

Election Information

The County Auditor is the local election official for state wide and county elections. The Secretary of State is the election official for the State of North Dakota and oversees the County Auditor in the conduct of elections. The County Commission is also responsible for some election functions such as appointing election inspectors and designating polling places.

To be a qualified voter in North Dakota you need to meet the following qualifications:

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must be at least eighteen years old.
- Must be a resident of North Dakota.
- Must have resided in the precinct at least thirty days next preceding any election.

If a resident who otherwise meets the qualifications for voting in North Dakota moves from one precinct to another within thirty days preceding any election they are still qualified electors of the precinct they moved from.

North Dakota does not have voter registration, however, when you show up at the polls you may be challenged and be required to complete a voter affidavit certifying that you meet the qualifications to vote in that precinct.

The state is divided into forty-seven legislative districts, of which Wells County is in Legislative District #14.

Wells County is also divided into five county commission districts. Commissioners must live within the district, however, they are elected by the county as a whole.

Absentee Voting

Any resident of Wells County is eligible to vote absentee in any election. The 1997 Legislative Assembly removed all restrictions concerning absentee voting. A resident may apply for an absentee ballot at any time during the election year. An application for an absentee ballot may be obtained at the County Auditor's Office, some city auditor's offices, or can be downloaded and printed as follows:

ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT APPLICATION

After printing, completing, and signing, please mail to:

Wells County Auditor
PO Box 37
Fessenden ND 58438

This can also be faxed to:
701-547-3719

For any questions, please call:
701-547-3521