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Judge's ruling means no photo ID need to vote

By T.C. Hunter
Managing editor

As the March 3 primary looms large over North Carolina's political landscape, the mandate to provide a photo identification will not cast its shadow over the election process.

The state Board of Elections announced weeks ago that voters are not required to show photo ID for the 2020 primary election. In a Dec. 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.



Biggs



Stein

The judicial ruling was handed down by U.S. District Judge Loretta Biggs despite the change to the state's Constitution being approved in the 2018 general election by 55% of the state's voters. In Robeson County, long considered a Democratic Party stronghold, 62.55%

of voters who cast ballots voted in favor of the voter ID mandate.

Biggs' ruling came in response to a lawsuit filed in December 2018 by the state NAACP and local NAACP chapters. The lawsuit claimed the mandate was another attempt by Republicans to suppress the vote of minorities and residents who can not afford to obtain proper voter identification.

Biggs said the voter ID rules appeared to contain the racially discriminatory taint of several sections of a 2013 voting law that a federal appeals court declared unconstitutional in 2016. That 2013



ROGER OXENDINE County Commissioner District 3

Partnership with Lumbee Tribe to invest \$750,000 for a new Rowland Community Building and Elderly Housing.

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Establishment of Robeson County One-Stop Office
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Ninety new vehicles purchased for Robeson County Fleet and Robeson County Sheriff's Office

Establishment of Gaddy's Community Park.

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law required photo ID but also scaled back early in-person voting. Republican legislators, who had approved both laws, disagreed with Biggs.

Among GOP arguments was how the law instituting the constitutional change and its guidelines allows a generous variety of photo identifications for use when casting a vote. Included on that list are identification cards issued to staff and students at the state's institutions of higher learning, IDs issued to active and retired military personnel, and federal passports.

On Jan. 2, state Attorney General Josh Stein announced he will appeal Biggs' ruling, but not in time for the March 3 primary because it would cause confusion.

A release from Stein's office said the state Department of Justice won't go to court to try to require the use of photo identification for the March 3 primary "to avoid further voter confusion in the primary election in which absentee voting begins in just 11 days and to ensure that the primary election proceeds on schedule and is administered in an orderly manner."

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will review Biggs' decision once it's appealed, "but we anticipate that photo identification will not be required to vote in the primary," the release said.

Stein's action prompted North Carolina Republican legislative leaders to file a motion on Jan. 10 seeking to officially enter the lawsuit and ask the voter ID law be enforced in the primary. Stein's lawyers pointed out that House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate leader Phil Berger aren't parties in the lawsuit. Biggs twice rejected their requests to join the case.

The NAACP's lawyers said any reversal would cause confusion, but also wrote in a legal brief that the Republicans are unlikely to be able to overturn Biggs' order. The civil rights groups say there's good reason to believe provisions in the new law — which GOP lawmakers say make it easier for voters to comply — would still disproportionately harm African American voters.

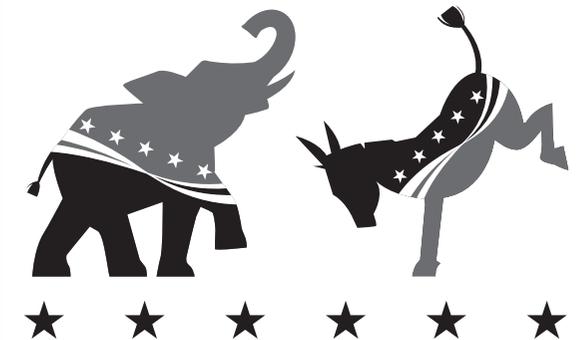
"Staying the preliminary injunction at this point would lead to a dysfunctional enforcement of an unconstitutional law that would undoubtedly undermine the integrity of that election and disenfranchise North Carolina voters," the NAACP brief read.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nineteenth century political cartoonist, Thomas Nast, was among the most influential people of his time, and he is still influencing the lives of millions of people today, more than a century after his death.

Nast, who was born in 1840 on a military base in Landau, Germany, created the symbolic Democratic donkey and the Republican elephant, along with Uncle Sam.

Historians feel that his political cartoons are invaluable tools in helping to understand how nineteenth century Americans felt about their country's civil war.



