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FACT SHEET
Information for Currituck County Residents Running for Register of Deeds

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1.) How do individuals get on the ballot for the primary election? *G.S.§163-106, 107, 108, S.L. 2015-258§ 2(c)*

- Candidates must file a notice of candidacy with the county board of elections in the county of their residence and pay a filing fee of 1% of the annual salary, five hundred thirty seven ($537), of the office sought to the county board of elections. Notice of candidacy forms may be obtained at the county board of elections prior to the date on which candidates may commence filing.
- Candidates must be a registered voter of the same political party in which he or she intends to file (an individual changing party affiliation must do so **75 days prior** to the filing date).
- All candidates must, at the time of filing a Notice of Candidacy, file a certificate signed by the chairman or the director of the county board of elections where they are registered to vote. The certification shall state the party with which the person is affiliated, and that the person has not changed affiliation in the past 75 days.
- The notice of candidacy includes questions about any previous felony convictions of the candidate, and will require a further report on those convictions if there are any. Active felons who have not had their citizenship rights fully restored (full completion of any felony sentence, including probation, restitution, etc.) are not eligible to be registered to vote or to run for elected office.
- A candidate may not file for more than one office.
- A filed primary candidate who remains unopposed after the close of the filing period will be certified as his or her party's nominee without the need for a primary.
- The winners of the party primaries (or certified nominees, if unopposed) will be listed on the General Election ballot as the nominee of their party for the office they filed for.

2.) When is the filing period? *S.L. 2015-258§ 2(b), G.S.§163-106(c)*

- Begins – 12:00 Noon – **Tuesday, December 1, 2016.**
- Ends – 12:00 Noon – **Monday, December 21, 2016.**

3.) When are the elections? *S.L. 2015-258§§1(b), 2(d), G.S.§163-1*

- Primary – **Tuesday, March 15, 2016.**
- Second Primary (will only be held in certain situations, and if requested by a candidate) – The date will depend on whether any elections for federal office require a second primary.
  Tuesday, May 3 <u>OR</u> May 24, 2016 (federal office/s).
- General Election – The Tuesday after the first Monday in November,
  Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

4.) What are the qualifications for Register of Deeds in Currituck County? *Constitution of N.C., Article VI*

- An individual must be at least 21 years of age and a qualified Currituck County voter.
- Term is four (4) years.

5.) How are unaffiliated candidates nominated? *G.S.§163-122*

- Any qualified voter who seeks to have his or her name printed on the general election ballot as an unaffiliated candidate shall file a petition with the Currituck County Board of Elections by 12:00 Noon on the last Friday in June preceding the general election. For the 2016 election the date would be **Friday, June 24, 2016.** The petition must be signed by 4% of the registered voters in the county (at-large). Verification by the Currituck County Board of Elections shall be completed within two weeks from the date the petitions are presented.
- An individual whose name appeared on the ballot in a primary election preliminary to the general election shall not be eligible to have his or her name placed on the general election ballot as an unaffiliated candidate for the same office in that year.

6.) How can an individual become a write-in candidate? *G.S.§163-123*

- An individual seeking to become a write-in candidate must file, with the Currituck County Board of Elections by noon on the 90th day before the general election **(Wednesday, August 10, 2016),** a petition signed by 100 qualified voters. Verification by the Currituck County Board of Elections shall be completed within two weeks from the date the petitions are presented.
- Any qualified voter who seeks to have write-in votes for him or her counted in a general election shall file a declaration of intent. The applicant shall file the declaration of intent at the same time as his or her petition.
- No person whose name appeared on the ballot in a primary election preliminary to the general election shall be eligible to have votes counted for him or her as a write-in candidate for the same office in that year.

7.) What are the Campaign Reporting filing requirements? *G.S.§163-278.9*

The Campaign Reporting Act requires financial disclosure of all political activities. The following reports are due to be filed at the Currituck County Board of Elections for the 2016 Elections:

- The treasurer of each candidate shall file with the Currituck County Board of Elections, under certification of the treasurer as true and correct to the best knowledge of that officer, the following reports:
  1. Statement of Organization – Candidate Committee (CR0-2100A)
  2. Certification of Treasurer (CRO-3100)
  3. Certification of Financial Account Information (CRO-3500)
  4. Certification of Threshold, if intent is to receive or expend less than **$1,000** (CRO-3600)
  5. Candidate Designation of Committee Funds (CRO-3900)
- If the intent is to receive or expend **$1,000** or more there are additional reports to complete.
- These reports are to be filed with the Currituck County Board of Elections **no later than the tenth day** of becoming a candidate.
- The candidate may be the treasurer or may appoint another person. However, the spouse of the candidate shall not be appointed as treasurer.
- The treasurer is required to complete a state mandatory training class for treasurers.
- If the intent to stay within the threshold changes, or if the **$1,000** threshold is exceeded, the treasurer shall immediately notify the Currituck County Board of Elections and shall be responsible for filing all reports required in §163-278.9 and 163-278.40B, 163-278.40C, 163-278.40D, and 163-278.40E; provided that any contribution, loan, or expenditure which would have been required to be reported on an earlier report but for this section shall be included on the next report required after the intent changes or the threshold is exceeded.