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For Immediate Release

Date: January 2, 2026

Contact: Jane Propst, Director

McDowell County Board of Elections to Conduct Voting Machine Tests

Raleigh, NC – The McDowell County Board of Elections on January 21, 2026, will conduct logic and accuracy (L&A) tests on voting systems that will be used in the upcoming Primary election. L&A testing ensures each voting system will correctly count and tabulate each ballot cast.

Before every election, county boards complete L&A testing to ensure proper coding of ballots and tabulation of votes for every contest.

Ballots of each style are coded for a mock election and run through the tabulator. The tests check for the voting system's ability to read each ballot style and the accuracy of the tabulator when counting votes. A bipartisan team oversees the preparation of the machines and ballots and conducts the tests.

After testing, election staff will reset the equipment to ensure no L&A test information remains on the system heading into the elections.

If you wish to witness the process, L&A tests are open to the public. The public may view the equipment preparation and testing, as long as they do not interfere with the process.

Time: 9:00 am

Date: January 21, 2026

Location: McDowell County Board of Elections

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