Alternative Voting Options & General Election

- **10/27/2016** Early Voting Begins
- **10/27/2016 - 11/1/2016** Include ABS Request Option
- **11/1/2016 - 11/5/2016** Provisional Options Only
- **11/8/2016** Election Day
Provisional Voting Reason: No Acceptable ID
Provisional Voting Options

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No Acceptable ID - Provisional Voting Options

**Present ID Before Canvass Option**

**Provisional Voting Reason: No Acceptable ID**
Vote Provisional Ballot and Present Acceptable ID before Canvass

“**You may vote a provisional ballot today, then bring your acceptable photo ID in person to the county board of elections office before 12:00 noon on the day before the county canvass.**”

“The county canvass is **7 days** after the date of the election for all elections except a statewide general election. The county canvass is **10 days** after the date of the statewide general election.”

“Provisional voting is a fail-safe method of voting that will permit you to vote today and allow the board of elections to verify your voting eligibility after Election Day.”

“If it can be confirmed that you are eligible to vote in this election, your provisional ballot will be counted before the results of this election are final.”

**Reasonable Impediment Option**

**Provisional Voting Reason: No Acceptable ID**
Complete Reasonable Impediment Declaration and Vote Provisional Ballot

“If you do not have or possess a photo ID due to some reasonable impediment, barrier or obstacle that prevents you from showing a photo ID today, you may indicate or declare the impediment on a special form, then vote a provisional ballot.”

“Given your impediment, the law permits you to provide a form of identification alternative to a photo ID.”
Reasonable Impediment Guidance

Is your reasonable impediment due to one of these issues?

- Lack of transportation.
- Disability or illness.
- Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain photo identification.
- Work schedule.
- Family responsibilities.
- Lost or stolen photo identification.
- Photo identification applied for but not received by the voter in person.
- Other reason, including a reason that state or federal law prohibits listing the impediment.

If so, you must declare the reason on a Reasonable Impediment Declaration. In lieu of presenting a photo ID, you may provide one of these forms of identification:

**ID Document**
a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with your name and address; or

- your Voter Registration Card or
- your date of birth and the last four digits of your social security number
Reasonable Impediment Reasons

“Do you lack a photo ID due to one of these reasons?”

☐ Lack of transportation.

☐ Disability or illness.

☐ Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain photo identification.

☐ Work schedule.

☐ Family responsibilities.

☐ Lost or stolen photo identification.

☐ Photo identification applied for but not received by the voter voting in person.

☐ Other reason, including a reason that state or federal law prohibits listing the impediment.
Present ID Before Canvass

**Provisional Application**

**Provisional Voter Instructions**

**Acceptable ID Push Card**
Reasonable Impediment Option

Voter must sign **Provisional Application**

Reasonable Impediment Declaration

Voter must provide alternative identification
- HAVA Doc
- Voter Card
- DOB & SSN

Provisional Voter Instructions
Provisional Voting Documents
Provisional Voter Application

The application is also a voter registration application.

“No Acceptable ID” voters must “acknowledge” they were provided alternative voting options.

Election official must indicate the reason the voter is voting provisionally.

Election official may need to complete other fields.

Election Official must indicate whether ID was provided.

Voter must sign the application.

Election official must sign the application.
Please indicate below the reason why you are voting provisionally:

I am currently (or I have previously) registered to vote in this county; I have not moved out of this county since my original registration; nor have I registered or voted in another county or State since that time.

☐ ACKNOWLEDGE that I have been notified that in lieu of providing a photo identification today, that: (1) I may vote a provisional official ballot and not later than 12:00 noon the day prior to the county canvass, appear in person at the county board of elections and present an acceptable photo ID bearing my resemblance, or alternatively, I may present an alternative document if I am declaring that I have a sincerely held religious objection to being photographed; or (2) I may complete a reasonable impediment declaration and vote a provisional official ballot; or (3) that I may complete a written request for an absentee ballot, but until the deadline for submission of requests for absentee ballots.

