Election Day Polls Are Open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

You MAY VOTE IF:
You are a registered voter in Arkansas. New voters must register in their county at least 30 days before the election. If you are moving from one county to another within the state, your updated registration must be in the county clerk’s office by the fourth day before the election.

Other Qualifications:
• A U.S. citizen;
• An Arkansas resident;
• A registered voter before the last election;
• Not convicted felon who has not been discharged or pardoned;
• Not presently adjudged as mentally incompetent as to your ability to vote by a court of competent jurisdiction; and
• Not claiming the right to vote elsewhere – in another county in Arkansas or another state.

1D REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL
If you registered to vote by mail after January 1, 2003, do not submit a copy of the required identification with the application; but are voting in an election for federal office for the first time in the state, you are required to present a valid Arkansas Driver’s License or photo identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address to the election officials before being permitted to vote.

If you do not present a required form of identification and you registered to vote by mail after January 1, 2003 and failed to provide identification when registering, you may vote a Provisional Ballot.

VERIFICATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS
Each voter shall verify his or her registration when voting by presenting a document or identification card that:
A. Shows the name of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued;
B. Shows a photograph of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued;
C. Is issued by the United States, the State of Arkansas, or an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas; and
D. If displaying an expiration date, is not expired or expired no more than four (4) years before the date of the election in which the voter seeks to vote. (Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13(b)(1)(A))

Documents and identification cards that will be accepted as verification of voter registration include without limitation:
• A driver’s license photo identification card;
• A concealed handgun carry license;
• A United States passport;
• An employee badge or identification card issued to an employee of a state or local government;
• A military identification document;
• A public assistance identification card if the card shows a photograph of the person to whom the document or identification card was issued;
• A voter verification card as provided under Ark. Code § 7-5-324. (Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13(b)(1)(B))

A person who is resident of a local government, core hospital, or other hospital care facility licensed by the state of Arkansas is not required to verify his or her registration by presenting a document or identification card as described above when voting in person, but must provide documentation from the administrator of the facility attesting that the person is a resident of the facility. (Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13(b)(2)(B))

PROVISIONAL VOTING FOR VOTERS UNABLE TO VERIFY REGISTRATION
Voters unable to verify registration when in person shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots cast in this manner will be counted if:
• The voter submits a written statement at the polling site stating that the voter is registered to vote in this state and that he or she is the person registered to vote, and the county board of election commissioners does not determine that the provisional ballot is invalid and should not be counted based on other grounds; or
• If the voter returns to the county board of election commissioners or the county clerk by 12:00 noon on the Monday following the election and presents a document or identification card meeting the requirements described above, the county board of election commissioners does not determine that the provisional ballot is invalid and should not be counted based on other grounds. (Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 51, § 13(b)(1)(B))

FAIL SAFE VOTING
When your current address differs from what appears on the Precinct Voter Registration List:
• A poll worker must contact the county clerk; and
• The county clerk must verify that your address is within the precinct.
When your new address is within the current voting precinct:
• You must complete the change of address portion of a voter registration application form to update county voter registration records and allow you to vote.
When your new address is not within the current voting precinct:
• You must first verify with the county clerk your correct voting precinct. Then, you must visit the new polling site and complete the change of address portion of a voter registration application. This procedure will update the county voter registration records and allow you to vote.
When your name is not on the Precinct Voter Registration List:
• You must identify yourself by name and date of birth, and must be verified by the county clerk as a registered voter within the county;
• You must give and affirm your current address, and the election official must verify with the county clerk that the residence is within the voting precinct;
• You must complete an updated voter registration application; and
• You must sign the Precinct Voter Registration List.
When your name differs from the Precinct Voter Registration List:
• You must complete a voter registration application form to update county voter registration records.

CASTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT
There are several reasons why you may be asked to vote a Provisional Ballot including:
• Your name does not appear on the precinct voter registration list;
• You are unable to comply with identification requirements for mail-in registrants who failed to provide the necessary identification when registering to vote;
• You failed to provide a photo ID;
• The precinct voter registration list indicates that you requested an absentee ballot or voted during early voting; or
• You failed to provide a photo ID.

The challenge must be made before you sign the Precinct Voter Registration List, and if applicable, the person making the challenge must complete a Challenged Ballot Form. If your vote is challenged, you must be given the opportunity to cast a new ballot.

Procedures for Casting a Provisional Ballot:
1. An election official will inform the voter.
2. If applicable, the poll watch will complete a Challenged Ballot Form.
3. The election official will write the voter’s name and address on the list of provisional voters.
4. The voter will complete a Voter Affirmation form on which the voter affirms that he or she is registered in the precinct and is eligible to vote in the election.
5. If applicable, voters unable to verify their voter registration may complete a Verification of Identity Affirmation.
6. The election official will give the voter the proper ballot after removing the stub and placing it in the ballot stub box.
7. The voter will mark the ballot, then place it in the Provisional Ballot Envelope and seal it.
8. The enclosed Provisional Ballot Envelope should be placed in the Provisional Voter Vote Envelope, along with the Challenged Ballot Form (if applicable), the Voter Affirmation, and the Verification of Identity Affirmation (if applicable). It is likely that the Challenged Ballot Form, the Voter Affirmation, and the Verification of Identity Affirmation will be printed on the outside of the Provisional Voter Vote Envelope.
9. The poll workers will set the Provisional Voter Vote aside, separated from the regular ballots, until the county board of election commissioners complete the challenge of the vote.
10. The election official will provide the voter with written instructions on how to determine whether the provisional vote was counted, and whether the vote was not counted. In most cases, the election commission will notify the voter to this effect.
11. Before the results of the election are certified, the election commission must determine whether the Provisional Ballots are valid and should be counted.

YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER
Qualification to vote
Jurisdictions must not apply standards or practices which deny or abridge the right to vote on account of race, must not deny any individual the right to vote on account of errors or omissions in registration applications which are not material to determining whether such individual is qualified to vote, and must not apply different standards and procedures to voters in determining whether they are qualified to vote. (42 U.S.C.S. 1973gg-6(a)(2))

Early Voting
Early voting shall be available to any qualified voter who applies to the county clerk’s early voting location beginning 15 days before a preferential primary or general election between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. M-F and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and ending at 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election. (42 U.S.C.S. § 1973gg-6)

Disabilities
Voters with disabilities shall be provided with voting locations that are accessible with reasonable and adequate methods where a person with disabilities may personally and secretely execute their ballots at the polling place. (42 U.S.C.S. § 1973gg-6)

Assistance in Voting
Voters may designate someone to pick up and deliver voter applications and/or absentee ballots. Qualified electors may cast an absentee ballot if the voter is unavoidably absent from his or her voting place on the day of the election or the person will be unable to attend the polls on election day because of illness or physical disability. (42 U.S.C.S. § 1973gg-6)

Contact Information
STATE CONTACTS
Arkansas Secretary of State’s Office .................................................. 800-482-1127
Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners .......................... 800-411-6996
FEDERAL CONTACTS
The Voting Section, Civil Rights Division ........................................ 202-514-2000
U.S. Department of Jurisprudence (Little Rock) ......................... 501-340-2600
U.S. Attorney’s Office .................................................................... 479-783-5125
LOCAL CONTACTS
For information on how to contact your local County Clerk, County Board of Election Commissioners or your local Prosecuting Attorney, call the Arkansas Secretary of State’s Office at the number listed above.

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