February 13 until **3:00 p.m.** on Saturday, February 29. **February 13th, 14th, 17th through the 21st, 24th through the 28th all days open 8:00 am until 7:30 pm. February 22nd and 29th will be 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.** Canvass will be held in the **Swain County** Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 13.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form (available on the State Board of Elections website and at the county board of elections office), and must be received in the **Swain County** Board of Elections office or any one-stop early voting site by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25. Completed request forms may only be returned in-person to the **Swain County** Board of Elections by the voter, the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or by a Multipartisan Assistance Team, or delivered by the U.S. Postal Service or designated delivery service (DHL, FedEx, or UPS). Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the **Swain County** Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or by a qualified person of their choice if a near relative or legal guardian is not available. If the voter lives a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multipartisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and serve as witnesses.

All persons who are registered to vote with the **Swain County** Board of Elections may vote in this election.

In a partisan primary, voters who are affiliated with a political party may only vote in their party's primary and on any nonpartisan contests. Unaffiliated voters may choose to participate in the

Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican primary or if available, may vote a nonpartisan ballot. Unaffiliated voters may not vote in the Constitution Party or Green Party primary.

Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, February 7 to be eligible to vote in this election. Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multipartisan Assistance Team visit to a facility, or other election matters may call the **Swain County** Board of Elections Office at **828-488-6177**.

Charles McMahan, Chairman
SWAIN Board of Elections