

ELECTIONS IN ARKANSAS

VOTE



Check Your Voter Status

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(Info is current as of December 2025)



Who Can Vote?

People can register to vote in Arkansas if they:

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

are either registered as a Republican or have no party affiliation selected. This is new for 2026.

- To vote in the Democratic Primary, a person may be registered as Democrat, Republican, or have no political party affiliation selected on their voter registration form.



Register to Vote

You can update your voter registration information when obtaining a driver's license or state ID but most people fill out a paper application to register to vote in Arkansas.

Pick up an application from your County Clerk's office or public library, or print off one from tinyurl.com/ARVoterRegInfo. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Return your application by mail or deliver it in person to your County Clerk. You must be registered to vote at least 30 days before an election to participate in it.

If you are registered to vote in Arkansas and moved to a new county, you can update your registration at any time including on Election Day.

Choose how to vote:

Arkansas offers absentee voting, early voting, and voting on Election Day.

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



Voting Absentee?

Arkansans can choose to use an absentee ballot if they are ill, disabled, live outside the United States or will be absent on Election Day. Voters submit an application for an absentee ballot with the County Clerk's office. For most voters, a new application must be filled out each year. Absentee ballots can be mailed to the County Clerk's office or delivered in person before Election Day.



Types of Voting

Candidates and ballot issues are printed on paper ballots for absentee voting, and in some counties for early and Election Day voting. Otherwise, people use an electronic marking device to select their candidates and issue choices. The device prints a paper ballot for the voter to review before submitting.



Photo ID Is Required

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

✓ Voting Information

Arkansas holds primary elections in the spring of an election year to select political party candidates for the November general election.

- To vote in the Republican Primary, a person's voter registration information on file with the County Clerk must show they

ARKANSAS HAS 1.7 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS.

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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.

Photo ID's you can use to vote include:

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



What's On My Ballot?

Depending on the year, your ballot may include:

National elections:

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

State elections:

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

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.

Primary Election Day: March 3, 2026
(Deadline to register is Feb. 2, 2026)

General Election Day: Nov. 3, 2026
(Deadline to register is Oct. 5, 2026)

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
- News articles and official government advertisements in area newspapers
- Public Policy Center's neutral voter guide on statewide ballot issues at uaex.uada.edu/ballot



Contact Information

Arkansas Secretary of State Office:

www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections or (800) 482-1127

To find your county clerk or other voter resources:

uaex.uada.edu/business-communities/voter-education/resources

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.