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# Alabama Voter Guide 2008

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**BETH CHAPMAN**  
*SECRETARY OF STATE*

Dear Fellow Alabamians:

We are blessed to live in a nation where we have the freedom to choose our elected officials. This precious right has been won and protected by our military, our brave men and women who have fought to defend our liberty.

Indeed, there is no greater privilege of freedom extended to the citizens of Alabama than the right to vote and elect the officials who represent them at all levels of government.

Please know that every election requires integrity and honesty at the polling place. Honest elections are crucial to protecting, preserving, and participating in democracy. I have pledged to the people of Alabama that there is no more important duty of my office of Secretary of State than ensuring honest elections.

It is my pleasure, along with the staff of the Secretary of State's Elections Division, to provide you with the 2008 Alabama Voter's Guide. We hope that you will find this book a valuable source of information as you participate in the elections process.

Should you need assistance with any elections or voting related matter, please contact the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 1-800-274-8683 or 334-242-7210.

We are here to serve you and it would be our honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Beth Chapman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Beth Chapman  
Secretary of State

## ■ OFFICES ON THE BALLOT

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### FEDERAL

- President\*
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives (7 seats)

### STATE

- Supreme Court Justice
- Court of Civil Appeals Judge
- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge (2 seats)
- Public Service Commission President

- State Board of Education (4 seats; Districts 1, 3, 5, 7)
- Circuit Court Judges (various seats)
- District Court Judges (various seats)
- District Attorney (Bessemer)

### COUNTY

- Various County Offices

\*Presidential nominees of each political party and political party convention delegates are the only candidates that will appear on the February 5, 2008, Presidential Preference Primary ballot.

## ■ IMPORTANT DATES FOR ELECTION 2008

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### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION - FEBRUARY 5, 2008

- January 22 Voter registration deadline in Baldwin and Mobile Counties.
- January 24 Last day for voter to make application for an absentee ballot in Baldwin and Mobile Counties.
- January 25 Voter registration deadline in all counties except Baldwin and Mobile Counties.
- January 30 Early voting day in Baldwin and Mobile Counties.
- January 31 Last day for voter to make application for an absentee ballot in all counties except Baldwin and Mobile Counties.
- February 4 Last day for voter to hand-deliver or postmark an absentee ballot.

### PRIMARY ELECTION - JUNE 3, 2008

- May 23 Voter registration deadline.
- May 29 Last day for voter to make application for an absentee ballot.
- June 2 Last day for voter to hand-deliver or postmark an absentee ballot.

### PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION (IF NECESSARY) - JULY 15, 2008

- July 3 Voter registration deadline.
- July 10 Last day for voter to make application for an absentee ballot.
- July 14 Last day for voter to hand-deliver or postmark an absentee ballot.

### GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 4, 2008

- October 24 Voter registration deadline.
- October 30 Last day for voter to make application for an absentee ballot.
- November 3 Last day for voter to hand-deliver or postmark an absentee ballot.

# VOTER REGISTRATION

## ANY CITIZEN MAY REGISTER ■

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Any person may register to vote, provided that he or she:

- is a citizen of the United States;
- resides in Alabama;
- is at least 18 years old on or before election day;
- has not been barred from voting due to a disqualifying felony conviction;
- and has not been declared mentally incompetent by a court.

Applicants may register the same day that they move into the state.

## KEEP YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD UP TO DATE ■

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A voter should immediately notify voter registration officials (Board of Registrars) of any changes, such as a change in name or address. The law requires that any voter whose name or address is not correct on the voter list must provide current information before being allowed to vote. The form to update registration information will be available at all polling places on election day. If a voter moves to another county within the state, he or she must re-register in the new county of residence.

## RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS ■

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An individual who is barred from registering and voting by reason of a disqualifying felony conviction may request to have his or her voting rights restored by applying for a Certificate of Eligibility. An individual may qualify for a “Certificate of Eligibility” to vote if he or she has fulfilled all terms of the sentence for the disqualifying felony conviction. For further information, contact the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles at 334-242-8700.

