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NC Utilizes Instant Runoff Voting In Judicial Contests

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Attention North Carolina voters. When you vote on November 2nd, you can select a Court of Appeals Judge by a method of voting called Instant Runoff Voting. After selecting your first choice to fill the seat, you can rank your second and third choice candidates in the event the first round results produce no majority winner. For more information, contact the State Board of Elections at 866-522-4723. 866-522-4723. Or contact the Macon Board of Elections at 828-349-2034. Information is available on the web at www.sboe.state.nc.us. This message is a public service announcement from the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

SPECIAL VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Voting Straight-Party

A “straight party” vote does not include any non-partisan offices, constitutional amendments, or local referenda. You must vote for these ballot items separately. More detailed instructions are on your ballot. For paper ballots, turn the ballot over.

Instant Runoff Voting: One, Two or Three, Which Candidates Do You Prefer Most?

Your ballot includes an Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) contest for a State Court of Appeals seat. There are 13 candidates running for this seat. When casting your vote, you have the option of choosing up to 3 candidates in order of your preference. If no candidate receives a majority of the first choice votes, then the two candidates receiving the most first choice votes enter an automatic “instant runoff.” During the instant runoff process, your 2nd or 3rd choice vote is counted only if your first choice candidate is not in the runoff. If your second choice vote is for either of the two runoff candidates, it will be counted. Third choice votes for either runoff candidate will be counted only if first or second choice votes were cast for candidates not in the runoff.

Remember, when you vote in an IRV contest, vote for the candidates you prefer most.

Select your



ONLY ONE (1) CANDIDATE WILL WIN THIS CONTEST.

How To Vote Your IRV BALLOT

IMPORTANT!!! You may rank fewer than three (3) candidates by leaving columns blank. If you select the same candidate in more than one (1) column, your vote for that candidate will only count once.

- Mark your first choice in the first column, then mark your 2nd and 3rd choices in the appropriate columns.
- Select a different candidate for each choice.
- Your 2nd or 3rd choices will not count against your first choice.
- If your first choice candidate is not in the runoff, then a second choice vote for either of the two runoff candidates will be counted. Third choice votes for either runoff candidate will be counted only if your first or second choice candidate is not in the runoff.

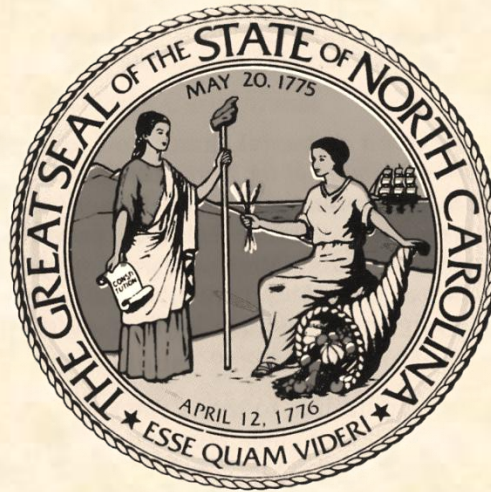
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For more information about Instant Runoff Voting (IRV)

in North Carolina contact:

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Instant Runoff Voting

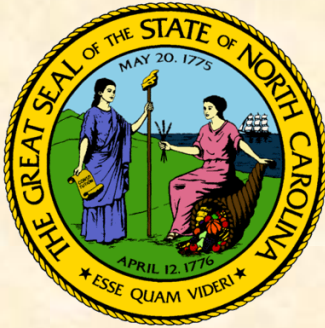


NC Court of Appeals Judge Election

Superior Court Judge Elections:

Buncombe County, Cumberland County, Rowan County

November 2, 2010



General Statute 163-329

Directs the State Board of Elections to conduct Instant Runoff Voting if a vacancy is created in the office of justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Appeals, or judge of superior court under certain conditions.

What Is Instant Runoff Voting?


Instant Runoff Voting combines the Primary and Election Day into one election.

Voters will select their 1st choice for IRV contests like every other contest on the ballot, but they will rank their 2nd or 3rd choices in the event the first round results produce no majority winner.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS - INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING:
a. Choose up to 3 candidates for the following office in order of your preference: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
b. Select a different candidate for each choice.
c. Your 2nd and 3rd choices will not count against your 1st choice; they will only be considered in a runoff if your 1st choice is not in the runoff.

