

21 NCAC 46 .2107 BALLOTS: CASTING AND COUNTING

- (a) The ballot casting period for each election for a Board position shall begin on the November 1 six months prior to the expiration of a Board member's five-year term of office and shall conclude the March 1 after the ballot casting period begins.
- (b) The Board shall provide access to an electronic ballot to all eligible voters on November 1 of each year that an election for Board position(s) begins.
- (c) A description of a nominee's qualifications shall be accessible to all eligible voters.
- (d) On or before the March 1 that the ballot casting period ends, all ballots shall be cast electronically.
- (e) Ballots received shall be counted and certified by the Board of Pharmacy at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following an election or at a special Board meeting called and noticed for the purpose of counting and certifying the ballots cast. The Board of Pharmacy shall determine the validity of any challenged ballot, and electronic or mechanical devices may be used in compiling election results. No person standing for election may participate in the counting and certification of ballots for the election involving that person.
- (f) If, by operation of Rule .2108 of this Section, a candidate is eligible to request a run-off election, that candidate must provide a request for a run-off, in writing to the Board's Executive Director within one week of the date that the Board certifies the election results. The run-off election shall begin one week from the date that the eligible candidate requests the run-off election and the ballot casting period shall be open for two weeks. With the exception of ballot casting period dates, a run-off election shall follow the same procedures described in this Rule.
- (g) The Executive Director shall convey the certified election results to the Governor.

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