

2026 ELECTIONS – CATAWBA COUNTY, NC

- **PRIMARY – MARCH 3, 2026** NCGS § 163-1(b) | **SECOND PRIMARY (if needed) – MAY 12, 2026** NCGS § 163-111(e)
- **GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 3, 2026** NCGS § 163-1(c) *All dates are subject to change.*

OFFICE	TERM	INCUMBENTS	FEE
Filing Begins noon, Monday, Dec 1, 2025 Ends noon, Friday, Dec 19, 2025 Filing for primaries: "1 st Monday in December to 3 rd Friday in December" NCGS § 163-106.2			
Candidates for the following offices file with NC State Board of Elections in Raleigh			
US SENATE	6 YEARS	Thom Tillis (R)	TBD
US 10 TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	2 YEARS	Pat Harrigan (R)	TBD
SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE – DISTRICT 19	8 YEARS	Nathaniel J. Poovey (R)	TBD
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE – DISTRICT 36 7 Seats (Candidates must file for specific seat)	4 YEARS	Seat 1 David W. Aycock (R) Seat 2 Wes W. Barkley (R) Seat 3 <Currently Vacant> Seat 4 Robert A. Mullinax, Jr. (R) Seat 5 Amy Sigmon Walker (R) Seat 6 Scott M. Lippert (R) Seat 7 Mark L. Killian (R)	TBD
DISTRICT ATTORNEY – DISTRICT 19 (Catawba County only)	4 YEARS	Scott Reilly (R)	TBD

Candidates for the following offices file with County Board of Elections Office			
NC SENATE – 45 TH DISTRICT	2 YEARS	Mark Hollo (R)	TBD
NC HOUSE – 89 TH DISTRICT	2 YEARS	Mitchell S. Setzer (R)	TBD
NC HOUSE – 96 TH DISTRICT	2 YEARS	Jay Adams (R)	TBD
CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 3 Seats	4 YEARS	Robert Abernethy, Jr. (R) Randy Isenhower (R) Cole Setzer (R)	TBD
SHERIFF	4 YEARS	Don Brown (R)	TBD
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT	4 YEARS	Kim R. Sigmon (R)	TBD
CATAWBA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD 4 Seats	4 YEARS	Leslie Barnette (U) Tim Settlemyre (R) Don Sigmon (R) Michelle Teague (R)	\$10
HICKORY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD 4 Seats (One Seat per Ward) <i>Candidate must be resident of the Ward</i>	4 YEARS	Ward 1 Amanda McGuire (R) Ward 2 Sarah Ferrell Temple (D) Ward 3 Ittiely Carson (U) Ward 5 Keyhisa Hannah (D)	\$5
NEWTON-CONOVER CITY SCHOOL BOARD 1 Seat – Conover District 2 Seats – Newton District	4 YEARS	Conover Dist. Robbie Gonzales (R) Newton Dist. Tim Hayes (R) Phillip Heath (R)	\$5

Candidates may withdraw notice of candidacy prior to the 3rd business day before close of filing (5pm, Tues, Dec 16). NCGS § 163-106.4

Candidates for the following NON-PARTISAN offices file with County Board of Elections Office			
Filing Begins Noon, Monday, June 8, 2026 Ends noon, Friday, July 3, 2026 Soil & Water Filing: "2 nd Monday in June to 1 st Friday in July"			
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS	4 YEARS	Julia Elmore Bill Shillito	\$5

Updated 1/15/2025