

Breaking the Supermajority

What is a supermajority?

- A ‘supermajority’ means that one party has enough legislative seats filled to override vetoes from the executive branch.
- In North Carolina, the Republican Party achieved the 60% representation needed for a supermajority after Representative Tricia Cotham changed party membership mid-session.

What impact has the anti-abortion supermajority had in NC?

- Republican lawmakers have used the supermajority to push through a number of radical and unpopular pieces of legislation. These include...
 - A 12-week abortion ban.
 - Voter suppression bills that make voting more difficult and redraw maps to limit the electoral power of marginalized voters.
 - Anti-LGBTQ legislation including bans on discussions of gender and sexuality in classrooms and on trans youth competing in sports consistent with their identity.

How can we break the anti-abortion supermajority?

- First, we must vote in a governor who will be able to issue key vetoes and stop harmful and dangerous legislation from taking effect across our state.
- Second, we must elect pro-choice members of the House and Senate who will fight for our rights and priorities. It will only take a few seats to break this harmful supermajority.

How can you find information on House and Senate races?

1. Go to the NC State Board of Elections’s Voter Search function and enter your information (<https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/sample-ballot>).
2. Look under “Your Jurisdictions” to see your NC Senate and NC House districts.
3. Search those districts and “2024 election” to identify the candidates running.
4. Research their platforms, pay attention to their endorsements, and don’t be afraid to call their offices to ask any questions.
5. For reference, visit Pro-Choice NC’s Instagram (@prochoice_nc) to see an evolving list of our endorsements of pro-choice representatives and senators.