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#### **Re: Guidance on Voter Registration Forms**

Dear Members of the State Board of Elections, Director Bell, and General Counsel Cox,

This past election year, we experienced a new barrier for voters in North Carolina in the form of shortages of paper copies of voter registration forms for nonprofit organizations that conduct voter registration drives, for local elections offices, and for offices of other North Carolina agencies where voter registration is permissible.<sup>1</sup> Although this issue was not unique to North Carolina,<sup>2</sup> the supply chain issues acknowledged by the State Board, coupled with the timing of certain state court decisions that expanded the electorate and necessitated modification to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See, e.g., Aaron Mendelson, Another threat to 2022 elections: A lack of paper, The Center for Public Integrity, July 15, 2022, available at https://publicintegrity.org/inside-publici/newsletters/watchdog-newsletter/threat-to-elections-voter-registration-lack-of-paper/.



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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Lynn Bonner, A Shortage in Voter Registration Forms Frustrates NC Nonprofits, The Pulse, Sept. 27, 2022, available at https://pulse.ncpolicywatch.org/2022/09/27/a-shortage-in-voter-registration-forms-frustrates-nc-nonprofits/#sthash.t6F7xA2k.dpbs.

existing voter registration form language, created a particular strain (both logistical and financial) on nonprofit organizations who focus their activities between the primary and general election on voter registration, particularly among populations who have been historically underrepresented and are most susceptible to being disenfranchised. By way of example, Disability Rights North Carolina spent over \$3,600 in the summer of 2022 printing 35,000 copies of the newly updated voter registration application to be used by it and partner organizations for voter registration drives across the state. You Can Vote spent nearly \$500 printing forms for their voter registration efforts, and, in one noteworthy encounter, lost multiple hours of work time convincing a customer service representative from a big-box office retailer that reproducing the voter registration forms did not violate North Carolina law. Other organizations with more limited budgets were left scrambling to find whatever forms were available so they could continue to run their voter registration programs, often engaging in daily calls, emails, and in-person visits to county boards of election to see if any new batches of forms had arrived overnight. And at least one group decided against conducting a registration drive because of the lack of available forms.

Of particular concern during this period of time when voter registration forms were not readily available for those organizing voter registration programs was the approach taken by the Moore County Board of Elections. Citing the "paper short[age] at the State level" and the "State board [being] behind in sending in the form we requested," Director Towanna D. Dixon responded to a request for voter registration forms for voter registration drives by imposing a fee for the forms – "a 0.15 cent charge for each copy done in black and white and 0.50 cent charge for color." *See* Attached Email Correspondence Exhibit A.

Charging for voter registration forms in this manner is, at minimum, inconsistent with the spirit of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 ("NVRA"), if not an outright violation of the law. As this Board acknowledges, the purpose of the NVRA is to "[i]ncrease the number of eligible citizens who register to vote" and to "[e]nhance the participation of eligible citizens who register to vote."<sup>3</sup> The Executive Director, as "Chief State Election Official" under the NVRA, is responsible for the coordination of state responsibilities under the NVRA. § N.C.G.S. 163-82.2. That includes making mail in voter registration forms "available for distribution through governmental and private entities, with particular emphasis on making them available for organized voter registration programs." 52 U.S.C. § 20505(b) (emphasis added); see also N.C.G.S. § 163-82.5 (same). The United States Department of Justice has explained that "most states satisfy these requirements by, among other things, making applications available at local registrar offices, driver license offices, public assistance offices and disability-service offices, to groups doing voter registration drives, and through the internet on the website of the chief election official." See The National Voter Registration Act of 1933 (NVRA), United States Department of Justice, July 20, 2022, available at https://www.justice.gov/crt/national-voterregistration-act-1993-nvra (emphasis added).

Though it has not been addressed in the Fourth Circuit, at least one federal appellate court has found a "legally protected interest" in conducting voter registration drives under the NVRA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), North Carolina State Board of Elections, *available at* https://www.ncsbe.gov/registering/national-voter-registration-act-nvra; NC NVRA Program, NC State Board of Elections (August 2021), *available at* https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/NVRA/2021-08-NVRA-Program-Training-for-WIC-Agencies.pdf.



