

VOTING IN ARKANSAS

Who Can Vote?

To vote, you must be a U.S. Citizen, an Arkansas resident, be 18 years of age, and be registered to vote in the voting district where you live. Exemptions are for a member or spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces. A person who has resided in an Arkansas county for at least one day may apply to register to vote. You must apply to register to vote at least 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that election. Persons adjudged as mentally incompetent regarding the ability to vote, and persons convicted as felons whose sentence has not been discharged or pardoned are not eligible to vote.

Who and Where to Register?

You may apply in person to register at the offices of the County Clerk, State Revenue Office, Motor Vehicle Office, Public Libraries, Public Assistance Agencies, Military Recruitment Offices, Arkansas National Guard, or any voter registration drive. To apply by mail, obtain an application from one of the following offices: County Clerk, the Secretary of State, or any of the offices listed above. An application to register to vote is available at <http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/vote/vote.html>. Registration is complete when the County Clerk's Office sends you a voter identification card with your precinct listed. If you do not receive a voter ID card within two weeks, call the County Clerk's office to make sure your registration was processed.

Other Voter Registration Requirements:

If your name and/or address has changed, you need to contact the county clerk's office before the election in order to vote a regular ballot. If

you are a first time voter and you registered by mail, you must provide identification or you must vote a provisional ballot. If you have not voted in the last two general elections you will need to re-register. If you move to a different county within the state, you must re-register to vote in your new county of residence.

How and Where to Vote?

You will be asked to state your name and address, confirm your date of birth, and provide personal identification when you vote. You may vote without identification, but the election official will mark on the registration list that you did not provide identification.

Vote at your designated polling site for your residence and corresponding precinct on Election Day. Call the county Clerk's office to confirm your voting location before Election Day.

Vote early – You can vote up to 15 days prior to an election in the County Clerk's office. Pulaski County is the only Arkansas county that has early voting off-site from the County Clerk's office.

Vote absentee – 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, fax, in person, or through an authorized agent. Mail or fax applications must be requested at least seven days before the election. You or a designated person may obtain an absentee ballot application in person until the day before an election. An authorized agent may submit an application until 1:30 p.m. the day of the election.

The deadline to return your voted absentee ballot is on Election Day to the Office of the County Clerk by 7:30 p.m.

Voters' Rights

If you spoil your ballot, you are allowed to receive up to two more ballots (a total of three).

If you have a disability and need assistance to mark the ballot, anyone you want can assist you including poll workers.

If you are physically unable to stand in line for an extended period of time, you may advance to the front.

If your name and/or address on your identification are not the same as the name and/or address on the precinct list you will only be able to cast a provisional ballot.

LICENSES IN ARKANSAS

Driver's License:

For new residents, a valid driver's license from another state is recognized for up to 30 days. To obtain a new Arkansas driver's license, one of the following procedures is required:

You can obtain your Arkansas Driver's License from your Motor Vehicle Office by providing a valid out-of-state driver's license and one more proof of identification.

If you are a new driver or do not have a valid license from another state, you will be required to take a written examination, driving test, and vision test. Two primary forms of identification are required. Instruction permits and driver examinations are administered at Arkansas State Police Headquarters located in each county.

Motor Vehicle License and Registration:

You must register vehicles, apply for titles, and purchase licenses at your local State Revenue Office within 30 days of establishing residence in Arkansas.

Renewals may be in person, by mail, by telephone, or online. Proofs of insurance, payment of personal property tax, and current assessment of property are required.

Motor vehicle forms and detailed information are online at www.state.ar.us/dfa/motorvehicle.

Animal Licenses:

Each city has ordinances concerning the licensing of animals within the city limits. Contact your local City Administration Office for details.

TAXES IN ARKANSAS

Property taxes in Arkansas are classified as real or personal. Real property taxes are levied on real estate, such as land, homes, other buildings, and on additions to these properties. Personal property taxes are levied on automobiles, boats, trailers, farm equipment and livestock, etc. Personal property is assessed at the County Assessor's Office between January 1 and May 31 by the individual. Personal property may be assessed in person, by mail, telephone or online in some areas. Real property is appraised and assessed by county assessors at market value. Taxes are calculated by applying 20% of market value and multiplying by the local tax rate. Real and personal property taxes become payable the first business day in March the year after the assessment and are delinquent after October 10. Military personnel are exempt when they provide proof of non-residency.

Arkansas has a state income tax with state income tax returns due annually on April 15.

WELCOME TO ARKANSAS

The League of Women Voters of Arkansas, a state organization, affiliated with the League of Women Voters of the United States, is a nonpartisan, grassroots, multi-issue and activity organization with membership open to any citizen, male or female, of voting age.

The League of Women Voters is an organization whose main purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. On national, state, and local levels, the League works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

The League makes a difference and we invite you to be part of that difference

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