## WHEN TO REGISTER ■

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Citizens may register to vote all year, except during the ten days prior to an election and on election day. Voter registration is closed during the 10 days prior to any election and on election day so that the voter list can be compiled for the election. Voter registration applications must be postmarked, hand-delivered to the Board of Registrars, or submitted at a participating agency-based voter registration location no later than the registration deadline for an election. See page 2 for deadlines.

## WHERE AND HOW TO REGISTER ■

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A citizen may register to vote:

- when applying for or renewing a State of Alabama driver’s license or identification card;
- at state and local government offices when applying or recertifying for Aid

to Dependent Children, Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid, or Rehabilitation Services;

- at public libraries;
- at armed forces recruiting stations;
- at the Board of Registrars located at the county seat in the voter’s county of residence; or
- by mail-in form available at Probate Judge and License Commissioner offices, colleges and universities, public schools, or libraries. A mail-in registration form may also be obtained by calling the county Board of Registrars or the Elections Division in the Office of Secretary of State (SOS) at 1-800-274-VOTE (8683).
- by mail-in form downloaded from the Secretary of State website. Point your browser to [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov).

Applications must be filled out completely and legibly.

## **POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION**

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Alabama does not have a party registration law. Therefore, a citizen does not have to declare a political party preference when registering to vote.

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# **AT THE POLLING PLACE**

## **“WHERE DO I VOTE?”**

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The Board of Registrars sends to each voter a certificate of registration that includes the address of that voter’s polling place. A voter who has not received this card should contact the local Board of Registrars for information on his or her polling place. For municipal elections, check with the City Clerk.

## **HOURS**

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Alabama polling places are open from 7 AM to 7 PM. Please note that polling places located in the Eastern Time Zone are open 7 AM to 7 PM Eastern Time.

## **BASIC VOTING PROCEDURE**

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1. The voter appears at the polling place and provides his or her name to a poll worker. The voter must also present an acceptable form of identification. Acceptable forms of identification are listed on page 5.
2. A poll worker checks the individual’s name against the list of registered voters for that precinct. If the voter has an “I” by his/her name, the voter needs to update voter registration information. Before being allowed to vote, the voter must complete a Voter Update Form that is available at the polling place.
3. The voter signs a poll list. If the election is a party primary, the voter must

state in which party primary he or she wishes to vote and then must sign that party's poll list.

4. The voter casts his or her vote.

**VOTING PROCEDURES VARY** according to the type of equipment used. For more specific information, look for instructions printed in large type that should be visible at each polling place. Also, poll workers will provide information on voting procedures, at the voter's request. Poll workers are not allowed to tell a citizen for whom to vote or to attempt to influence a voter's choices in any way.

**REPLACEMENT BALLOTS** are available if the voter makes a mistake in marking his or her ballot or if the ballot gets torn or otherwise damaged. The voter should take the original ballot to a poll worker and request a replacement ballot. The poll worker will issue a new ballot and place the original ballot in an envelope marked "spoiled ballots" for security purposes.

## **VOTER'S NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST OF VOTERS** ■

If a person's name does not appear on the list of registered voters for the polling place, the poll worker should contact the local Board of Registrars to determine if the person is eligible to vote at that polling place. If the Board of Registrars is unable

Polling place voting procedures continue →

## **Acceptable forms of identification for use at polling places** ■

All voters must present one of the following forms of ID before they may vote:

