

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION JACKSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The statewide primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

Voters will be asked to show photo ID when they vote. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without ID. Voters who lack ID can get one for free from their county board of elections. Find out more at ncsbe.gov/voter-id.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, February 12, 2026, to Saturday, February 28, 2026:

- Skyland Service Center, 876 Skyland Dr.-Suite 1, Sylva
- Cashiers Rec Center, 355 Frank Allen Rd, Sylva
- Cullowhee Rec Center, 88 Cullowhee Mountain Rd., Cullowhee
- Qualla Community Building, 181 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd, Whittier

Hours of operation are M-F 8:00am-7:30pm; and Saturdays, February 21 and 28, 8:00am-3:00pm.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning January 12, 2026. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at votebymail.ncsbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by the board of elections. The request must be received through the website or by the Jackson County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. February 17, 2026.

In the primary election, voters will select nominees for a political party to move on to the general election on November 3. Contests on the ballot include **U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, N.C. legislature, state and local judges, and county offices**. In the primary, voters affiliated with a political party will be given a ballot of candidates for their party, if their party has a primary. Unaffiliated voters may choose to vote in any party's primary, but they may only select one party's ballot.

The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, February 6, 2026. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. New registrants will be required to provide documentation of their residence.

Questions? Call the Jackson County Board of Elections Office at 828.586.7538 or send an email to ElectionsInfo@JacksonNC.org.

Bill Thompson, Chairman
Jackson County Board of Elections