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Deb Butler

Deb Butler (Democratic Party) is a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives representing District 19. She was first elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in the 2020 election.

Butler (Democratic Party) ran for re-election to the North Carolina House of Representatives in General District 19. She won in the general election on November 8, 2022.

Ballotpedia's Battleground 2024 Candidate Connection survey in 2022 Click here to read the survey answers.

In 2022, Butler was a Democratic candidate for District 17 of the North Carolina State Senate.

Biography

Deb Butler was born in Columbia, South Carolina. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee. Butler's career in 1983 and in LS from the Wake Forest University School of Law in 1986. Her career experiences including serving as an attorney.[1]

Committee assignments

This membership information was last updated in March 2023. Ballotpedia's staff will update this information as it becomes available. If you would like to send us an update, email us at info@ballotpedia.org.

2021-2022

Butler was assigned to the following committees:

- Banking Committee
- Commerce Committee
- House Finance Committee
- Judiciary III Committee
- Transportation Committee

2019-2020

Butler was assigned to the following committees:

- Banking Committee
- Commerce Committee
- Education K-12 Committee
- House Transportation Committee
- Small Redistricting Committee

2021 legislative session

At the beginning of the 2021 legislative session, this legislator served on the following committees:

North Carolina House of Representatives, District 19, 2021
Banking
Commerce
Judiciary IV
Public and Local Government
Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50 and verified by action taken by the legislature. This list may be incomplete or contain inaccuracies. To see a bill sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the bills.

Bills Sponsored By: Deb Butler
SC 0112 - Indian Boat Carrers Approvals Act
Unified Boat Estate Approvals Act
01/25/2023 Update 1: Hearing 1st HR 3D 2D 4D 5D 6D 12D
SC 0129 - Durham/Electronic Notices for Public H...
Durham/Electronic Notices for Public Hearings
01/25/2023 Update 1: Hearing 1st HR 3D 4D 5D 6D 12D
SC 0136 - Reorganization & Economic Development ...
Reorganization & Economic Development Act
01/25/2023 Update 1: Hearing 1st HR 3D 4D 5D 6D 12D 14D
SC 0 J.S. Nance's Law
Jessica Lynn Nance's Law
01/25/2023 Update 1: Hearing 1st HR 3D 4D 5D 6D 12D

Elections

2022

See also: North Carolina House of Representatives elections, 2022

General election

General election for North Carolina House of Representatives District 19

Incumbent Deb Butler and challenger Jason Reynolds, III participated in the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.

Candidate	Votes
✓ Deb Butler (I) ✓	15,929
John Hornell (R)	8,622

✓ Indicates an incumbent. Source: Election results from the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

✓ Indicates a candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.

Click on the candidate's name to see their answers. Click on the candidate's name to see their campaign website. Click on the candidate's name to see their Ballotpedia profile.

Democratic primary election

The Democratic primary election was canceled. Incumbent Deb Butler advanced from the Democratic primary for North Carolina House of Representatives District 19.

Republican primary election

The Republican primary election was canceled. John Hornell advanced from the Republican primary for North Carolina House of Representatives District 19.

Campaign finance

2022 election (Oct. 1, 2021 - Dec. 31, 2022)			
Contributions	$29,154	Expenditures	$29,412
Number of unique contributors	249	Number of unique payees	154
Top contributors		**Top Payees**	
Democratic Caucus	$2,000	Deb Butler	$10,000
Democratic Caucus	$2,000	Deb Butler	$10,000
Steve Adams	$2,000	Unknown	$10,000
Steve Adams	$2,000	Facebook Marketing	$2,000
Tommy Tomlinson	$1,000	Tommy Tomlinson	$1,000
John Carnahan	$1,000	North Carolina Democratic Party Victory Fund	$1,000
Michael Morgan	$1,000	Lewis Brandon Enterprises	$1,000
Marvin Pope	$1,000	Nip Tan Inc	$1,000
Marvin Pope	$1,000	Nip Tan Inc	$1,000
Jeffrey Hunter	$1,000	Jeffrey Hunter	$1,000
Jeffrey Hunter	$1,000	Jeffrey Hunter	$1,000
Top Donors	**Total Donations**	**Top Vendors**	**Total Payments**
Democratic Caucus	$4,000	Deb Butler	$20,000
Steve Adams	$4,000	Facebook Marketing	$2,000

Campaign finance data as of 01/31/2023 | Source: Campaign finance reports from the North Carolina State Board of Elections | Data is rounded to the nearest dollar.

2020

See also: North Carolina House of Representatives elections, 2020

General election

General election for North Carolina House of Representatives District 19

Incumbent Deb Butler and challenger Warner Kennedy III participated in the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.

Candidate	Votes
✓ Deb Butler (I) ✓	25,829
Warner Kennedy III ✓	17,306

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Democratic primary election

The Democratic primary election was canceled. Incumbent Deb Butler advanced from the Democratic primary for North Carolina House of Representatives District 19.

Republican primary election

The Republican primary election was canceled. Warner Kennedy advanced from the Republican primary for North Carolina House of Representatives District 19.

