

# 2022 Statewide Primary

In North Carolina, the statewide primary is **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**. During this election, voters can choose which candidates they prefer to be on the general election ballot in November. The purpose of a primary is to narrow the field of candidates for the general election.

## Dates and Deadlines

2022 Statewide Primary Date or Deadline
<b>March 28, 2022:</b> The date by which the boards of elections must make available absentee ballots, barring any action by the State Board or the courts to postpone that date, under <a href="#">N.C.G.S. 163-227.10(a)</a> .
<b>April 22, 2022:</b> Civilian voter registration deadline for the 2022 statewide primary.
<b>April 28, 2022:</b> One-stop, in-person early voting period begins for the 2022 statewide primary, under <a href="#">N.C.G.S. 163-227.2(b)</a> .
<b>May 10, 2022:</b> Deadline for civilians to submit an absentee ballot request form for the 2022 statewide primary.
<b>May 14, 2022:</b> One-stop, in-person early voting period ends at 3 p.m. for the 2022 statewide primary, under <a href="#">N.C.G.S. 163-227.2(b)</a> .
<b>May 17, 2022:</b> Election Day for the 2022 statewide primary and civilian absentee ballot return deadline.