☐ UNREPORTED MOVE: I am currently registered to vote in this county in ___________________________ precinct; but I have moved to an address in a new precinct in this county more than 30 days as of the date of the election.

☐ INCORRECT PRECINCT: I am currently registered to vote in this county in ___________________________ precinct; but I am requesting to vote today in ___________________________ precinct; and I understand that my ballot may not be counted.

☐ On ___________________________, I mailed or submitted a voter registration application to:
  ☐ DMV (License or ID No. ___________________________)
  ☐ Agency ___________________________ (specify voter registration agency)
  ☐ County Board of Elections (specify county ___________________________)
  ☐ Other ___________________________

☐ NO RECORD OF REGISTRATION
☐ UNRECOGNIZED ADDRESS
☐ VOTER ALREADY VOTED
☐ INCORRECT PARTY
☐ OTHER ___________________________

☐ NO ACCEPTABLE ID

☐ VOTED DURING EXTENDED HOURS

☐ JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE: To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, my current residence is within the following voting district(s) ___________________________ and I should be entitled to vote in that district's election today.

ID provided:

X

Election Official Signature
Reasonable Impediment Reasons

 unreasonable impediment is due to the following reason(s):

☐ Lack of transportation    ☐ Disability or illness
☐ Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain photo identification.
☐ Work schedule.
☐ Family responsibilities.
☐ Lost or stolen photo identification.
☐ Photo identification applied for but not received by the voter voting in person.
☐ Other reason, including a reason that state or federal law prohibits listing the impediment.

VOTER'S DECLARATION OF REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT

I, declare that I am the same individual who personally appeared at the polling place, that I am casting a provisional ballot while voting in person in accordance with Article 14A of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes G.S. 163-227.2, and I suffer from a reasonable impediment that prevents me from obtaining acceptable photo identification.

☐ Lack of transportation    ☐ Disability or illness
☐ Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain photo ID
☐ Work schedule.
☐ Family responsibilities.
☐ Lost or stolen photo ID    ☐ Photo ID applied for but not received.
☐ Other reasonable impediment    ☐ Photo ID applied for but not received.
☐ State or federal law prohibits me from listing my impediment.

Judge’s Signature: ________________________
Judge’s Title: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
Reasonable Impediment Declaration (SOSA/OVRD)

Voter must indicate reason for impediment.

Voter must provide alternative identification information

Voter must sign under penalty of a Class I Felony.
Provisional Voter Instructions

Inform the voter that he may check the status of his provisional ballot no earlier than 10 days after election day.

Direct the voter to his PIN number.

If voter did not provide acceptable ID, advise the voter that he must return in person to the Board of Elections to provide the ID no later than 12 noon on the day before the county canvass. Provide the voter with the exact date.
Provisional Voting Reason: No Acceptable ID
Acknowledgment of Voting Options – Absentee By Mail
(One-stop Voting Period Only)

Until the **deadline for submission of requests** for absentee ballots, any voter who fails to present an eligible form of photo identification must be notified of the option to complete a written request form for an absentee ballot at a one-stop absentee voting location.

The voter will be asked to **sign a form acknowledging that he was notified** of this option to request and vote an absentee ballot.
Provisional Voting Reason: No Acceptable ID Absentee Voting by Mail Option

“If you prefer, we can help you request a by-mail absentee ballot.”

“If you request and vote a by-mail absentee ballot, you will not be required to show a photo ID.”

“You must complete a State Absentee Ballot Request Form.”

“The county board of elections will mail your ballot to you. You must vote according to the instructions and return the ballot by the appropriate deadline.”
**Voter Chooses Not to Vote Provisionally**

*(Acknowledgment of Voting Options)*

“I am required to notify you of each of the following:

- The option to request an absentee ballot to vote in this election.
- The instructions for completing the absentee ballot, along with the deadline for returning the absentee ballot.
- The means by which the voter may transmit the executed ballot to the county board of elections, including through delivery in person to an election official at a one-stop voting location.”

