

Important Contact Information

Washington County Clerk 479-444-1711
280 N College Ave #300, Fayetteville, AR 72701

Arkansas Secretary of State

<http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections>

Check your registration:

www.VoterView.org

Election Protection Coalition

A national, nonpartisan group formed to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process

HOTLINES FOR VOTER ASSISTANCE:

866-OUR-VOTE (led by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law)

888-Ve-Y-Vota (led by the NALEO Educational Fund for Latinos)

888-API-VOTE (led by APIAVote & Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC)

Arkansas ACLU Website

www.acluarkansas.org

Click on "Get Help" for assistance

Arkansas Department of Corrections

Centralized Records - Discharge Files

890 Freeline Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71603
870-267-6580

Make Your Vote Count



I VOTED.



Vote at every opportunity! School Board, City, County, State and Federal Candidates, Run-offs and Special Issue Elections

Learn about the candidates and understand the issues so that your vote speaks for your best interest.

Shape Your Tomorrow
By Voting Today



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of Washington County
www.lwvarwc.org



REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

To register to vote, you must:

- be a citizen of the United States,
- be an Arkansas resident (residing in Arkansas at least
- 30 days before the first election when you will vote),
- be age 18 or turn 18 on or before the next election,
- not be convicted of a felony without your sentence having been discharged or pardoned,
- not be presently adjudged as mentally incompetent in your ability to vote by a court of competent jurisdiction and
- show an acceptable PHOTO ID of any Arkansas State issued identification at your polling place.



WHERE CAN I REGISTER?

Register to vote at your local:

- County Clerk's office in your home county
- Office of Driver Services, State Revenue Division (Application can be transmitted electronically or you can pick up a paper form to complete and mail in.)
- Local public library
- Public assistance agencies that provide services under Food Stamps, Medicaid, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), and the Special Supplemental Food Programs for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Agencies that offer state-funded programs and services to persons with disabilities
- Military recruitment office
- Arkansas National Guard
- Voter registration drives

WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR VOTE

Verify your polling place location. You may have several options when voting in Washington County.

Verify hours for voting in your state.

Vote early, if you can. Verify your registration status.

If necessary, take advantage of the right to cast a provisional ballot in federal elections.

Verify the rules for identifying yourself at the polls. Laws keep changing; make sure your information is current.

Report any voter suppression activity in your community.

If necessary, verify the status of a felony conviction on your right to vote.

Report problems with malfunctioning equipment at the polls.

Support non-partisan election monitoring efforts.



EARLY VOTING

You can vote up to 15 days prior to a Primary or General election and 7 days prior to all other elections at the County Clerk's Office. Check to see about other early voting sites that may be available as well.



VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

1. You have the right to cast a ballot if you registered to vote before the close of registration deadline.
2. You have the right to cast a ballot if you are in line before the polls close.
3. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot if your name is not listed on the voting rolls.
4. You have the right to cast a secret ballot free from intimidation.
5. You have the right to receive a new ballot if you believe you made a mistake.
6. You have the right to receive assistance in casting your ballot, if you are unable to vote without assistance.
7. If you are physically unable to stand in line for an extended period of time, you may advance to the front.
8. You have the right to election materials in another language and assistance in your language from a bilingual poll worker.*
9. You have the right to ask questions about election procedures and to observe the election process.
10. You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent activity to a local elections official or to state elections officials (e.g., Secretary of State, Elections Board, etc.)

**Note: If there are enough residents in your jurisdiction that warrant translation.*

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Primary elections narrow the field of candidates before a general election. It is important to support candidates you want at this level so they will have an opportunity to run in the general election. Primary elections dates are determined by the Arkansas Legislature and the next one will be May 22, 2018.

OPEN PRIMARIES

Arkansas has open primaries meaning registered voter can vote in any party's primary. Voters choose which primary to vote in; they do not have to be members of that party in order to vote. Generally, a registered voter will simply select a party's ballot at the polling place on the day of the primary.



RUN-OFF ELECTIONS

As in most other states, a runoff between the two top candidates is required if no candidate gets a 50 percent majority in the primary. Runoff elections are normally held three weeks after the primary.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Even if your name does not appear on the precinct voter registration list and the poll worker cannot verify that you are a registered voter in that precinct, you have the right to cast a Provisional Ballot. If you cast a Provisional Ballot, you have the right to be informed in writing of whether your ballot was counted and, if not, the reason it was not counted.

POLLING LOCATION OPTIONS

Vote at any Vote Center – On Election Day

In Washington County you are no longer restricted to voting in just your precinct. Voting locations can be different per each election. Call the County Clerk's Office to confirm vote center locations.



ABSENTEE VOTING

You may apply to the County Clerk to vote absentee if unable to go to a polling site due to an unavoidable absence, illness or disability.

An absentee ballot application is obtained from the County Clerk's Office by mail, email, fax, in person, or through an authorized agent or designated bearer.

Call the County Clerk's Office for deadlines. Applications made by mail, email, or fax must be requested at least seven days before the election.

You or a designated bearer may obtain an absentee ballot in person with proper identification until the day before an election. An authorized agent may submit an application with affidavit until 1:30 p.m. the day of the election. The deadline to return your voted absentee ballot to the County Clerk's Office on Election Day is 7:30pm.

Absentee ballots from active-duty uniform service members, merchant marines, their spouses and dependents, and overseas citizens will be accepted up to 10 days after the election.

You may NOT fax or email a ballot.

A COLLEGE STUDENT ATTENDING SCHOOL OUTSIDE YOUR HOME COUNTY

You must decide which county you consider "home". If you plan to live in your home county after college, then list your parents' address as your residence. If you do NOT intend to return there, you may list your college address as your residence.

REMEMBER: You must keep your address CURRENT on your voter registration. That is one reason college students often list their parents' address, which may not change as often.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - VOTING IN ARKANSAS WITH A CRIMINAL HISTORY

A convicted felon desiring to register to vote must:

- provide the county clerk proof from the appropriate state or local agency or office that the felon has been discharged from probation or parole,
- have paid all probation or parole fees,
- have satisfied all terms of imprisonment, and
- have paid all applicable court costs, fines or restitution.

One way a felon can restore their voting rights is by opting for expungement. Expungement in Arkansas allows a conviction record to be sealed, which treats an offense as if it had not happened. A felon whose record is sealed has all their civil liberties restored, including their voting rights.

Read more: <https://www.jobsforfelonshub.com/felon-voting-rights/arkansas/#ixzz4d93SMhSk>