Qualifications to Vote
N.C.G.S. § 163-55

**DO** Voter MUST:
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Live in the county of registration and have resided there for at least 30 days prior to an election.
- Be 18 years old or be 18 at the time of the general election; or be 16 or 17 years old to preregister to vote.
- If a convicted felon, not be serving an active sentence, probation or supervised release/parole for a felony conviction.

*For questions about eligibility, voter should contact their county board of elections.*

**If in Violation**
N.C.G.S. § 163-275 – Violations of this statute shall be a Class I felony, subject to a fine and up to 24 months imprisonment.

Completing Voter Registration Forms
N.C.G.S. § 163-82.4

**DO** Voter is REQUIRED to complete the following fields:
- Citizenship and Age (checkboxes)
- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Address (Provide physical and mailing address, if applicable)
- Voter’s Signature -The voter must sign or make their mark.

*A voter may receive assistance upon request, but voter must sign the form.*

**DO NOT**
- Do not compensate or be compensated for the number of registration forms collected/submitted. Quota systems in voter registration drives are illegal and subject to a class 2 misdemeanor. N.C.G.S. § 163-274(15)
- Do not tell voters they must re-register to vote. This is incorrect. Refer them to their county board of elections if they have questions about their voting status or eligibility.
- Do not complete or change any section of the form for a voter. Incomplete forms should be given to the county board of elections as is.
- Do not coerce a person into marking a party affiliation other than what the voter desires.
- Do not offer a person a voter registration form that has been pre-marked. Only allowed if the voter requested the pre-marking.
- Do not sell or attempt to sell a completed voter registration form or condition its delivery upon payment.

*If in Violation* N.C.G.S. § 163-82.6(a) and (b) – Violations of this statute shall be a class 2 misdemeanor, subject to a fine and up to 60 days of imprisonment.
Returning Voter Registration Forms

N.C.G.S. § 163-82.6(d) and (e)

**DO**
- All voter registration forms—both complete and incomplete—must be sent to county board of elections in which the voter resides. Please also return unused forms if they are no longer needed.
- Submit completed voter registration forms within 5 business days of receipt but no later than the 25th day before an election.
- Maintain a log of staff/volunteers to easily trace who has collected and submitted which registration forms. Logs should contain the name of the person assigned to a batch and contact information to include phone number, mailing address and email.

**DO NOT**
- Do not keep, retain or store completed or partially completed voter registration forms in any form for any purpose. It is illegal to retain a voter’s Personal Identifiable Information (PII) unless you are an election official or the information is fully redacted under N.C.G.S. § 163-274(16). This information includes:
  - Registrant’s signature
  - Partial or full Social Security number
  - Date of birth
  - Driver’s license number
  - Email address
  - Identity of the public agency which the registrant registered (N.C.G.S. § 163-82.20)

**If in Violation**
N.C.G.S. § 163-274(16) – Violations of this statute shall be a class 2 misdemeanor, subject to a fine and up to 60 days of imprisonment.