See Charles H. Wesley Educ. Found., Inc. v. Cox, 408 F.3d 1349, 1353 (11th Cir. 2005). A federal district court has also noted that "when a state adopts measures that have the practical effect of preventing an organization from conducting a drive, collecting applications, and mailing them in, the state violates the NVRA." League of Women Voters of Fla. v. Browning, 863 F. Supp. 2d 1155, 1163 (N.D. Fla. 2012). And at least two other federal district courts have considered favorably (though without specifically addressing it in their holdings) the question of whether the NVRA requires states to ensure that third parties, like nonprofit organizations, can run voter registration drives. See Project Vote v. Kelly, 805 F. Supp. 2d 152, 176 n.14 (W.D. Pa. 2011) ("Even if the Constitution does not require the states to permit privately-run voter-registration drives, a reasonable argument could be made that the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 requires that private entities be afforded an opportunity to register voters."); Am. Ass'n of People With Disabilities v. Herrera, 580 F. Supp. 2d 1195, 1213 n.5 (D.N.M. 2008) (suggesting that the NVRA may require each state to permit privately-run voter-registration drives).

The text of the NVRA and courts interpreting it make clear that the responsibility for making voter registration applications "available" to the public, and specifically, "available . . . to groups doing voter registration drives" is on the state. That responsibility and financial burden cannot be shifted to the public due to unexpected supply chain issues or a county board's aversion to incurring printing costs.

While we are hopeful that the circumstances that led to the shortage of voter registration forms are mostly behind us, we understand that some of these issues—namely, the nationwide paper shortage—may continue into future election cycles.<sup>4</sup> We are also aware of a number of filed legislative bills and ongoing legal challenges that could compel significant modifications to the existing voter registration form with minimal warning. Accordingly, it is imperative that the State Board take affirmative steps now to ensure that groups conducting organized voter registration process and that County Boards understand their obligation to continue to provide these forms at no cost to the organizers.

To that end, the State Board should continue to advocate for increased funding allocations for printing and encourage County Boards to do the same. This is all the more critical in light of proposed legislation being filed that would prohibit election boards from receiving supplemental private funding to fill budgetary gaps.<sup>5</sup> Additionally, while alternative registration methods and opportunities are not a complete substitute for registration drives using paper forms, expanding the alternatives could lessen the number of paper forms needed. For instance, we urge the State Board to expand online voter registration beyond those with DMV-issued licenses or IDs.<sup>6</sup> The State Board should also work to ensure that online voter registration systems are fully accessible to users with disabilities and users who speak languages other than English. We also encourage the State



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Numbered Memo 2022-07, Absentee Envelope Supply for 2022 General Election, July 20, 2022 (noting that "counties should be mindful that the paper supply shortage is projected to continue into 2023 and 2024").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Prohibit Private Money in Elections Admin, S.B. 89, Sess. 2023 N.C. Gen. Assemb., https://www.ncleg.gov/BillLookUp/2023/S89.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For further discussion on this topic, see generally Blueprint for a Stronger Democracy 7–8 (2023), https://www.southernstudies.org/sites/default/files/NCDemocracyBlueprint23.pdf.

Board to investigate and advocate for legislation to implement other means of facilitating registration, including Election Day registration and automatic registration.<sup>7</sup> These changes, especially taken alongside a firm commitment to supplying paper forms for registration drives when requested, would enable North Carolinians to register or update their registration in the way that works best for them and advance our shared goal of promoting voter registration for all.

Finally, we ask that the State Board issue formal guidelines to the County Boards of Elections outlining their obligations under the NVRA and the requirement that they fulfill requests for voter registration materials at no cost to the requestor. Much like the State Board routinely issues numbered memos relating to ballot quantities (see e.g., Numbered Memo 2022-10), a numbered memo addressing the NVRA, in general, and this particular requirement, seems very appropriate here, especially before the upcoming 2024 elections.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and would gladly join a conversation to discuss this issue further if helpful.

Sincerely,

Southern Coalition for Social Justice	North Carolina Asian Americans Together
Advance Carolina	North Carolina Justice Center
Common Cause North Carolina	North Carolina NAACP
Democracy North Carolina	North Carolina Voters for Clean Elections
Disability Rights North Carolina	Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic
Down Home North Carolina	You Can Vote

League of Women Voters of North Carolina

<sup>7</sup> For further discussion on this topic, see generally *id.* at 5–6, 9–11 and 2020 Election Protection Report, "Voter Registration" 43 (2020), https://democracync.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/ElectionProtectionReport-web-2.pdf.



# **EXHIBIT** A

Email from Moore County Board of Elections Director Towanna D. Dixon ------ Forwarded message ------From: **Board of Elections** <<u>elections@moorecountync.gov</u>> Date: Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 4:26 PM Subject: Absentee Forms and Voter Registration To:

Good Afternoon,

As you know, voter registration forms changed about 2 months ago or so. The State board, who we order our forms from, is behind in sending in the forms that we requested. We have a limited amount in the office that we use to service those who come to the office to change their information or register for the first time. If any organization comes to the office requesting copies of voter registration forms for Voter Registration Drives (17) or Voter registration forms (06 mail in) it is a 0.15 cent charge for each copy done in black and white and 0.50 cent charge for color. This also goes for absentee ballot request forms. It is not possible for this office to service all Moore County organizations (public as well as private) with forms due to the paper short at the State level.