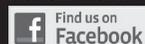
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Crowded field seeking 7 available seats on school board

Tomeka Sinclair

Staff writer

There are 17 candidates vying for the seven seats up for election on the 11-member Board of Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Two of the district races, however, feature only one candidate.

On the March 3 primary ballot will be three at-large seats and the seats for board districts 1, 4, 5 and 7. There is only one candidate each who filed for the District 1 and District 5 seats.

The Board of Education is non-partisan so the winners are determined during the March 3 primary. The winners will be sworn in during the first school board meeting in July.

John Simmons is unchallenged for the District 1 seat from which Loistine DeFreece resigned in October after it was revealed she had been serving on the board after moving out of the district. Simmons is a Lumberton resident with extensive experience in law enforcement.

DeFreece had held that seat

since 2004, but was flooded out of her home during Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Incumbent Craig Lowry also has no opposition in his bid for re-election to the District 5 seat. Lowry, who has served as an educator, principal and coach in the county's public school system, is seeking a second four-year term as the District 5 representative.

The most crowded field of candidates is in the race for the at-large seats. A total of nine candidates will be vying for only three at-large seats. Voters can cast a ballot for only one of the nine candidates.

The field includes incumbents Brian Freeman, who filed for a second four-year term; and board Chairman John Campbell, the second longest serving board member, having first taken a seat in 1996; and former District 1 representative DeFreece. The other candidates are Jacqueline Carthen, Draper T. Bullard, Vonta Leach, Henry B. Brewer and William Gentry.

In the race for the District 4 seat the contenders are incumbent Charles Bullard, the school board's current vice chairman, and



FILE PHOTO

When voters go to the polls on March 3 they will be asked to choose from among 17 candidates who are running for seven open seats on the 10-member Public Schools of Robeson County Board of Education. Seats on the board are non-partisan, so the races will be decided during the primary election.

challengers Terry Locklear and Jeffery McNeill. Bullard is seeking a second four-year term.

The District 7 seat contest is between Brittany Lovett Pittman, former county Board of Elections Director Gaston (G.L.) Pridgen and Randy Lawson. Lawson is currently an at-large member but is

giving that seat up to run in District 7.

The District 7 seat is currently being held by Steve Martin, who is running as a Republican for the District 7 seat on the Robeson County Board of Commissioners. He's facing incumbent Tom Taylor.



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Robeson County Indigent Defense Committee Member
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Attorney for Pembroke Housing Authority for 17 years
Summer clerk for Judge Linda McGee North Carolina Court of Appeals
Former attorney for the Lumbee Tribe of NC
Attorney & Board of Director member for Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce

Commitment

The work ethic and judicial temperament to preside over district court cases
Commitment to balance judicial efficiency with well-reasoned decision making



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Slim menu locally for state and federal offices

Staff Report

When it comes to state and federal offices, the March primary menu for Robeson County voters is less filling, especially when it comes to local representatives.

The three seats in the General Assembly are all uncontested in the primary, but they are all contested in the Nov. 3 General Election.

Sen. Danny Britt, a Republican seeking his third two-year term representing District 13, is unopposed both in the primary and in the general election. District 13 encompasses all of Robeson and Columbus counties.

Rep. Charles Graham, a Democrat seeking his sixth two-year term as the District 47 representative, will face Olivia Oxendine, a Republican making her first run for political office, in November. Both are unopposed in the March primary.

Redistricting has slightly reconfigured District 47, putting a bit more of Lumberton into it while shifting some areas in the southern and western parts of Robeson County to District



Danny Britt



Charles Graham



Brenden Jones



Dan Bishop

46, which is represented by Rep. Brenden Jones. District 47 is wholly contained in Robeson County.

Jones, a Republican from Tabor City, is seeking his third two-year term in the state House. He and Tim Heath, a Democrat from Red Springs, are both unopposed in the March primary, and will square off in November. District 46 includes part of western Columbus County and then sneaks into Robeson County, snaking to the south and then westward from there.

In the U.S. House, Dan Bishop, who took office at the end of last year, is already back campaigning to keep his District 9 seat.

Political observers will recall the controversy in the District 9 election, and the do-over election that was ordered because of fraud in the 2018 general election. Bishop narrowly defeated Dan McCready, a Democrat, in a September special election.

