

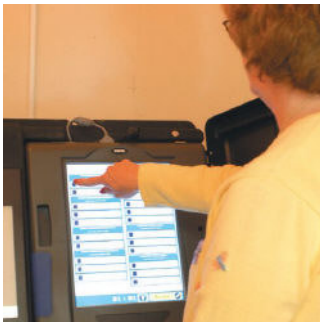
NC's Upcoming Elections to Be More Secure, More Accessible.

Voter Advocacy group urges voters to verify their vote when they go to the polls this May 2nd.

Starting with this Tuesday's primaries, all North Carolina voters can look forward to seeing a paper ballot when they vote.

Starting with Tuesday's primaries, voting is permitted only with optical scan machines, electronic recording machines (touchscreens) or paper ballots counted by hand. Electronic machines provide a paper printout that can be corrected by the voter before a ballot is recorded. This paper record will be retained by the election officials for audit and recount purposes.

Legislators passed the "Public Confidence in Elections Act", after an electronic voting machine error caused 4,438 votes to be lost in Carteret County during the November 2004 election. The law sets strict standards for voting machine companies and required a paper ballot backup for every vote. Voting will also be in compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), ensuring that voting will be more accessible and private for the disabled or sight impaired.



Touchscreen voting



Optical Scan Ballot Counter

Using the new touch screen machines:

The first step- touch the screen for the language.

Second is to touch the yellow button to view the candidates and make selections by touching the box next to the name (to deselect, touch the box again).

Third, verify your vote on paper!

The voter then is able to review their selections on the paper printer at the left side of the machine, and make changes if needed. The last step is to simply touch "**vote**" on the screen.

Using the new optical scan machines:

The voter shades in a circle for his choices on a paper ballot that resembles a multiple choice test.

The ballot is then fed into the scanner, which counts the votes and stores the ballot in a secure manner.

The optical scan ballot is verified by the voter as they shade in their choices on the paper ballot.

The vast majority of computer science professionals support a non-electronic (i.e., paper) and voter-verified record of each voter's ballot. The [Association for Computing Machinery](#) -- the largest and most prestigious organization for computer science professionals -- adopted a public policy stance in August of 2004, supporting this position. North Carolina joins 27 other states in requiring paper ballots. <http://www.verifiedvoting.org/>

The North Carolina Coalition for Verified Voting is a non-partisan, state-wide grassroots advocacy organization. Contact Joyce McCloy, ncverifiablevoting@yahoo.com Website: www.ncvoter.net Phone (336)-794-1240
Breakdown of which machines counties chose
here:<http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/voterweb/Orders%20for%202006%20Primary.htm>