I have attached the voter registration form and the absentee request form (only good for this election, can not be used next year) for those who are interested in printing forms and handing them out. Please be reminded that absentee request forms " can only be returned by: • The voter or the voters near relative or verifiable legal guardian • A Multipartisan Assistance Team • A person who assisted due to the voter's disability (this information should be placed on the request stating such). The office is hoping that forms will arrive soon, but we do not have a time as to when this will be. Any Registration form that is received is due back into the office five days after the registration event. The registration deadline is October 14, 2022 at 5:00pm.

Sincerely,

Towanna D. Dixon, Director

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#### NORTH CAROLINA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION (fields in red text are required)

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1 Indicate whether you are qualified to vote or preregister to vote based on U.S. citizenship and age.					
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Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before election day?					Yes 🗋 No
Are you at least 16 years of age and understand that you must be 18 years of age on or before election day to vote? IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO BOTH OF THESE AGE QUESTIONS, DO NOT SUBMIT THIS FORM. YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO REGISTER OR PREREGISTER TO VOTE.					Yes No
2 Provide your full legal name.		3 Provide your	date of birth and id	entification informat	ion.
Last Name	Suffix	Date of Birth (MM/I	DD/YYYY)	State or Country of Bir	th
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First Name		NC Driver License of	NC DMV ID Number	Last 4 Digits of Social S	ecurity Number
Middle Name	Check if you do not have State Voter Registration Number ( <i>Optional: To</i> a driver license or <i>locate, check "Voter Lookup" at www.NCSBE.gov.</i> ) Social Security number.				
<b>2</b> . Provide your <u>residential address</u> - where you Do not enter a <u>P.O.</u> Box or a mail drop location.	physically live.	5 Provide a <u>ma</u>	ailing address.		
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Address Line 2 (e.g., apartment, lot or unit number)		Yes No	Mailing Address Line	2	
City State	Zip Code	required to provide a mailing address.	Mailing Address Line	3	
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the map to show where you live or usually sleep. IMPORTANT: You should also provide a valid maili <u>above</u> to permit the board of elections to send yo	u a voter card.				
6 Provide your demographic information (optic	onal).	7 Provide your	choice for political	party affiliation.	
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10 Sign below to attest to your qualifications to vote. FRAUDULENTLY OR FALSELY COMPLETING THIS FORM IS A CLASS I FELONY UNDER CHAPTER 163 OF THE NC GENERAL STATUTES.					
I attest, under penalty of perjury, that in addition to having read and understood the contents of this form, that: (1) I am a United States citizen, as indicated above; (2) I am at least 18 years of age, or will be by the date of the general election; or I am at least 16 years old and understand that I must be at least 18 years old on the day of the general election to vote; I shall have been a resident of North Carolina, this county, and precinct for 30 days <u>before the date of the election</u> in which I intend to vote; (3) I will not vote in any other county or state after submission of this form and if I am registered elsewhere, I am canceling that registration at this time; and (4) I am not in jail or prison for a felony conviction.					
X Signature Re	equired			Date	

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Use this application to: (1) register to vote; (2) preregister to vote if between the ages of 16 and 17; (3) change party affiliation or unaffiliated status; (4) report a change of address within a county; or (5) report a name change.