Bishop is unopposed in the primary, and will be the winner of the Democrat primary in the general election. The Democratic candidates are Harry Lamont Southerland of Raeford, Cynthia Lee Wallace of Charlotte, Marcus Whittman Williams of Lumberton and Clayton White Brooks III of Laurinburg.

District 9 consists of all of Robeson, Union, Anson, Richmond and Scotland,

southeast portion of Mecklenburg County, and parts of Cumberland and Bladen counties.

U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis of Raleigh will face Paul M. Wright of Mt. Olive, Larry Howard Holmquist of Greensboro and Sharon Yeager Hudson of Huntersville in the Republican primary.

Those running in the Democratic primary are Erica D. Smith of Gaston, Steve Swenson of Bunnlevel, Cal Cunningham of Raleigh, Trevor M. Fuller of Charlotte and Atul Goel of Raleigh.

Tillis is in his first six-year term.



Two veteran commissioners to exit county board

Tomeka Sinclair

Staff writer

Two new faces will join the Robeson County Board of Commissioners after two long-time members decided not to seek re-election, including the longest serving member of the board.

Neither Jerry Stephens, who has represented District 1 since 2007, nor Raymond Cummings, the District 5 representative since 1996, is seeking another term.

Stephens, who was board chairman until Lance Herndon was elected to the role during the board's Dec. 2 meeting, has said, without explaining why, that he is retiring from the board. One of those running for his seat is Wixie Stephens, his former wife.

Cummings, who battled health issues for much of 2019, has not said why he is not seeking re-election to the seat he has occupied for 24 years. He will exit as the longest serving member of the board.

Wixie Stephens is one of three candidates running for the District 1 seat. Also running are Jerry Kinlaw and Tony R. Campbell. All three candidates filed as Democrats. No Republicans filed for the seat, which means the race will be



Stephens



Cummings

decided during the March 3 primary.

Lacy Cummings and Judy Oxendine, both Democrats, are the only candidates to file for the District 5 seat. Lacy Cummings ran against Raymond Cummings in 2010 and 2014 and lost. No Republicans filed for the seat, which sets up a March 3 ballot showdown.

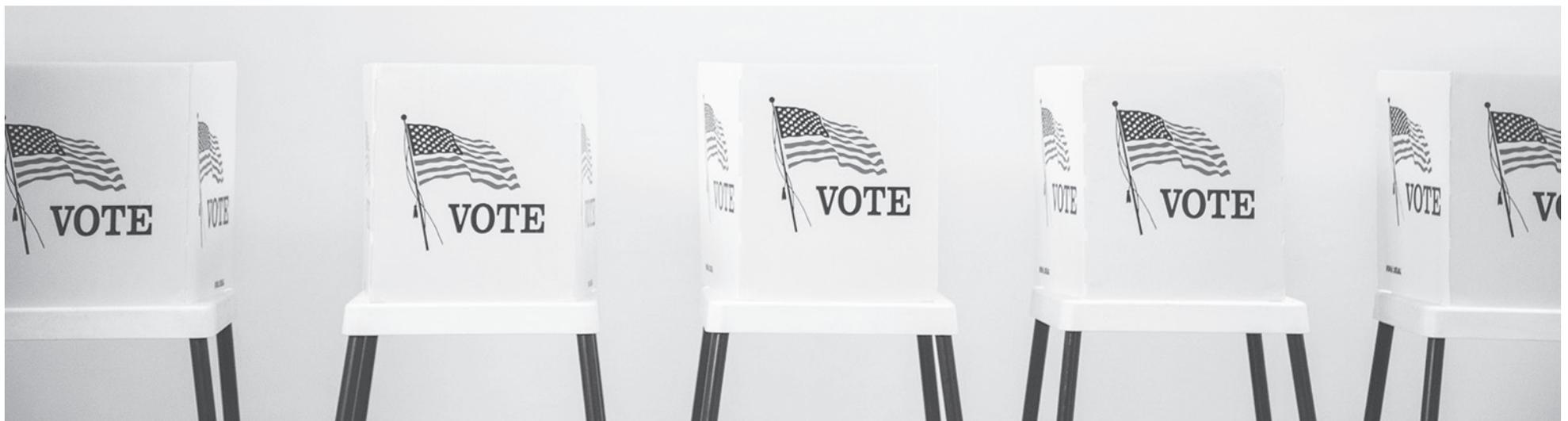
Two Board of Commissioners races will be decided during the Nov. 3 general election.

