

Absentee Ballots:

- GS 163-237 makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor for a candidate to witness the absentee ballot of a nonrelative.
- GS 163-226.3 makes it a felony for any person to return a voter's ballot to the Board of Elections office unless that person is the voter's near relative or the voter's verifiable legal guardian.
- The absentee request form is valid only if returned by the voter, or by the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or by a bipartisan assistance team. A request is invalid if it is returned by any other person.
- Voters who are blind or disabled, or who cannot read or write may receive assistance in completing the request form. If the assistance is provided by someone other than a near relative or legal guardian, that person's name and address must be listed on the absentee ballot request form.
- The lists of voters who made requests for absentee-by-mail ballots are confidential until the opening of the polls on Election Day. The list of voters who return their absentee-by-mail applications/ballots to the county board of elections is a public record.

Voter Registration:

- If a voter is currently registered to vote in Brunswick County and needs to make a change to their registration (name, address, date of birth, etc.), the change can be made on their voter registration card in lieu of a voter registration form. If the voter does not have their voter registration card, they may call our office and we will mail one to them.