#### Specific Instructions for Each Numbered Section of the Application:

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1	Indicate whether you are qualified to vote or preregister to vote: (1) you must be a citizen of the United States; (2) you must be at least 18 years of age, or you will be 18 years of age by the next general election and you are voting in the primary, or you must be between the ages of 16 or 17 and desire to preregister to vote; (3) you must have resided in North Carolina and in the precinct in which you present to vote for at least 30 days prior to the election; (4) you must not be in jail or prison for a felony conviction.
2	Provide your full legal name. If your name has changed, this form will be used to update your current voter registration.
3	You are required to provide your date of birth. If you have a NC driver license or non-operator's identification number, provide this number. If you do not have a NC driver license or ID card, then provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither a NC driver license, NC DMV ID card or a social security number and you are registering to vote for the first time in North Carolina, attach a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address to this application.
4	Provide the address of your residence (where you physically live) as of the date of your application. In this section, do not list a post office address or a location where you <i>only</i> receive mail. If you have moved to this residence within the past 30 days, provide the date of your move. If you do not have a traditional address, draw a picture in the space provided on this form of your usual sleeping location. Be descriptive and note any nearby streets or physical buildings.
5	If you do not receive mail at your residential address, you must provide a mailing address.
6	This section asks for your gender, race, and ethnicity. You are not required to provide this information.
7	This section asks that you designate how you would like to be affiliated. You may choose to affiliate with any recognized political party in North Carolina or you may opt to be registered as <i>Unaffiliated</i> . If you are applying for new registration in the county and leave the party affiliation section blank, you will be registered as <i>Unaffiliated</i> .
8	If you are currently registered in another North Carolina county or another state, please provide your name and previous address used on that prior registration. This information will be used to cancel your registration in the other county or state.
9	At your option, provide your phone number and email address.
10	You must sign this form. Only the person applying for registration is eligible to sign (or place your mark on) this form. If you are applying for new registration in your county of residence, you must mail your original signature on this form.

**National Voter Registration Act Statement**: If you are submitting this application to an NVRA agency or the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, the location or office where you submitted the application will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes. Public assistance agencies, disability services agencies, the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, and unemployment services agencies must offer you the opportunity to register to vote at the initial application for service of assistance and during any recertification, renewal or change of address. If you decline to register to vote, the fact that you so declined will also remain confidential. If you would like help completing the voter registration application, the agency will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private and return it to the agency that provided you the form or you may mail or deliver the form to your county board of elections office.

Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance provided. If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with the NC State Board of Elections, P.O. Box 27255, Raleigh NC 27611-7255 or you may call the agency at 1-866-522-4723.

**Submitting Your Form:** You must <u>mail</u> or deliver this application <u>in-person</u> with your original signature if you are registering to vote for the first time in your county of residence. If you are changing your name, address or party affiliation within your current county of registration, in addition to <u>mail</u>, you may also <u>fax</u> or <u>email</u> a scanned image of your <u>signed</u> application. If you give your signed application to another person or organization to submit on your behalf, be sure the person or organization can commit to timely submitting your application to the proper board of elections.

Submit this form to: NC State Board of Elections P.O. Box 27255 Raleigh, NC 27611-7255 or to your County Board of Elections Office ALAMANCE 115 SOUTH MAPLE ST GRAHAM, NC 27253 (336) 570-6755

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# North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form for 2022

### Request an absentee ballot

You can request an absentee ballot for 1 voter per form, for 1 election at a time.

The information that you provide on this form will be used to update your current voter record if signed by the voter. You may not change your party using this form.

If you are not registered, you must submit a voter registration form with this request.

### Instructions

#### **1: Election Date**

Request for 1 election per form.

#### 2: Voter name

Provide your full legal name. If your name has changed, this form will be used to update your current voter record.

#### **3: Voter identification**

You must provide your date of birth **and** one of the following:

- A NC Driver's License or DMV ID card number
- The last 4 digits of your social security number

#### 4: Home address

Provide the street address where you live as of today. If you are temporarily living away or displaced from the address where you live and you plan to return later, provide your residential (home) address for voting. **However**, if you have abandoned your place of residence and intend to stay at a new address indefinitely, you must provide your new address here. Signing in section 11 will update your voter registration. If your new address is in a different county, you will not be able to update your address using this form and will need to submit a new voter registration in your new county.

#### 5: Ballot mailing address

Indicate where you would like your ballot to be sent. If you do not want your ballot to be sent to your residential or mailing address, provide another address here.

#### 6: Accessibility options

Check if you require an absentee ballot for other possible elections in 2022 due to your continued or expected illness or disability.

Check the 2nd box in section 6 if you require an accessible ballot due to blindness or visual impairment *and* provide your email in section 7 so that we may contact you when the ballot is available.

#### How to return this form

Return your completed and signed form to your county board of elections by **5:00 pm on the Tuesday before the election.** 

#### You can:

- Drop it off in-person
- Mail it
- This form can only be returned by:
- The voter or the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian
- A Multipartisan Assistance Team
- A person who assisted due to the voter's disability.

#### 7: Contact information

This section asks for your contact information, in case we have questions about your request. Provide the contact information for the voter or if the voter did not fill out the form, the contact information for the near relative, legal guardian, or assistant who filled out the form.

#### 8: Requesting a ballot for a voter

A near relative or legal guardian may request a ballot for a voter. A near relative is a voter's: • Spouse

- Brother or sister
- Parent or stepparent
- Mother/father-in-law
- Child or stepchild
- Son/daughter-in-law
- Grandparent/Grandchild

Any person may request an absentee ballot for a voter who needs assistance due to disability.

