

2012 Filing Information:

GS 163-106

(b) Eligibility to File. – No person shall be permitted to file as a candidate in a primary if, at the time he offers to file notice of candidacy, he is registered on the appropriate registration book or record as an affiliate of a political party other than that in whose primary he is attempting to file. No person who has changed his political party affiliation or who has changed from unaffiliated status to party affiliation as permitted in G.S. 163-82.17, shall be permitted to file as a candidate in the primary of the party to which he changed unless he has been affiliated with the political party in which he seeks to be a candidate for at least **90 days prior to the filing date for the office for which he desires to file his notice of candidacy.**

A person registered as "unaffiliated" shall be ineligible to file as a candidate in a party primary election.

(c) Time for Filing Notice of Candidacy. – Candidates seeking party primary nominations for the following offices shall file their notice of candidacy with the State Board of Elections no earlier than 12:00 noon on the second Monday in February and no later than 12:00 noon on the last business day in February preceding the primary:

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- All State executive officers
- United States Senators
- Members of the House of Representatives of the United States
- District attorneys

Candidates seeking party primary nominations for the following offices shall file their notice of candidacy with the county board of elections no earlier than 12:00 noon on the second Monday in February and no later than 12:00 noon on the last business day in February preceding the primary:

- State Senators
- Members of the State House of Representatives
- All county offices.

2012 Filing Period:

Noon February 13th through Noon February 29th

The 90 day party affiliation requirement is from the day you file – not from the first day of the filing period.

Example:

If a candidate files on the first day of the filing period (February 13th) – the 90 days is November 15th. The party change must be made on or before November 14th.

If a candidate files on the last day of the filing period (February 29th) – the 90 days is December 1st. The party change must be made on or before November 30th.