

## Acronyms

ADA	American Disabilities Act
ATV	Authorization to Vote form
CCBOE	Chatham County Board of Elections (office)
CJ	Chief Judge
EA	Election Assistant
ED	Election Day
EV	Early Voting
EVA	Early Voting Application form
NCSBOE	North Carolina State Board of Elections
OVRD	
PJ	Party Judge
PW	Poll Worker
SOSA	

## Terminology

Term	Definition
absentee	Voting by mail instead of voting in person during Early Voting or on Election Day.
audit	<p>A process by which the accuracy and integrity of the voting process is confirmed.</p> <p>Every hour throughout a day of voting, the Chief Judge of the polling site verifies that the number of EVA/ATV forms issued at the Check-In Station matches the number of ballots cast (minus spoiled and provisional ballots) by comparing values recorded by the Check-In laptops, the Ballot Station logs, and the Ballot Scanner.</p> <p>At the end of each day of voting, the final counts are documented and returned to the board of elections office, along with the ballots.</p>
Ballot Printer	<i>Equipment.</i> Not to be confused with the Ballot Selector.
Ballot Scanner	AKA: Scanner
Ballot Selector	<i>Equipment.</i>
ballot style	The content of a ballot may vary at the same election – and even at the same polling site – based on the residential address of the voter. Ballot style is indicated by a number in the upper right corner of the ballot.
ballot-on-demand	

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canvass	The Board of Elections meets to finalize the election results and determine that the votes have been counted and tabulated correctly. Meeting takes place at 11:00 a.m. on the tenth day after every election.
Early Voting	Voting prior to Election Day at a facility designated as an Early Voting site. Any eligible Chatham County voter may vote at any Chatham County Early Voting site. They can also submit an absentee ballot or register as a new voter.
Hart	
poll book	<i>(not pollbook)</i>
Poll Worker	CCBOE term that refers to trained, approved, and paid people who staff Early Voting sites and serve Election Day polling places. Includes Chief Judge, Party Judges, and Election Assistants.  AKA: Precinct Official.
polling place	A designated, staffed location for in-person voting on Election Day.  'Polling place' and 'voting site' are often used interchangeably. However, <i>technically</i> , polling places are <i>precinct-based</i> . Whereas voting sites, which are used during Early Voting, are not associated with any particular precinct(s).  Not to be confused with 'precinct.' (People who live in a particular precinct have an assigned polling place.)
precinct	A geographically bound area that defines the polling place assignment for all voters who reside within the boundary.
Precinct Official	NCSBOE term that refers to trained, approved, and paid people who staff Early Voting sites and serve Election Day polling places. Includes Chief Judge, Party Judges, and Election Assistants.  AKA: Poll Worker.
primary election	
provisional voting	If a voter's eligibility to vote can't be immediately determined (e.g., no photo ID, voter not found, incorrect precinct on Election Day...), that voter can vote a ballot that is sealed inside an envelope until Board of Elections staff research the voter's information to determine eligibility. Provisional voters must never place voted ballots in the Ballot Scanner.
run-off election	
Scanner	<i>Equipment.</i>
spoiled ballot	If a voter makes a mistake while marking their ballot, they can return it to the Ballot Station and request a new ballot of the same style. The ballot they return is marked, filed, and considered <i>spoiled</i> .

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stations	
tabulator	<i>see</i> Scanner
Touch Writer	<i>Equipment.</i>
Verity	
Verity Print	<i>see</i> Ballot Selector
Verity Scan	<i>see</i> Scanner
voting enclosure	<p>The space inside a polling place that includes all parts of the voting setup. The enclosure may be an entire room or a section of a room.</p> <p>A curbside voter’s vehicle is also considered a voting enclosure.</p>
voting site	<p>A designated, staffed location for in-person voting during Early Voting.</p> <p>‘Polling place’ and ‘voting site’ are often used interchangeably. However, <i>technically</i>, polling places are <i>precinct-based</i>. Whereas voting sites, which are used during Early Voting, are not associated with any particular precinct(s).</p>