“Once you have received notice, you must sign a form acknowledging that you were notified of the option to request and vote an absentee ballot.”

“Here is an absentee ballot request form. The required instructions are on the back on this form.”

“Please acknowledge having received all of the required notices by signing this [Acknowledgment of Voting Options form].”
General Instructions
A person must be a registered voter in their North Carolina county of residence in order to request an absentee ballot. If not registered to vote in the proper county, a person must submit a voter registration application along with this form. Voter registration applications are available online at www.ncsbe.gov. The deadline to register to vote is 25 days prior to the date of the election.

Completing the Form
The voter’s full name, residential address, date of birth and an identification number (see Proof of Identification below) must be provided on this form. This information will be used to confirm your voter registration. In addition, this form must be signed by the voter or the voter’s near relative or qualified legal guardian.

Who may make a request for an absentee ballot
Either the voter or the voter’s near relative or qualified legal guardian may request an absentee ballot. A “near relative” is defined as the voter’s spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild.

Who may not make a request for an absentee ballot
If a registered voter is a patient in any hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home in this State, it is unlawful for any owner, manager, director, employee, or other person, other than the voter’s near relative or verifiable legal guardian, to request an absentee ballot on behalf of the voter. The voter’s county board of elections should be contacted if a voter in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or rest home in this State needs assistance requesting or voting an absentee ballot.

Updating Voter Information
This form may also serve as a voter change form; however, changes in voter registration may only be made by the voter.

Proof of Identification
If the voter’s identification number (NC driver’s license number, NC DMV-issued identification card number, or last four digits of social security number) is not provided, then provide with this request a copy of a document that shows the name and residential address of the voter: a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document.

Ballot Availability
Absentee ballots are mailed to voters once ballots for an election are available. For most elections, ballots will be available 50 days prior to the date of the election. Absentee ballots are available 60 days prior to the date of a statewide general election and 30 days prior to the date of a city or municipal election.

Submitting the form
Submit this form to the County Board of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the date of the election.

[COUNTY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS]
[ADDRESS]
[ZIP]

Email: Fax:

This form may be mailed, faxed, emailed, or delivered in person. Visit www.ncsbe.gov to check the status of your absentee request.
Acknowledgment Notice

Voter Registration/Update Form

Permits the voter to acknowledge that he or she has been informed of alternative voting options, including the ability to request a by-mail absentee ballot.

Should be used if a “No Acceptable ID” voter does not wish to vote a provisional ballot.
Provisional Voting Reason: No Acceptable ID
(Religious Objection)

“I understand that you do not have a photo ID due to a sincerely held religious objection to being photographed.”

“North Carolina permits you to execute a declaration before an election official to that effect, after which the declaration will become part of your voter registration record.”

“You were required to sign the declaration at least 25 days before the date of the election to have it made part of your record today. Since we did not receive your declaration by that time, you may vote a provisional ballot.”

“Provisional voting is a fail-safe method that will permit you to cast a vote today and allow the board of elections to verify your voting eligibility after Election Day.”

“Provisional ballots are placed in secure envelopes that will only be opened when it is determined that you are qualified and eligible to vote. If it can be determined that you are registered and qualified to vote here, your ballot will be counted before the results of this election are made final.”
Religious Objection to Being Photographed

- In order to be flagged as a Religious Objector voter, a voter must sign a religious objection declaration in person before an election official at the board of elections office no later than 25 days before the date of an election (the voter registration deadline).

- If a religious objection indicator is not on a voter's record, but the voter asserts that he cannot present acceptable photo ID due to a religious objection to being photographed, the voter must be given the option of voting a provisional ballot.

- The voter should then be directed to go in-person to the board of elections office no later than 12:00 noon on the day before the county canvass, and sign the declaration before an election official there and present an acceptable identification document (HAVA document).