



Election 2018

Dear LeadingAge North Carolina Members,

Nonprofits can play an important role in helping individuals at their communities exercise their right as citizens to vote. This Election 2018 Toolkit is designed for you as a member community of LeadingAge North Carolina to:

- Provide voting basics for individuals at your community
- Provide information to guide your nonprofit community's voter education and engagement activities

How to use this information:

- Link to this toolkit from your website
- Tweet and post on your social media pages with links to this toolkit
- Print and post this toolkit in public locations throughout your campus such as HR, employee cafes, breakrooms, and other public bulletin boards
- Copy and paste this information into your printed and electronic newsletters
- Reference this information when speaking at resident and staff meetings

Remember that LeadingAge North Carolina is here to help. If you have any questions about this toolkit or need assistance, please contact us by calling our office at 919-571-8333 or email us at info@leadingagenc.org.

Sincerely,

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Voting Basics

Election Date

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

One-stop early voting starts Thursday, October 18, and ends Saturday, November 3.

Voting Hours

One-stop early voting hours from October 18 – November 3 vary by county and location. Voters should check the one-stop absentee schedule in their county to determine specific hours for each early voting site. The schedule for early voting will be posted by the start of the absentee voting by mail period.

On election day November 6, polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with state law. If any voter is in line to vote at the time polls close, he or she will be permitted to vote.

Registration

Those who want to vote on election day, November 6, must register to vote by Oct. 12 at their county's local Board of Elections office.

- To see if you are registered, go [here](#).
- To find where your county's local Board of Elections office is located go [here](#).



North Carolina has one-stop early voting, so you can register and vote at the same time. Same-day registrants must fill out a registration form, attest to their eligibility to vote and provide proof of residence. This proof can be a North Carolina driver's license, other government-issued photo ID, current utility bill, bank statement or government document showing name and address. For more information on registering to vote, go to [the State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement website](#).

Voting Locations and ID Requirements

To vote during one-stop early voting from October 18 - November 3:

- You can find the locations to do so in your county by [clicking here](#). Early voting hours vary by county and location. Voters should check the one-stop absentee schedule in their county to determine specific hours for each early voting site. The schedule for early voting will be posted by the start of the absentee voting by mail period.
- The requirement to show a photo ID for voting and other associated laws has been struck down by a Federal court. Photo ID is not required to vote. Learn more [here](#).

To vote on Election Day November 6:

- You must vote at the location in your precinct. That site is listed on your voter registration card and is likely to be different from your early voting site. If you are not sure where to vote, you may enter your address to find that information [here](#). On election day polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with state law. If any voter is in line to vote at the time polls close, he or she will be permitted to vote.



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Candidates and Sample Ballot

Each of North Carolina's 13 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives is up for election, as well as every seat in the NC General Assembly, three seats in the NC Court of Appeals, and one state Supreme Court seat. To find an updated list of candidates, [click here](#) and go to the Elections tab to view 2018 General Election Candidates.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections & Ethics Enforcement has posted sample ballots for all elections online. To find your sample ballot (and your polling place), enter your name in the [Voter Search](#) and then click on your name when it appears as a hyperlink.

Voting Accessibility

Polling sites are required to be accessible to all voters. Read more about accessibility [here](#).

Voters with disabilities or older voters may require removal of barriers at polling places or registration sites in order to make the voting program accessible to them. Both federal law and state requirements mandate that voting systems be equipped for voters with disabilities, which allows such voters to have the same opportunity for access and participation as any other voter. It is required that every precinct have at least one accessible voting machine available for use by voters with special needs. This includes all one-stop absentee early voting sites.

In addition to making polling places accessible to voters, the State Board of Elections strives to provide voters with options, should they be unable to make it inside the polling place to vote.



Curbside voting is offered at each polling location where a voter can vote while in a vehicle outside the polling location. This includes all one-stop early voting sites. A curbside voter has the same rights to assistance as any other voter. Information on the particulars of curbside voting at a specific polling place or early voting site can be obtained from the site's respective [county board of elections](#).

Not-for-profits are allowed to provide transportation to polling locations, as long as the vehicles do not have any partisan signs or stickers on them.

Voting a mail-in absentee ballot from home is another option. For more information on how to request, fill out or submit an absentee ballot, visit the State Board's [absentee voting page](#).

Read on for information about nonprofits and elections.



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Nonprofit Guidance

Guidance for How 501(c)(3) Nonprofits Can Take Action on Constitutional Amendments

This fall, North Carolina voters will have the opportunity to decide whether six amendments will be made to the North Carolina Constitution. Voters will be asked to decide on constitutional amendments that would:

1. Reduce the maximum state income tax rate from 10% to 7%;
2. Require photographic identification for in-person voting in future elections;
3. (a) Remove the Governor's ability to appoint some members of state boards and commissions, giving the state legislature the power to make these appointments; and (b) restructure the Bipartisan State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement;
4. Constitutionally enshrine the right to hunt and fish;
5. Expand the rights of victims of crimes; and
6. Remove the Governor's power to fill judicial vacancies.

The North Carolina Center for Nonprofits has [prepared a guide with answers to frequently asked questions](#) about what types of ballot measure activity are permissible for 501(c)(3) nonprofits, pitfalls for nonprofits to avoid, and filing requirements for organizations engaging in lobbying around constitutional amendments.

Guidance on IRS Rules Around Politically-Related Activity

As the nation prepares for mid-term congressional elections this year, many nonprofit aging services providers are concerned about staying within Internal Revenue Service rules for



allowable politically-related activity. LeadingAge national has prepared a set of guidelines to help you stay in compliance. If you work for a nonprofit organization, can you contribute to political campaigns or participate in candidate fundraising? What kind of help can you give residents with learning about candidates who are running for office or getting to the polls to vote? Can your organization hold candidate forums? What if an elected official who is running for reelection wants to visit your community to talk to your residents? All of these questions are discussed in LeadingAge national's new publication, [Lobbying and Election Activity: Guiding Principles for Nonprofit Providers](#). As the campaign season heats up, we hope these guidelines will help you balance your and your residents' rights as citizens with the IRS restrictions on political activity by nonprofits.

Sign Up as a Partner for National Voter Registration Day (September 25)

Did you know there is already a countdown to [National Voter Registration Day](#) on **September 25**? While September may seem far away, the folks at Nonprofit VOTE are encouraging nonprofits to join this national day of action celebrating our democracy. National Voter Registration Day is endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State and the National Association of State Election Directors, along with hundreds of nonprofits across the country. Help register everyone who is eligible to vote!

Here are two things you can do:

1. Sign up as an official partner;
2. Plan a voter registration drive on September 25, if this makes sense for your community.

NVRD partners receive free field organizing toolkits, promotion materials, and an exclusive training by Nonprofit VOTE. [Watch an NVRD video](#) for more information.



Coffee Chats with Congress: Help Make Advocacy Real in Your Community

LeadingAge national launched “[Coffee Chats with Congress](#)” asking members to set up conversations with our legislators to talk about the good work we’re doing and the challenges our communities encounter. Every chance we have to sit down with a legislator and talk specifically about issues that affect our community/residents/employees, is a chance to put a “face” on the issues, to share a story, beyond just statistics. Download the “Coffee Chats with Congress” [Toolkit](#) and join us as we educate our Members of Congress on the issues facing our members and residents every day. [Who’s Your Legislator?](#)

- Click here to search for your elected officials:
[North Carolina General Assembly](#)
[U.S. House of Representatives](#)
[U.S. Senate](#)