In the District 3 contest, incumbent Roger Oxendine, who has occupied the seat since 2006, is facing Democrat Terry Campbell in the primary. The winner will face Republican John E. Cummings, who is unopposed on March 3, in the Nov. 3 general election..

District 7 incumbent Tom Taylor is seeking a sixth four-year term to the seat he has held since 2000. He will be running against Republican Steve Martin, the current District 7 representative on the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County, in the general election.

Martin and Taylor are both unopposed in the March 3 primary.

The winners will be sworn into four-year terms in early December.





"I understand that citizens depend on county government more than ever before, which makes it important that a qualified, committed, dedicated, community oriented and a compassionate person run for the office of county commissioner,"

"I have a desire to build a better future for Robeson County."

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Two of 5 races for judicial seats are contested

Tomeka Sinclair

Staff writer

There are two competitive races and three in the bid for five judgeships in Robeson County.

All races for a judicial bench positions in local courts are partisan, but no Republicans filed as candidates. That means the two contested races will be decided during the March 3 primary election.

The 2020 election cycle will include a field of six candidates looking for judgeships.

One competitive race is for N.C. Superior Court District 16B Seat 1. The other is for District Court 16B Seat 6, which is newly created.

The position was created after Gov. Roy



Robeson County voters will cast ballots this election cycle to decide who will fill five judicial bench positions in the county courthouse.

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School Board At-Large
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Cooper on Oct. 14 signed into law House Bill 1001, which allowed the number of assistant district attorneys in Robeson County to increase from 12 to 13 and the number of county District Court judges to increase from five to six. The bill unanimously passed the Senate and was approved on the House on a vote of 104-1.

The legislation creating the extra ADA slot and the extra District Court judge position was "an act consistent with House Bill 966 of the 2019 regular session providing the resources necessary to implement the legislation known as Raise the Age," HB 1001 reads in part. The Raise the Age legislation, which went into effect Dec. 1, ended the state's practice of treating 16- and 17-year-olds as adults in the criminal justice system.

Greg Bullard and Diane Phillips Surgeon are running for the newly established District

16B Seat 6.

Surgeon, owner of Surgeon Law Firm, PLLC, was hired by Julian T. Pierce as the first African-American female attorney to practice law in Robeson County.

Bullard, a Lumberton resident, has been practicing law in Robeson and surrounding counties for 20 years.

Tiffany Peguise-Powers, a Lumberton lawyer and former chair of the Robeson County Board of Elections, will face off against Pembroke attorney Carlton Mansfield in the N.C. Superior Court District 16B Seat 1 race. The seat is being vacated by longtime Superior Court Judge Frank Floyd, who is retiring after holding the seat since 1997.

Peguise-Powers resigned from the Robeson County Board of Elections after serving on and off it since 2009.

Mansfield has practiced law in North

Carolina since 1994. In June 2017, he was appointed by Gov. Cooper to serve as a member-at-large to the General Statutes Commission.

Superior Court Judge Greg Bell is unopposed in the Seat 2 race. The incumbent was appointed to the court by former Gov. Mike Easley on Jan. 9, 2009, to replace former Judge Gary L. Locklear. Bell, in 2012, was elected to a full term, and was re-elected in 2016.

Judith Milsap Daniels is unopposed for District Court 16B Seat 4, and William "Jeff" Moore is unopposed for District Court 16B Seat 5. Both are incumbents.

Daniels was elected to the court in November 2008 and re-elected in 2012 and 2016. She is currently the chief District Court judge.

Moore was appointed to the court in 2009 and re-elected in 2012 and 2016.



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Candidate for District Court Judge

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Diane Phillips Surgeon started Southeastern Family Violence Center, the local Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and helped establish Communities in Schools. She has dedicated her life to elevating the lives of women, juveniles, the elderly and families.

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One-stop option remains at 6 sites until Feb. 29

LUMBERTON — Those who want to cast their ballot before Election Day still have eight more days of One-stop voting to do so, at the Board of Elections office on Walnut Street, near downtown Lumberton, or at any of five satellite sites.

The deadline to register to vote was Feb. 7, but One-stop voting allows same-day registration and voting. Same-day registration and voting does require a

valid ID.

