

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS



PUBLIC NOTICE

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

Testing of voting equipment in preparation for the March 3, 2026, Primary Election will begin at 9:00 am on January 22, 2026, at the Board of Elections Office, 75 E. Central Street, Hendersonville, NC, pursuant to GS 163-33.2 and 8 NCAC 4.0307. Testing will continue during business hours until all equipment is prepared and approved for deployment to the voting locations.

Cc: Board Members
Meeting Notice

Office Bulletin Board and Webpage (Posted on 1/16/26)

Logic and accuracy tests, commonly known as “L&A” tests, ensure machines will correctly read each ballot type and accurately count votes in an upcoming election. In all 100 counties, every machine used in the election, including backups, is tested for every election.

Here's how L&A tests work:

1. Test ballots are marked by hand and by ballot-marking devices before they are counted by the tabulator. These test ballots are filled out according to a test script, which is designed to simulate the various combinations of selections voters could make on their ballots during actual voting.
2. These marked, test ballots are inserted by hand into every tabulator that will be used for one-stop early voting, Election Day, or to count absentee-by-mail or provisional ballots.
3. Test results from the ballots are recorded on a memory device in the tabulator.
4. The tabulator also prints the test results onto a paper tape.
5. The memory device is removed from the tabulator and inserted into a central computer in a secure area, where results stored on the memory device are compared to the paper tape results and the original test script used to mark the ballots. The results must match exactly for the test to be successful.