- ▶ Government-issued photo identifications authorized by law (current and valid, including any branch, department agency or entity of the federal government)
- ▶ Valid identification card (authorized by law) issued by the State of Alabama (including any branch, department, agency, or entity of the State of Alabama, including colleges, universities, and technical or professional schools)
- ▶ Valid identification card (authorized by law) issued by any of the other 49 states (including any branch, department, agency, or entity of that State)
- ▶ Employee identification with photo of employee produced by the employer
- ▶ Utility bill of voter with voter's name and address
- ▶ Bank statement with voter's name and address
- ▶ Government check with voter's name and address
- ▶ Paycheck with voter's name and address
- ▶ Valid United States passport
- ▶ Valid Alabama hunting license
- ▶ Valid Alabama fishing license
- ▶ Valid Alabama pistol/revolver permit
- ▶ Valid pilot's license issued by the FAA or other authorized agency of the federal government
- ▶ Valid United States military identification
- ▶ Birth certificate (certified copy)
- ▶ Valid Social Security card
- ▶ Naturalization document (certified copy)
- ▶ Court record of adoption (certified copy)
- ▶ Court record of name change (certified copy)
- ▶ Valid Medicaid card
- ▶ Valid Medicare card
- ▶ Valid electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card
- ▶ Government document that shows the name and address of the voter

to verify the person's voter registration, he or she may vote a provisional ballot.

## ■ **VOTER DOES NOT HAVE VALID ID**

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A voter must present a valid form of identification to be eligible to vote. A list of valid types of ID is provided on page 5. If the voter does not have proper identification, he or she may vote a provisional ballot.

## ■ **VOTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT**

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A provisional ballot is voted the same as any other ballot except the voter must sign an affidavit attesting to his or her eligibility to vote.

**NAME NOT ON POLL LIST** - The provisional ballot will be counted only if the county Board of Registrars is able to confirm, after the election, that the person casting the ballot is a duly qualified elector of the county.

**NO IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLING PLACE** - When a voter casts a provisional ballot because he or she did not have proper identification at the polling place, the voter has until 5:00 PM on the Friday following the election to submit the ID to the Board of Registrars. If proper ID is submitted by this deadline, the ballot will be counted.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT NEVER RECEIVED OR CAST** - A voter may cast a provisional ballot if he or she did not receive a requested absentee ballot or the voter did not vote the absentee ballot.

## ■ **MARKED SAMPLE BALLOTS**

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Voters may take items such as marked sample ballots into the polling place provided these items are used personally and are not distributed to others in the polling place. Also, the voter should not leave these items in the polling place.

## ■ **CAMPAIGNING ON ELECTION DAY**

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Campaigning is allowed on election day as long as it is done at least 30 feet from the door of the building in which the poll is located. If the polling place is located in a room within a building, the campaigning must not be closer than 30 feet to the entrance of the building.

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# VOTER ASSISTANCE

Any voter who wishes to have assistance is entitled to help. The voter may ask anyone (except his or her employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union) to give that assistance. If the voter does request a specific individual, a poll worker may assist the voter at the request of the voter.

## ■ **TIME IN THE BOOTH**

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A voter remaining in a voting machine booth (or in the polling place where paper



ballots are used) for four minutes or longer may be asked by a poll worker if assistance is needed.

**IF THE VOTER DOES NOT WANT ASSISTANCE**, he or she is permitted to remain for one additional minute. At the end of that minute, if individuals are waiting to vote, the voter may be informed that time is up and may be asked to leave. If there is no line, the voter may have as much time as necessary to finish voting.

**IF THE VOTER WANTS ASSISTANCE**, he or she may have no less than an additional five minutes to vote. At the end of the time, if others are waiting to vote, the assisted voter may be told that time is up and may be asked to leave the polling place. However, if there are no voters waiting, the assisted voter shall have as much time as necessary to finish voting.

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## ACCESSIBILITY

Polling places should be accessible to people with disabilities. If your specific disability is not accommodated, please contact your county's Probate Judge.

At every polling place there will be voting equipment to accommodate voters with disabilities in order that they may vote without assistance.

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## VOTING PROCEDURES

Some laws governing each type of election vary. For example, primary elections are different from general elections.