One-stop early voting is being held at the Robeson County Board of Elections office, Fairmont Senior Citizens Center, Gilbert Patterson Memorial Library in Maxton, Pembroke Public Library, Red Springs Community Center and St. Pauls National Guard Armory.

Early voting ballots can be cast at the Board of Elections Office from 8:15 a.m.

to 5:15 p.m. Mondays through Fridays during the period, and on Saturday, Feb. 29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Voting times at One-stop sites are 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 29.

An ID is required to register and vote the same day during One-stop.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must



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Rain didn't stop these folks from going to the polls Thursday on the first day of One-stop voting for the March 3 primary. As of Thursday afternoon, 423 people had cast their ballots at the Robeson County Board of Elections office on Walnut Street. Satellite sites are in Fairmont, Maxton, Pembroke, Red Springs and St. Pauls. Early voting ends Feb. 29.

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be made on an absentee request form, which is available on the State Board of Elections website and at the county Board of Elections office. The form must be received in the Robeson Board of Elections office or any One-stop early voting site by 5 p.m. on Feb. 25. Completed request forms may only be returned in-person to the Robeson 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 people or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Robeson Board of Elections by 5 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots received by mail after this time will be counted on if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day.

The buffet is flush with races, ranging from what will be closely watched local contests all the way up to president of the United States.

Election ballots will include contests for president; U.S. Senate; U.S. House of Representatives District 9; N.C. governor; N.C. lieutenant governor; N.C. attorney general; N.C. auditor; N.C. commissioner of Agriculture; N.C. commissioner of Insurance; N.C. commissioner of Labor; N.C. secretary of State; N.C. superintendent of Public Instruction; N.C. treasurer; N.C. Superior Court judge Districts 16B seats 1 and 6; Robeson County Board of Commissioners districts 1, 3, and 5; and Robeson County Board of Education at large, and districts 1, 4, 5, and 7.

The school board election is non-partisan, with the primary deciding the winners. Also, even though three at-large candidates will win seats, voters can only vote for one at-large candidate.

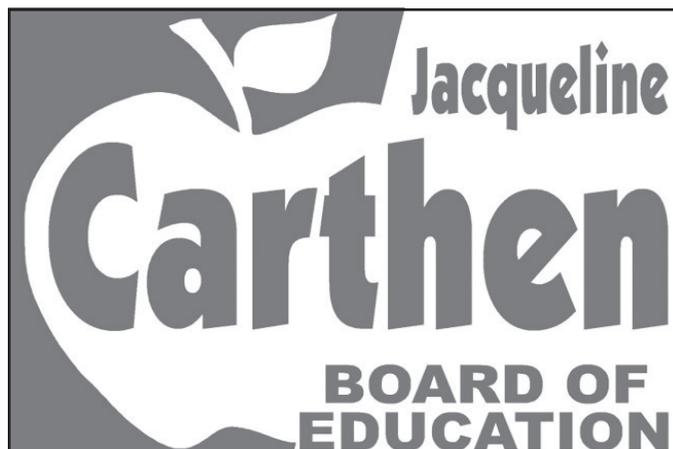
In Robeson County, there are 73,534 registered voters; of those, 42,271 are Democrats, 9,884 are Republicans, and 20,378 are Unaffiliated.

During the primary, registered Democrats and Republicans must vote within their party, but those who are Unaffiliated can ask for a Democratic or Republican ballot.

Those 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.

Anyone 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 Robeson Board of Elections Office at 910-671-3080.