Court of Appeals Judge


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<input type="radio"/> J. Wesley Casteen	<input type="radio"/> J. Wesley Casteen	<input type="radio"/> J. Wesley Casteen
<input type="radio"/> Chris Dillon	<input type="radio"/> Chris Dillon	<input type="radio"/> Chris Dillon
<input type="radio"/> Jewel Ann Farlow	<input type="radio"/> Jewel Ann Farlow	<input type="radio"/> Jewel Ann Farlow
<input type="radio"/> Daniel E. Garner	<input type="radio"/> Daniel E. Garner	<input type="radio"/> Daniel E. Garner
<input type="radio"/> Stan Hammer	<input type="radio"/> Stan Hammer	<input type="radio"/> Stan Hammer
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<input type="radio"/> Doug McCullough	<input type="radio"/> Doug McCullough	<input type="radio"/> Doug McCullough
<input type="radio"/> Anne Middleton	<input type="radio"/> Anne Middleton	<input type="radio"/> Anne Middleton
<input type="radio"/> Harry E. Payne, Jr.	<input type="radio"/> Harry E. Payne, Jr.	<input type="radio"/> Harry E. Payne, Jr.
<input type="radio"/> John Sullivan	<input type="radio"/> John Sullivan	<input type="radio"/> John Sullivan
<input type="radio"/> Cressie Thigpen	<input type="radio"/> Cressie Thigpen	<input type="radio"/> Cressie Thigpen
<input type="radio"/> Pamela M. Vesper	<input type="radio"/> Pamela M. Vesper	<input type="radio"/> Pamela M. Vesper

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How Instant Runoff Voting Works

First Round of Counting

Voters select their 1st choice for an office just as they have done in previous elections. Additionally, voters may select their 2nd or 3rd choices. The voters' 1st choices are tallied and are reported unofficially on Election Night. If a candidate gets a majority of 1st choice votes, more than 50% of votes cast, then they are certified as the winner at Canvass and no further counting is necessary.

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How are the votes counted?

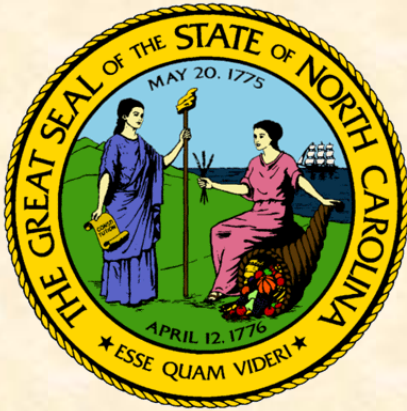
If a voter's first choice candidate is not in the runoff, a second choice vote for either of the two runoff candidates will be counted. Third choice votes for either runoff candidate will be counted only if the voter's first or second choice candidate is not in the runoff. After all counting is concluded, the candidate with the most first and second round total votes wins the election.

Marking Your IRV Ballot

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- 2) Select a different candidate for each choice.
- 3) Your 2nd or 3rd choices will not count against your first choice.
- 4) If your first choice candidate is not in the runoff, then a second choice vote for either of the two runoff candidates will be counted. Third choice votes for either runoff candidate will be counted only if your first or second choice candidate is not in the runoff.

For More Information



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NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION



NC Utilizes Instant Runoff Voting in Judicial Offices

North Carolina voters can select a Court of Appeals Judge by Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) on **November 2, 2010**. Also, IRV will be used to select three Superior Court Judges in Buncombe, Cumberland, and Rowan Counties. This method of voting combines the Primary and Election Day into one election. Voters will select their 1st choice for IRV contests like every other contest on the ballot, but they will also rank their 2nd or 3rd choices in the event the first round results produce no majority winner.

How It Works

► First Round of Counting

Voters select their 1st choice for an office just as they have done in previous elections. Additionally, voters may select their 2nd or 3rd choices. The voters' 1st choices are tallied and are reported unofficially on Election Night. If a candidate gets enough 1st choice votes to win (more than 50%), then they are certified as the winner at Canvass and no further counting is necessary.

► Second Round of Counting

If no candidate receives enough 1st choice votes to reach the majority threshold (more than 50%), the first two candidates move to the instant runoff. The winner is determined by adding any 2nd or 3rd choice votes to their initial vote totals. After all counting is concluded, the candidate with the most first and second round total votes wins the election.

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Court of Appeals Judge

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1st



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2nd



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3rd



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