



# DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS CORE COURSE #5

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NC State Board of Elections  
Training Seminar  
September 8, 2011

# General Chain of Command/Authority

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**NC State Board of Elections (Appeals from SBOE to Wake County Superior Court )**

**Executive Director of the NC SBOE  
County Board of Elections (Appeals from County BOE to SBOE. Appeals from challenges go to local Superior Court )**

**County Director  
Precinct Officials**

# The County Board Delegates to the County Director

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G.S. 163-35 (d):

- (d) Duties. – The director of elections may be empowered by the county board of elections to perform such administrative duties as might be assigned by the board and the chairman. In addition, the director of elections may be authorized by the chairman to execute the responsibilities devolving upon the chairman provided such authorization by any chairman shall in no way transfer the responsibility for compliance with the law. The chairman shall remain liable for proper execution of all matters specifically assigned to him by law.
- The county board of elections shall have authority, by resolution adopted by majority vote, to delegate to its director of elections so much of the administrative detail of the election functions, duties, and work of the board, its officers and members, as is now, or may hereafter be vested in the board or its members as the county board of elections may see fit: Provided, that the board shall not delegate to a director of elections any of its quasi-judicial or policy-making duties and authority. Within the limitations imposed upon him by the resolution of the county board of elections the acts of a properly appointed director of elections shall be deemed to be the acts of the county board of elections, its officers and members.

# County Board Duties

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- General organization and duties found in Article 4 of Chapter 163 (G.S. 163-30 through 163-37)
- Ethical restrictions found in Article 4A of Chapter 163 ( G.S. 163-38 through 163-40.1)
- County board appointing precinct officials found in Article 5 of Chapter 163 ( G.S. 163-41 through 163-48)



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- Voter registration duties found in Article 7A of Chapter 163 (G.S. 163-82.1 through 163-82.28)
- Challenges found in Article 8 of Chapter 163 (G.S. 163-84 through 163-90.3)
- Filing for office found in Article 10 of Chapter 163 (G.S. 163-104 through 163-119)



# County Board Duties

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- **Precinct boundaries and voting place structures found in Article 12 of Chapter 163 (G.S. 163-128 through 163-132)**
- **Ballots and voting systems found in Article 14A of Chapter 163 (G.S. 163-165.1 through 163-165.10)**
- **Counting and canvassing votes found in Article 15A of Chapter 163 (G.S. 163-182 through 163-182.17)**