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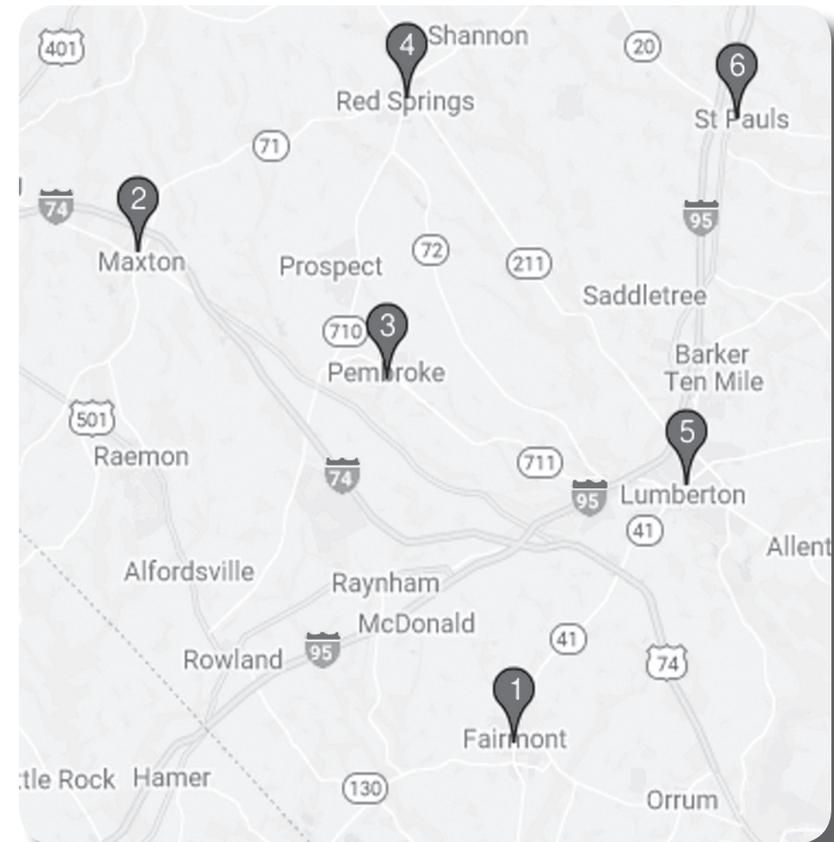
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PRECINCTS:

ALFORDSVILLE.....	3440 Elrod Road, Maxton
BACK SWAMP	1872 Back Swamp Rd., Lumberton
BRITTS	9495 E. NC Hwy 72, Lumberton
BURNT SWAMP	3855 Evergreen Church Rd, Pembroke
FAIRMONT	421 S Main Street, Fairmont
GADDYS	2034 Ward Stone Road, Fairmont
EAST HOWELLSVILLE	1468 Tarheel Road, Lumberton
WEST HOWELLSVILLE	4823 Barker Ten Mile Road, Lumberton
LUMBER BRIDGE	NC Hwy 20, Lumber Bridge
LUMBERTON #1	4502 Fayetteville Rd, Lumberton
LUMBERTON #11A	422 Norment Rd. Lumberton
LUMBERTON # 2	1100 North Cedar Street, Lumberton
LUMBERTON # 3	1110 Mimosa Street, Lumberton
LUMBERTON #4	1608 E 2nd Street, Lumberton
LUMBERTON #5	801 North Pine Street, Lumberton
LUMBERTON #6	1408 MLK Drive, Lumberton
LUMBERTON #7	317 Halsey Street, Lumberton
LUMBERTON #8	1985 Carthage Road, Lumberton
MAXTON	108 Rockingham Road, Maxton
ORRUM	106 South Pine Street, Orrum
PARKTON	28 West Second Street, Parkton
NORTH PEMBROKE	818 W. 3rd Street, Pembroke
SOUTH PEMBROKE	413 Blaine Street, Pembroke
PHILADELPHUS	2715 Philadelphus Rd, Pembroke
RAFT SWAMP	455 Caton Road, Lumberton
RED SPRINGS	122 Cross Street, Red Springs
RENNERT	62 Park Street, Shannon
ROWLAND	206 West Main Street, Rowland
SADDLETREE	1073 Rennert Rd, Lumberton
ST. PAUL S.....	705 N. Old Stage Rd, St. Pauls
SHANNON	10410 Shannon Road, Shannon
OXENDINE	5599 Oxendine Road, Maxton
PROSPECT	4024 Missouri Road, Maxton
SMYRNA	2910 Wire Grass Road, Lumberton
STERLINGS	7049 South Creek Road, Orrum
THOMPSON	4534 E. McDonald Road, Fairmont
UNION	2547 NC Hwy710 South, Rowland
WHITEHOUSE	2799 Marietta Road, Fairmont
WISHARTS	6815 E. NC Hwy 211, Lumberton