Campaign finance

2020 election (Oct. 1, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2020)			
Contributions	$24,114	Expenditures	$24,414
Number of unique contributors	249	Number of unique payees	154
Top contributors		**Top Payees**	
Democratic Caucus	$4,000	Deb Butler	$20,000
Steve Adams	$4,000	Facebook Marketing	$2,000
Steve Adams	$4,000	Unknown	$10,000
Steve Adams	$4,000	North Carolina Democratic Party	$1,000
Michael Morgan	$2,000	Lewis Brandon Enterprises	$1,000
Marvin Pope	$2,000	Nip Tan Inc	$1,000
Marvin Pope	$2,000	Nip Tan Inc	$1,000
Jeffrey Hunter	$1,000	Jeffrey Hunter	$1,000
Jeffrey Hunter	$1,000	Jeffrey Hunter	$1,000
Top Donors	**Total Donations**	**Top Vendors**	**Total Payments**
Democratic Caucus	$8,000	Deb Butler	$20,000
Steve Adams	$8,000	Facebook Marketing	$2,000

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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 19

Incumbent Deb Butler and challenger Louis Hartnett participated in the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.

Candidate	Votes
✓ Deb Butler (I) ✓	17,952
Louis Hartnett (R)	5,835
Joseph Grace (L)	993

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Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for North Carolina House of Representatives District 19

Incumbent Deb Butler and challenger Lisa Hartnett participated in the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.

Candidate
✓ Deb Butler (I) ✓
Lisa Hartnett

✓ Indicates an incumbent. Source: Election results from the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

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Republican primary for North Carolina House of Representatives District 19

Incumbent Deb Butler and challenger Lisa Hartnett participated in the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection survey.

Candidate
Lisa Hartnett

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2012

See also: North Carolina State Senate elections, 2012

Deb Butler ran in the 2012 election for North Carolina State Senate District 19. She ran unopposed in the Democratic primary and was defeated by incumbent Thomas Goolsby, III in the general election, which took place on November 6, 2012.[2]

North Carolina State Senate, District 19, General Election, 2012			(Unofficial)
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTES %	VOTES
■ Republican	✓Thomas Goolsby incumbent	54.2%	52,955
■ Democratic	Deb Butler	45.8%	44,817
Total Votes			**97,772**

Campaign themes

2022

Ballotpedia survey responses

See also: Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection

BALLOTPEDIA CANDIDATE CONNECTION

Deb Butler completed Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection survey in 2022. The survey questions appear in bold and are followed by Butler's responses. Candidates are asked three required questions for this survey, but they may answer additional optional questions as well.

Expand all Collapse all

- Why are you? Tell us about yourself. +
- Please list below three messages of your campaign. What are the main points you want voters to remember about your page, for your time in office? +
- What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about? +
- What do you hope to do? What issues would you like to tackle and why? +
- What characteristics or principles are most important to an elected official? +
- What legacy would you like to have? +
- What is the first national event that happened in your lifetime that you remember? How old were you at the time? +
- What do you believe is the most endearing feature the governor and state legislature? +
- Do you believe that it is beneficial for state legislators to have previous experience in government or politics? +
- What process do you favor for redistricting? +
- If you are a current legislator, what opposition to you about your current commitment? +
- Are you interested in running for a different political office (for example, the U.S. Congress or governor) in the future? +
- Should the legislature convene or grant the use of emergency powers? +
- Do you believe that compromise is necessary or desirable for public policy? +

Note: Ballotpedia does not agree to edit or edit Candidate Connection responses. Any edits made by Ballotpedia will be clearly marked with Ballotpedia for the public. If the candidate disagrees with an edit, he or she may request the full removal of the edit. Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection is a free service that allows candidates to connect to ballotpedia.org and share their candidacy. Ballotpedia does not endorse or oppose candidates.

2020

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Expand all Collapse all

- Why are you? Tell us about yourself. +
- Please list below three messages of your campaign. What are the main points you want voters to remember about your page, for your time in office? +
- What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about? +
- What characteristics or principles are most important to an elected official? +
- What legacy would you like to have? +
- What is the first national event that happened in your lifetime that you remember? How old were you at the time? +
- Do you believe that it is beneficial for state legislators to have previous experience in government or politics? +
- Do you believe that it is beneficial for state legislators to work with other legislators from other parties? +
- If you are a current legislator, what opposition to you about your current commitment? +
- Are you interested in running for a different political office (for example, the U.S. Congress or governor) in the future? +

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2012

Ballotpedia highlighted the following campaign themes:[3]

Let's Get Back to Work

- Excuse: Tires Butler will make sure we make the investments needed for our future. She will make sure our schools are fully funded so we can continue to recruit and retain the best teachers and staff to our schools, which, thanks to our companies the Caterpillar and Continental Tire want to bring good paying jobs here."

Education Means Prosperity

- Excuse: Curing education to balance the budget on the backs of our children. We must reform our tax code and make sure that our companies are paying their fair share. We must reform our tax code and make sure that our companies are paying their fair share.

Common Sense Solutions for Women, Seniors and Families

- Excuse: Tax breaks for companies that outsource jobs overseas. Deb will listen to what is important right here at home in Rowan Rowan County. Deb will work to create a tax code that creates greatest prosperity. She believes women deserve to make their own choices. Seniors deserve to age with dignity and working families deserve every opportunity to succeed."

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in North Carolina

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political priorities. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merit. Ballotpedia does not endorse any scorecard. Ballotpedia's coverage of scorecards is ongoing and we may have entire categories of scorecards we have not included. We welcome the inclusion of additional scorecards.

Ballotpedia's in the process of developing annual ratings, both of individual scorecards. Some states have entered multiple scorecards, and Ballotpedia is in the process of determining which scorecard, if any, Ballotpedia's goal is to incorporate scorecards across a large number of states in a similar manner.

Click here for an overview of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of North Carolina scorecards, email suggestions to scorecards@ballotpedia.org.

See also

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Footnotes

1. Information published to Ballotpedia through the Candidate Connection survey on April 3, 2022
2. North Carolina Board of Elections, "Candidate lists," accessed March 5, 2012
3. Candidate Information, "Issues," accessed November 1, 2012

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