

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION SWAIN NORTH CAROLINA

A general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in **SWAIN** to vote in the following contests: **President, US Senate, US House of Representatives District 11, NC Governor, NC lieutenant Governor, NC Attorney General , NC Auditor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Insurance, NC Commissioner of Labor, NC Secretary of State, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, NC Treasurer, NC Senate District 50, NC House of Representatives 119, NC District Court Judge District 30 Seats 4, 5 and 6, Swain County Board of Commissioners(two seats open), NC Supreme Court Justice Seats 1, 2 and 4, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seats 4, 5, 6, 7 and 13, Swain County Board of Education, Swain Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, and Whittier Sanitary District Board members.**

Voters will not be required to show photo ID when they vote in the general election on November 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, November 3. One-stop early voting will be held at the **SWAIN** Board of Elections office **located at 1422 Hwy. 19 S. Bryson City, NC 28713** and **The Birdtown Rec Center located at 1212 Birdtown Road Cherokee, NC 28713.** One-stop early voting will be beginning on October 15th and end on October 31st. Hours will be 8:00 am until 7:30 pm weekdays. October 17th and October 24th from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm and October 31st from 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, November 13th, 2020. Any registered voter in Swain County may cast their ballots at either One-stop voting location.

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 November 3rd, 2020. Absentee by mail deadline is October 27th at 5:00 pm. 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.

Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by October 9th by 5:00 pm 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 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