

ELECTIONS IN ARKANSAS

VOTE



Check Your Voter Status

www.voterview.ar-nova.org/VoterView

(Info is current as of November 2023)

Choose how to vote:

- Absentee ballot (mail or drop off)
- Vote in person early
- Vote in person on Election Day

Absentee ballots must be requested through your county clerk. You qualify if you will be absent, are ill, are disabled, live outside the United States, or will be observing a religious holiday during the 12 hours polls are open on Election Day. For most voters, a new application must be filled out in January for the 2024 election year.

Ballots are only available in English. You can bring someone with you to help translate.



Who Can Vote?

People can vote in Arkansas if they:

- Live in Arkansas
- Are a U.S. Citizen
- Are 18 or older
- Are registered to vote
- Do not have a felony criminal conviction
- Have not been judged mentally incompetent



Register to Vote

You must fill out a paper application to register to vote. You can obtain an application from your county clerk, local revenue office, public library, or online at tinyurl.com/ARVoterRegInfo

Applications are available in English or Spanish. They must be filled out and returned by mail or in person to your County Clerk. Voter registration deadline is 30 days prior to the next election.

If you are registered to vote and moved to a new county in Arkansas, you must fill out a new paper application to update your information. The deadline to do so is four days prior to an election.



Voting Information

Arkansas has “open primaries,” which means you can vote in the Democratic or Republican primary election in the spring. Or you can choose to vote only on non-party issues, such as school board candidates, judges, prosecutors, or local ballot issues.



Types of Voting

Pre-printed paper ballots with candidates and issues are used for absentee voting and in some counties for early and Election Day voting. Voters use an electronic marking device that prints a paper ballot for review for early and Election Day voting.



Photo ID Is Required

State law requires voters to show an approved photo ID when voting in person. People voting with an absentee ballot must also include a copy of their photo ID.

You can still vote without your photo ID, but your vote will not be counted until you bring your ID to election officials. You will have until noon on the Monday following the election to show your photo ID in person to the county clerk or county board of election commissioners.

At voting locations, election workers will ask you for your name, address and photo ID.

ARKANSAS HAS 1.7 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS.

Photo ID's you can use to vote include:

- Arkansas driver's license or state ID card
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military ID
- ID or employee badge issued by Arkansas college, university, or trade school
- Concealed handgun carry license
- Public assistance identification card
- Voter verification photo ID card issued by County Clerk

Voters In Long-Term Care Homes

A person who lives in long-term care homes can vote without showing photo ID. They can instead provide documentation from the facility's administrator confirming they live in the nursing home, residential care facility, assisted living facility, residential care facility, etc. licensed by the State of Arkansas.



What's On My Ballot?

National elections:

- President and vice president
- U.S. senators and representatives

State elections:

- Governor, Lt. governor, attorney general, secretary of state, land commissioner
- State senators and representatives
- Arkansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges
- State laws and constitutional amendments

Did you know?

- Election Day is always on a Tuesday.
- How you voted is kept private.
- It is against the law to wear shirts, hats, stickers or pins showing Candidates inside voting locations.
- Candidates and their supporters often stand outside voting locations but must stay 100 feet away from the door.
- When voting in person, you have 10 minutes to complete your ballot.

Local elections:

- City mayor and council members
- County judge, justices of the peace, assessor, clerk, land surveyor, sheriff, tax collector, treasurer, coroner, constable
- Circuit Court and District Court judges, prosecuting attorney,
- School district board members
- Ballot issues, such as sales tax or property tax proposals



Important Election Dates

To participate, you must be registered to vote at least 30 days before an election.

Election Day: May 13, 2025
(Deadline to register is April 14, 2025)

On Election Day, voting locations are open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. You have the right to vote on Election Day as long as you get in line by 7:30 p.m. and stay in line.



Voting Locations

If your county uses vote centers, you can vote at any location in your county. In counties without vote centers, you must vote at a specific location based on where you live. Locations are required to be ADA accessible.

Information Sources

To find out what's on your ballot, check out:

- Sample ballots at www.voterview.ar-nova.org/VoterView
- News articles and official government advertisements in area newspapers
- Public Policy Center's neutral voter guide on statewide ballot issues at www.uaex.uada.edu/voter-resources



Contact Information

Arkansas Secretary of State Office:
www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections or 1-800-482-1127
To find your county clerk or other voter resources:
uaex.uada.edu/ballot