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ANNOUNCEMENT TO CANDIDATES:

Notices of Candidacy May Not Be Delivered by Surrogates or Staff

To All Potential Candidates for the March 2026 Primary:

The State and county boards of elections cannot accept candidate filings via surrogate. During the upcoming candidate filing period the boards of elections will only accept notices of candidacy that are signed and submitted in person by the candidate, or which are certified and delivered via mail or commercial courier service, per N.C.G.S. § 163-106(a).

In the past, some candidates have attempted to rely on surrogates, including staff members, to submit their notices of candidacy during the candidate filing period. This practice is not permitted in the General Statutes, and such filings will not be accepted by the boards of elections.

General Statute section 163-106(a) provides as follows:

Each candidate shall sign the notice of candidacy in the presence of the chairman or secretary of the board of elections, State or county, with which the candidate files. In the alternative, a candidate may have the candidate's signature on the notice of candidacy acknowledged and certified to by an officer authorized to take acknowledgments and administer oaths, in which case the candidate may mail or deliver by commercial courier service the candidate's notice of candidacy to the appropriate board of elections.

Notices of filing, submitted in accordance with N.C.G.S. § 163-106, must be submitted to the appropriate board of elections within the candidate filing period: between 12:00 noon on Monday, December 1, 2025, and 12:00 noon on Friday, December 19, 2025.

For more information, please contact the State Board or your county board of elections. Contact information is available at www.ncsbe.gov.