

Arkansas Voting 101

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible to vote?

- Any legal Arkansas resident 18 or older who:
 - Has not been convicted of a felony, unless the person's sentence has been discharged or the person has been pardoned;
 - Has not been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Q: Where can I find a voter registration application?

- County clerk's office, State Revenue Office, Public library, Public assistance agency, Disability agency, Military recruitment office, Online at www.sos.arkansas.gov.

Q: What is the deadline to register to vote?

- You must apply to register to vote 30 days before an election. If you mail the form, it must be postmarked by that date. If you miss the 30-day deadline, you will not be able to vote in the upcoming election. However, you will be registered and eligible to vote for future elections.

Q: Can I register to vote even if I don't have a driver's license?

- Yes. You will be asked for the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have a Social Security Number, you may be asked to provide other documentation, such as an Identification Card or utility bill.

Q: Can anyone distribute voter registration applications?

- Yes.

Q: Does registering to vote mean I am eligible to be called for jury duty?

- Yes. However, circuit clerks may also call potential jurors based on their having a driver's license or state identification card. [Arkansas Code Annotated § 16-32-302]

Q: Where should I register if I am a college student?

- Do you intend to move back home? If so, the Arkansas Secretary of State advises a college student to register to vote in their parents' home county. If not, the Secretary of State advises the college student register to vote where they are in school.

Q: What if I don't turn 18 until Election Day?

- To vote in an upcoming election, a person must submit a voter registration form at least 30 days prior to the election. A 17-year-old may register to vote ahead of time, but can only vote if he or she is 18 as of Election Day.

Q: I registered to vote, but I never received a voter registration card. What should I do?

- If it has been more than two weeks, contact your county clerk. Or, go online to <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/uploads/elections/Arkansas%20County%20Clerks%20-%20Revised%20September%202016.pdf>.

Or call the Secretary of State's Elections Division for assistance at **1-800-247-3312**.

Q: I can't remember if I registered to vote. How do I find out if I am registered?

- Contact your county clerk or call the Secretary of State's Elections Division for assistance at **1-800-247-3312**.

Q: I am registered to vote, but have moved to a different address. Do I need to register again?

- It depends. If you moved from one county or state to another county or state, then yes. If you moved within the same county or city, update your voter information with the county clerk. State law requires that you submit your updated registration to the county clerk in your new county no later than four days before a scheduled election so you can vote there. If your application arrives less than four days before an election, you will not be eligible to vote in your new county for that election.

Q: My name has changed. Do I need to register again?

- Yes. This helps county clerks remove erroneous information from their voter rolls.

Q: How do I know where to vote?

- You should receive a voter registration card in the mail identifying the location where you are to vote. If you have questions, contact your local county clerk or go online to www.voterview.ar-nova.org.

Q: How do I request an absentee ballot?

- Contact your county clerk for appropriate forms.

Q: Can convicted felons vote?

- Yes, but only after he or she has completed probation, parole, or any other supervised form of release. County clerks will require proof that these obligations have been satisfied. For more information, visit https://static.ark.org/eeuploads/pulaski/Felon_Restoration_of_Voting_Rights_Brochure.pdf

Q: Do I have to show identification to vote?

- Arkansas law regarding identification to vote recently changed. [Act 633 of 2017](#) requires people to verify their registration when voting in person or by absentee ballot by providing a required documentation or identification card.

Documentation and identification cards that comply with the law include:

- A driver's license
- A photo identification card

- A concealed handgun carry license
- A United States passport
- An employee badge or identification document issued by an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the State of Arkansas
- A United States 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 under Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-5-324

Q: Can I still vote on Election Day if I don't have any of the documentation or identification materials listed above with me?

- Yes. You can vote using a provisional ballot. However, your vote will only be counted by the Election Commission if you:
 - Complete a sworn statement at the polling site stating that you are registered to vote in this state and you are the person registered to vote, **or**
 - Return to the county board of election commissioners or the county clerk by noon on the Monday following the election and present a document or identification card.

Q: What hours are the polls open on Election Day?

- 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sources: [Arkansas Secretary of State website](#), [Pulaski County Clerk website](#), [Arkansas State Code](#), [State Board of Election Commissioners](#). Updated May 2018.