2020 Primary Election

One-Stop period: 2/13/2020 - 2/29/2020



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1 Fairmont Fire Hall/Senior Center
 421 S MAIN ST, FAIRMONT, NC 28340
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2 Gilbert Patterson Library
 210 N FLORENCE ST, MAXTON, NC 28364
- 
3 Pembroke Library
 413 BLAINE ST, PEMBROKE, NC 28372
- 
4 Red Springs Community Center
 122 CROSS ST, RED SPRINGS, NC 28377
- 
5 Robeson County Board of Elections
 800 N WALNUT ST, LUMBERTON, NC 28358
- 
6 St. Pauls Town Hall
 210 W BLUE ST, ST PAULS, NC 28384

Make Election Day go smoothly

Election Day gives voters throughout the United States a chance to participate in their government. The right to vote is something to cherish, as many people across the globe do not get a chance to elect the officials who govern their countries.

While Election Day is an exciting time, voters may find it frustrating if they do not take steps to ensure things go smoothly when they head to the polls. The following tips can help voters prepare for Election Day.

Confirm your polling location.

Polling locations may have changed since last year, and voters who have moved in the past 12 months may now have to vote in a new location. Voters can contact their local board of elections or visit www.Vote411.org to confirm the correct polling locations. Voters should also learn the hours when the polls are open so they do not arrive too early or too late to vote.

Bring photo identification.

Voter identification laws vary by state, but voters who want to avoid hassles or holdups may be able to do so by bringing current photo identification with them to the polling place. While such identification is not necessarily a requirement, voters who bring along a driver's license or state identification card may get in and out of the polling place more quickly than those who do not.

Confirm registration.

Voters can confirm that they have registered to vote by contacting their local board of elections in advance of Election Day. Sometimes voters' names may not appear on the registration list when they arrive to vote, even if they previously registered. Poll workers can help voters who find themselves in such situations. But voters who want to avoid such hassles on Election Day can confirm their registration beforehand.

Be familiar with the candidates and issues on the ballot.



Voting is a privilege and a responsibility, so voters should familiarize themselves with the candidates and issues on the ballot in the weeks leading up to Election Day. In addition to national or statewide candidates and issues, voters should learn about local issues that may have a more direct impact on their daily lives. The more voters learn about the candidates and issues in advance, the more quickly they can cast their votes and get to work or return home.

Voting on Election Day is a privilege that voters should not take lightly. Taking certain steps in the weeks ahead of Election Day can make it easier for voters to cast their ballots.





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John Earl Cummings, Jr. District 3

I am committed to the success of our County, our towns and our communities. I recognize that prudent leadership is critical to the formation of a sound local government so that the quality of life is at its best for each of us.

As a Father, Husband, Christian, Community Member, Farmer, Outdoorsman and Retired Army Officer, with 26 years and 2 Combat tours in Iraq, as well as a Business owner, I have developed the knowledge, skills and abilities that will contribute to our county's success. I understand the importance of looking at our county's needs and developing a path forward that will address those needs. This will take questioning of the current policies, developing options and setting plans that will ensure success for our county in the future.

I will work to improve our County's:

- **Safety** of our citizens by working with law enforcement and the legal establishment.
- **Economy** by seeking new opportunities.
- **Resources** by partnering with our University system to develop training and partnering programs that make our County more attractive to businesses and families.
- **Vision** by strengthening the communication of where we are in our County, where we need to go and how we are going to get there.
- **Educational system** through funding options.

My qualifications include:

Adult Sunday School Teacher, Elrod Baptist Church

Business Owner Legacy Development NASCAL Licensed General Contractor 14 states

Farmer

Retired Captain North Carolina Army National Guard and US Army 26 years

Response Manager for North Carolina National Guard Hurricane Fran South Topsail Island

Response Manager for the North Carolina National Guard Hurricane Floyd North Topsail Island

People ask me why I am running for this office. I tell them it is for my 2 teenage daughters, for all of our children's future, and for each County citizen. I want to make this county safer. I want to make this county cleaner. I want us to have better employment opportunities and education outcomes.

Am I a miracle worker? No, I am just a servant, community member and father who wants to make things better.

Elect
**VONTA
LEACH**



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I WILL FIGHT FOR...

- **ACCESS TO AN EQUITABLE, QUALITY EDUCATION**
- **SCHOOLS EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE A 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION**
- **STUDENTS TO EXPLORE HANDS-ON SKILL/TRADES TO ENTER THE WORKFORCE**