**PRIMARY ELECTION** – Is held by the political parties to select each party's nominee for the general election. In the primary, separate party ballots are printed, and the voter must choose between the ballot with Democrats running against other Democrats or the one on which Republicans run against other Republicans.

If there are three or more candidates in a race, and if no one receives a majority of the votes cast, then a second primary election or runoff election is held between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the first primary. The winner of this runoff election will be the party nominee.

**GENERAL ELECTION** – Is held to determine which political party, independent, or write-in candidate will occupy each office that is up for election. In the general election, a voter may split the ticket to select candidates from all parties on the ballot; however, a voter may choose only one candidate per office.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION** - Is held when constitutional amendments appear on the ballot. In a primary election, if a voter does not want to participate in one of the party primaries, he or she may vote on the amendments only.

# ABSENTEE VOTING

## ■ ELIGIBILITY

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In the 2008 elections, a voter may cast an absentee ballot if he or she:

- **WILL BE ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY** on election day;
- **IS ILL OR HAS A PHYSICAL DISABILITY** that prevents a trip to the polling place;
- **IS A REGISTERED ALABAMA VOTER LIVING OUTSIDE THE COUNTY**, such as a member of the armed forces, a U.S. citizen residing overseas, a college student, or a spouse or child of such a person;
- **IS AN APPOINTED ELECTION OFFICER OR POLL WATCHER** at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place; or
- **WORKS A REQUIRED SHIFT, 10-HOURS OR MORE**, that coincides with polling hours.

**BUSINESS/MEDICAL EMERGENCY VOTING** applications can be made after the absentee deadline but no later than 5 PM on the day before the election, if the voter:

- is required by an employer due to unforeseen circumstances to be out of the county on election day; or
- has a medical emergency requiring treatment from a licensed physician.

In addition to application information outlined in the next section, the **business emergency application** contains an affidavit acknowledging that the voter was not aware of the out-of-county business trip prior to the normal absentee ballot deadline. The **medical emergency application** requires that the attending physician describe and certify the circumstances as constituting an emergency.

## ■ CITIZENS RESIDING OVERSEAS AND THE MILITARY

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Alabama citizens who are members of the Uniformed Services and their family members, Merchant Marines, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Alabama overseas citizens can find additional information on absentee voting on the Internet from the Office of the Secretary of State at [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://www.sos.alabama.gov) or from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). The FVAP administers the Uniform and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), a federal law which provides for specialized absentee voting procedures for military personnel and U.S. citizens residing overseas. Please note that the FVAP website provides information for UOCAVA voters only.

# IMPORTANT ABSENTEE VOTING DATES ■

January						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Election Day

Last day to submit an application for absentee voting<sup>1</sup>

Last day to hand-deliver or postmark absentee ballot

<sup>1</sup>In Baldwin and Mobile Counties, the deadline is January 24, 2008, for submitting an application for absentee voting in the February 5, 2008, Presidential Preference Primary.

February						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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May						
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June						
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29	30					

July						
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October						
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November						
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## ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION ■

To obtain an absentee ballot, write or visit the local Absentee Election Manager (usually the Circuit Clerk), request an absentee ballot, and provide the following:

- name and residential address (or other such information in order to verify voter registration);
- election for which the ballot is requested;
- reason for absence from polls on election day;
- party choice, if the election is a party primary.<sup>2</sup>
- address to which the ballot should be mailed.
- voter signature (if a mark is made in place of a signature, it must be witnessed).

*<sup>2</sup>It is not necessary to give a party choice for a general election; however, in a party primary a voter may participate in only one political party's primary; thus a choice must be designated so that the appropriate ballot can be provided. If the voter declines or fails to designate a choice for a primary or primary runoff ballot, the absentee election manager may send only the ballot for constitutional amendments.*

The absentee ballot application must be returned to the Absentee Election Manager by the voter in person (or by the voter's designee in the case of medical emergency voting) or by U.S. Mail.