If you are a near relative or legal guardian who is requesting a ballot on behalf of a voter, you may **not** make changes to the voter's registration record

#### 9: Assisting a voter

If you are assisting a voter, complete this section.

Any voter may receive assistance from their near relative or verifiable legal guardian. A voter who needs assistance due to a disability may receive assistance from a person of their choice. A voter who is unable to read or write may receive assistance from somebody else if no near relative or legal guardian is available.

#### For voters living in a facility (clinic, nursing home, or adult care home) who do NOT require assistance due to a disability, certain limitations apply

a disability, certain limitations apply. The voter must first seek to have a near relative, legal guardian or Multipartisan Assistance Team (MAT) to assist with requesting a balllot. If none of these options is available within 7 days of making

#### Return this form to:

#### **Questions?**

Call or visit

#### **Request online**

Complete, sign, and submit your request online at **votebymail.ncsbe.gov**.

a request for a MAT, the voter may get assistance from anyone who is **not**:

- An owner, manager, director, or employee of the facility
- An elected official, a candidate, or an officeholder in a political party
- A campaign manager or treasurer for a candidate or political party

#### 10: Military or overseas

Complete this section if you claim North Carolina as your voting residence and are:

• A U.S. citizen currently outside of the United States

**Or** a member of one of the following, **or** a spouse or dependent of a member of one of the following:

- The active or reserve components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty
- A member of the Merchant Marines, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the United States
- A member of the National Guard or State militia unit who is on activated status

#### 11: Voter's signature

This form must be signed **by the voter** (unless a near relative or legal guardian or assistant is requesting a ballot on the voter's behalf and fills out section 8). If the voter cannot physically sign this form, they can make a mark. **A typed signature or signature fonts are not allowed.** 

If you indicate that you have changed your name (section 2) or address (section 4), signing in this section will update your voter registration.

Fraudulently or falsely completing this form is a Class I felony under Chapter 163 of the NC General Statutes.

# North Carolina Absentee Ballot Request Form for 2022 Required sections are in red

Election date		
You can request 1 ballot for only 1 election at a time.	1	11/08/2022 General Election

Print voter name					
Any name change you give		Last name   Suffix (Jr, Sr., III, IV, if applicable)			
on this form will be used to	2	First name   Middle name			
update your registration. Required		Former name (if your name has changed)			
Voter identification		NC Driver's L	icense/DMV ID numb	er	
Required	3	Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) AND OR			
		Last 4 digits c	of your Social Security	number	
Home address		Street		Unit #	
Provide your residential		City NC Zip	C	County	
address (where you live)		Have you moved in the last 30 days? Yes No If y			
and your mailing address (if different).	4	If you receive mail at a different address or at a Post Office b			
Required		Street		-	
		City			
Where should we		○ Your home address in section 4 ○ Your mailing ad	ddress in section 4		
send your ballot?		○ The address below:			
Check 1.	5	Street		Unit #	
Required		City			
Accessible voting		I request absentee ballots for all elections this year due t	to continued or owned	tod illnoss or disability	
options	6	□ I require an accessible absentee ballot due to visual impa		5	
Requester's contact	-	Phone Email			
information	7				
Request for ballot by		Requester's name	Relationship to vote	er	
near relative, legal		Street			
guardian or person the voter asks to help		City		Zip	
due to disability	8			2ip	
The requester must complete		Relative/legal guardian/assistant, sign and date here (if	applicable)		
this section. See instructions		x		Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	
about who can request a voter's ballot.					
Helping a voter fill		Assistant's full name	If the voter i	s in an eligible care facility and	
out their request?		Assistant's full address	needs assist	needs assistance in voting and returning th	
If yes, complete this section.	9		ballot, enter	the facility name below.	
See instructions about who can help a voter.			Facility Nam	ie	
Military or		○ Member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant			
overseas voter?		Marines on active duty or eligible spouse/dependent	I want my ballot de	livered to my:	
See instructions	O U.S. citizen outside the U.S. (Overseas address required)				
	10	Overseas full address	○ Fax	○ Fax	
	○ Address indicated in sectio		ed in section 5		
		Overseas address provided in this section			
Voter's signature		Voter, sign and date here (Required unless ballot requested l	by a near relative. leaa	l quardian, or assistant)	
Use a pen. No electronic			.,	Date ( <i>mm/dd/yyyy</i> )	
signatures allowed. Required	11	X			
		Return form to the County Board of Elections by 5:00 pm on	the Tuesday before t	he election. Do not email or fax.	

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