

2016 Candidate Filing Information

Candidate filing begins on Monday, Dec. 1, 2015 at noon and ends on Monday, Dec. 21, 2015 at noon.

The following offices file their Notice of Candidacy with the Wilkes County Board of Elections:

County Commissioner	NC Senate (if a resident of Wilkes)
Register of Deeds	NC House (if a resident of Wilkes)
Board of Education	Town of Elkin Mayor & Commissioner
Soil & Water (later filing period)	

All filing fees over \$50 must be paid by check or money order. (Business checks are NOT allowed)

Political Party changes must have been made 75 days (2016 Elections only) prior to filing for a partisan office.

Persons registered as Unaffiliated are not permitted to file for an office in a partisan primary. Persons registered as Unaffiliated may petition to be on the General Election Ballot for a partisan office.

Candidates must disclose **any** previous felony convictions within 48 hours of filing your Notice of Candidacy.

Candidates for NC Senate and House are required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest due 10 days after candidate filing closes.

Those who are planning to file for office may setup their campaign finance committee prior to candidate filing. Otherwise at the time of filing campaign finance committee forms will be completed along with the Notice of Candidacy.

If a person makes a public statement of definite intent to run for public office the person is considered a candidate regardless of the filing of a Notice of Candidacy. Campaign finance forms must be completed within 10 days of making such announcement.

Campaign Finance requirements

- Must file your campaign finance organizational forms within 10 days of filing for office, spending or receiving funds **or** making public announcement of candidacy
- Must name your committee (even if it is a committee of one)
- A *Paid By* statement is required on many media advertisements the committee name is what is used in these statements
- A separate bank account is required for all committees if the committee accepts contributions from others
- Each committee must have a treasurer (can't be the spouse of the candidate)
- Treasurer training is required for all treasurers within 90 days of organizing your committee (may take online or in person)
- County or Municipal candidates may file under the \$1,000 spending and receiving threshold
- If candidates spend or receive less than \$1,000 campaign reports are not filed with Board of Elections
- Committees filing over the \$1,000 threshold are required to file campaign reports per the 2016 reporting schedule

Regardless of the spending amounts or if only candidate funds are used all campaign finance laws must be followed.

Questions Contact the Wilkes County Board of Elections at 336-651-7338.