

Libertarian primary for NC Senate

Contest draws two third-party candidates

SOUTHEASTERN N.C. — A race for one of the region's two state Senate seats has drawn a rare primary among two Libertarian candidates, Anthony Mascolo and Randolph Crow.

The Libertarian Party, which didn't field a candidate for any of the three-county region's state House or Senate seats in 2016, has five candidates seeking office in four races this year. Mascolo lives in Shallotte in Brunswick County while Crow lives in Kelly in Bladen County. The district covers all of Brunswick, Pender and Bladen counties, along with a small part of New Hanover County.

Incumbent Republican N.C. Sen. Bill Rabon and Democratic challenger David W. Sink Jr. drew no primary challengers and will move on to the November election. The position's salary is \$13,951 plus \$559 per month for expenses. Higher salaries are available for members selected for top House leadership positions.

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