

Important Information for Partisan and Nonpartisan Candidates

Now that you are a candidate for the upcoming election, there are important rules you need to know relating to Early Voting, Absentee Voting, and Polling place activities.

Early Voting (Not on Holidays, Saturday's, or Sundays)

(Monday- Friday, Monday, October 20, 2025 -Friday October 31, 2025, 8:30am-5pm)

Early Voting Center: Lexington County Voter Registration & Election Office (Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm)

Address: 605 West Main Street, Ste. C, Lexington, SC 29072

Absentee Voting

- You and members of your paid campaign staff, including volunteers reimbursed for time expended on campaign activity, may not:
 - Request an absentee ballot application for any person other than immediate family.
 - Return an absentee ballot for any person other than immediate family. The family member must complete the Authorization to Return Absentee Ballot Form.
- It is illegal to procure votes by threat, intimidation, force, deception, mistreatment, abuse, or fraud; or by the payment, delivery, or promise of money or other article of value.

At the Polling Place

Campaign Material

- May not be displayed or distributed within 500 feet of entrance to the polling place. 7-25-180(A)
- Campaign material is any written or visual material that has the intention or effect of supporting or opposing any candidate or question.

Campaigning

- Inside the polling place: No campaigning allowed. 7-25-180(B)
- Outside the polling place:
 - You and your campaign staff may greet voters as long as the activity is not intimidating or disruptive.
 - You can wear a badge no larger than 4 ¼" x 4 ¼" containing your name and office. You may not wear the badge inside the polling place.

Poll Watchers 7-13-860

Watchers – General and Special Elections

Party Candidates – Watchers are appointed by the party, not the candidate. Candidates of the same political party are jointly represented at a polling place by not more than two watchers at a time for each 1,000 registered voters or fraction thereof registered in the precinct (7-13-860).

Nonpartisan Candidates – Each candidate may appoint one watcher at a time for any polling place where the candidate's name is on the ballot.

- Requirements:
 - Must be a qualified voter in the county.
 - Must present letter to managers from you certifying them to watch in the precinct.
 - Must wear badge no larger than 4 ¼" x 4 ¼" stating the person is a watcher for you.
- Must direct any voter challenges or questions to the managers and not to voters.
- May not interfere with the orderly conduct of the election or attempt to influence voters.

every vote matters.
every vote counts.