Bill Richardson

Bill Richardson (Democratic Party) is a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, representing District 44. He assumed office on September 3, 2020. He left office on January 1, 2023.

Richardson's term ends in 2024. He is running for re-election to the North Carolina House of Representatives in November 2024. He won in the general election on November 5, 2020.

Richardson previously served in the state House from 1993 to 2000.[1]

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NC H213 - Bail Bond Nonadhesion Provisions/Offen	
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07/12/2022 - SR: 28 - PASS	
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NC H791 - LGL: Caremakers Compact/OWNS Contra.	
LGL: Caremakers Compact/OWNS Contracting.	
07/07/2022 - H: 25 - DEAD	
NC H874 - Homicide:1st&2nd Violence,Cont/Fin.Offnd	

Committee assignments

Committee assignments information was last updated in March 2022. Ballotpedia compiles yearly updates of committee membership. If you would like to contact an up-to-date, elected official, add an editor@ballotpedia.org.

2021-2022

Richardson was assigned to the following committees:

- House Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety Committee
- Energy and Public Utilities Committee
- Finance Committee
- House Redistricting Committee, Vice-chair
- Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Committee
- Joint Legislative Utility Review
- NC 911 Services Committee
- Joint Legislative Oversight Committee

2019-2020

Richardson was assigned to the following committees:

- Appropriations Committee
- House Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety Committee
- Energy and Public Utilities Committee
- Finance Committee
- House Transportation Committee
- Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Committee

2017 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2017 legislative session, this legislator served on the following committees:

North Carolina House committee assignments, 2017
Appropriations
Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety
Appropriations on Transportation
Education
Regulatory Reform
Transportation

Elections

2022

See also: North Carolina House of Representatives elections, 2022

William Richardson did not file to run for his election.

2020

See also: North Carolina House of Representatives elections, 2020

General election

General election for North Carolina House of Representatives District 44

Incumbent William Richardson and Jason Harrison Harrison III qualified for the ballot.

Candidate		Votes	
William Richardson (D)	DEM	25,422	
Heather Holmes (R)	REP	9,950	
Total votes: 35,372			

Candidate information was provided by the Democracy Data and Communities (DDC) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. If you are a candidate and would like to add or correct your information, please contact the DDC at info@ncdd.org. If you are a candidate and would like to add or correct your information, please contact the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.

Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for North Carolina House of Representatives District 44

Candidate information was provided by the Democracy Data and Communities (DDC) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Candidate	Votes
William Richardson	5,225
Terry Johnson	4,735
Total votes: 9,960	

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Republican primary election

The Republican primary election was canceled. Heather Holmes advanced from the Republican primary for North Carolina House of Representatives District 44.

Campaign finance

2020 election cycle, 1 Jan. 00, 2020			
	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending balance
Campaign finance	$0	$0	$0
Number of unique contributors	0	Number of unique vendors	0
Top Contributors		**Top Vendors**	
North Carolina Labors for Action PAC	$500.00	Total operating expenditures	$0.00
Total loans	$0.00	Total in-kind contributions	$0.00
Interest on loans	$0.00	Total unpaid loans	$0.00
Total in-kind contributions	$0.00	Total unpaid operating expenditures	$0.00
Total debts	$0.00	Total unpaid in-kind contributions	$0.00
Total COVID-19	$1,000.00	Total COVID-19	$0.00
Total other	$0.00	Total other	$0.00
Other Receipts	$0.00	Other Expenditures	$0.00
Report Starting and Total Expenditures	$0.00	Starting Period	$0.00
Total	$1,500.00	Total	$0.00
Starting Cash on Hand	$0.00	Ending Cash on Hand	$1,500.00

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2018

See also: North Carolina House of Representatives elections, 2018

General election

General election for North Carolina House of Representatives District 44

Incumbent William Richardson and Jason Harrison Harrison III qualified for the ballot.

Candidate		Votes	
William Richardson (D)	DEM	13,488	
Leslie Dixon (R)	REP	5,534	
Total votes: 19,022			

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Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for North Carolina House of Representatives District 44

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Candidate	Votes
William Richardson	
Total votes: 0	

Republican primary election

Republican primary for North Carolina House of Representatives District 44

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Candidate	Votes
Leslie Dixon	1,570
Patricia Petschke	758
Total votes: 2,328	

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2016

See also: North Carolina House of Representatives elections, 2016

Elections for the North Carolina House of Representatives took place in 2016. The primary election was held on March 15, 2016, and the general election was held on November 8, 2016. The candidate filing deadline was February 12, 2016.

Incumbent William Richardson defeated Jim Xu in the North Carolina House of Representatives District 44 general election.[2][3]

North Carolina House of Representatives, District 44 General Election, 2016			
Candidate	Party	Votes	%
William Richardson	Democrat	10,375	65.9%
Jim Xu	Republican	5,367	34.1%
Total Votes		15,742	100%

Source: North Carolina State Board Of Elections

Incumbent William Richardson defeated Jim Xu in the Democratic primary, while William Richardson was unopposed in the Democratic primary. Meredith Wilkie-Richardson ran in the general election.[4][5][6][7][8]

North Carolina State Senate, District 20 General Election, 2014			(Collapse)
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTES %	VOTES
Republican	Rick Gunn	54.4%	23,036
Democratic	Jim Xu	10.90%	3,455
Republican	Meredith Wilkie-Richardson	34.7%	14,697
Libertarian	Ben Mitchell	0.00%	207
Total Votes			42,397

2014

See also: North Carolina State Senate elections, 2014

Elections for the North Carolina State Senate took place in 2014. A primary election took place on May 6, 2014. The general election took place on November 4, 2014. The candidate filing deadline was February 28, 2014. Incumbent Rick Gunn (R) defeated Jim Xu (D) and Meredith Wilkie-Richardson (R) in the general election.[9][10][11]

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Campaign finances

2020

Ballotpedia survey responses

See also: Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection

William Richardson did not complete Ballotpedia's 2020 Candidate Connection survey.

2014

Richardson's website highlighted the following campaign finances:[12]

Schools

- Excellent. "Why will provide our children with a quality education and value teacher pay to the national standard."

Clean Water

- Excellent. "Why is committed to protecting our waterways. With coal ash leaking into our rivers and mysterious fracking chemicals being pumped into our soil, clean water and air are no longer guarantees in NC."

Job Creation

- Excellent. "Why believes in common-sense job creation. A job creation bill should be understandable that for any business to succeed it must be made of well-educated and well-trained individuals. Bettering our education system is the first step in creating quality jobs across North Carolina."

Campaign donors

Note: The finance data shown here comes from the disclosure reports of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or race, revenue reported early a portion of all the funds on the ballot behind. Satellite spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or politician on whose page you are visiting the disclaimer. Campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. Ballotpedia's campaign finance data is updated through the FEC and state. Click here for more on Ballotpedia's campaign finance data and how we compile campaign finance data.

William Richardson campaign finance data	
Year	Amount
2016	North Carolina Democratic Party of Women $500.00
	Grand total raised $500.00

Source: Follow the Money

2016

Richardson raised no donations to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 2016. During that election cycle, Richardson raised a total of $500.00.

North Carolina House of Representatives, 2016 election campaign finance data	[hide]
Top contributors to William Richardson's campaign in 2016	
North Carolina Democratic Party	$500.00
Richardson, Bill D	$0.00
Richardson, Meredith Wilkie	$0.00
Richardson, Meredith Wilkie Dr. Dentist	$0.00
Zaranca, Robert Ellis	$0.00
Total raised in 2016	**$500.00**

Source: Follow the Money

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