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### Presidential Candidates on the NC Primary Ballot

RALEIGH, N.C. — The State Board of Elections today announced that 27 presidential candidates will appear on North Carolina's presidential primary ballot. The North Carolina presidential primary will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

"We encourage every eligible voter to participate in the election process," said Executive Director Kim Westbrook Strach. "With absentee voting just weeks away, we are excited about the upcoming election."

North Carolina law requires the order of names appearing on the primary ballot to be chosen by random selection. Below, in alphabetical order starting from the letter "H", are the names of the Republican, Democratic and Libertarian presidential candidates spelled as they will appear on the ballot.

#### Republicans

Mike Huckabee  
John R. Kasich  
Rand Paul  
Marco Rubio  
Rick Santorum  
Donald J. Trump  
Jeb Bush  
Ben Carson  
Chris Christie  
Ted Cruz  
Carly Fiorina  
Jim Gilmore

#### Democrats

Martin J. O'Malley  
Bernie Sanders  
Hillary Clinton  
Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente

#### Libertarians

John David Hale  
Cecil Ince  
Gary Johnson  
Steven Elliott (Steve) Kerbel  
Darryl W. Perry  
Austin Petersen  
Derrick Michael Reid  
Jack B. Robinson, Jr.  
Rhett Rosenquest Smith  
Barbara Joy Waymire  
Marc Allan Feldman

North Carolinians will head to the polls for a primary on March 15, though it has traditionally been held in May. The legislature passed a bill to shift the primary date and it was signed

been held in May. The legislature passed a bill to shift the primary date and it was signed into law by Governor Pat McCrory last fall.

As we approach the March 15, 2016 primary, here are some important dates to keep in mind.

- Absentee voting begins Monday, January 25.
- The regular voter registration deadline is Friday, February 19. Same-day registration is also available during the one-stop early voting period, subject to ongoing litigation.
- One-stop early voting runs Thursday, March 3 to Saturday, March 12 at 1 p.m.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections is the state agency charged with overall responsibility for administration of the elections process and campaign finance disclosure in North Carolina. The office of the State Board of Elections works in conjunction with County Board of Elections offices to ensure that elections are conducted lawfully and fairly.

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