Upon receiving the absentee ballot application, the Absentee Election Manager

may request additional evidence on the reason for voting absentee if the voter has a history of absentee voting.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS**

Applications submitted by military personnel and U.S. citizens residing overseas are valid for a period of two years. However, these voters should ensure that they keep their mailing addresses updated with their counties' Boards of Registrars and with the Absentee Election Managers.

## **BALLOT RECEIPT/RETURN**

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If the absentee ballot application is approved, the Absentee Election Manager:

- forwards the absentee ballot by U.S. Mail; or
- personally hands the absentee ballot to the voter (or to a designee in the case of medical emergency voting).

**BALLOT PROCEDURE** - The absentee ballot comes with three envelopes--one plain (the secrecy envelope), one with an affidavit, or oath, printed on the outside, and one plain, preaddressed envelope (the outer envelope). Once the voter casts the ballot, the procedure is as follows:

- seal the ballot in the plain envelope.
- place the plain envelope inside the accompanying affidavit envelope.
- seal the affidavit envelope and complete the affidavit that is on the outside of the envelope.
- sign the affidavit and have the signature witnessed by either a notary public or two witnesses 18 years of age or older.
- place the affidavit envelope and a COPY of voter identification inside the outer envelope.
- remember to place a copy of your ID (NOT THE ORIGINAL) inside the outer envelope.

**WITNESSES OR NOTARIZATION** - An absentee ballot cannot be counted unless the affidavit is notarized or has the signatures of two witnesses.

**SUBMITTING THE VOTED BALLOT** - The voter is required to use one of the following methods for returning his or her absentee ballot:

- send the ballot to the Absentee Election Manager by U.S. Mail; or
- personally deliver the ballot to the Absentee Election Manager (or by a designee in the case of medical emergency voting).

**VOTING DEADLINE** - An absentee ballot returned by mail must be postmarked no later than the day prior to the election. If hand-delivered, the ballot must be in the office of the Absentee Election Manager by the close of business (but no later than 5 p.m.) on the day prior to the election. The absentee ballot must be received by the absentee election manager by noon on election day if the ballot is mailed.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **I TURNED IN A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION. AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?** Just because you turned in a voter registration application does not necessarily mean you are registered to vote. Once your application has been processed by your local Board of Registrars, you should receive an acknowledgement from the Registrars indicating the status of your application. This acknowledgement will usually be a voter identification card confirming that you are registered to vote. However, if your application was incomplete, you may receive a letter requesting additional information to complete your application. If you are unsure about the status of your application, you can always call your local Board of Registrars and check.
- **I TURN 18 AFTER THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE BUT BEFORE THE ELECTION. CAN I VOTE IN THAT ELECTION?** Yes. As long as you turn 18 on or before election day, even if your birthday is after the voter registration deadline, you can apply for voter registration and participate in that election (as long as you meet other voter qualifications). Please note that you must turn your voter registration application in before the 10-day close for voter registration.
- **I HAVE MOVED FROM ONE PART OF THE COUNTY TO ANOTHER AND WANT TO VOTE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?** You must contact the Board of Registrars and submit an update to your voter registration record. Remember, where you live determines who represents you. To be sure you are voting on candidates in the correct district, it is important that you vote in the correct precinct.
- **I HAVE MOVED FROM ONE COUNTY TO ANOTHER AND WANT TO VOTE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?** When you move across county lines, you must register to vote in your new county of residence. Voter registration does not automatically follow you from one county to another.
- **IT'S THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION. I FORGOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE. IS IT TOO LATE?** Yes, it is too late to register to vote for that election. To participate in an election, you must submit your application before registration closes for that election. Registration is closed during the ten days prior to an election and on election day.
- **WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE MARKING MY BALLOT?** If you have not already placed your ballot in the electronic voting machine or ballot box, you may ask a poll worker for another ballot. The poll worker will spoil your first ballot so that it cannot be counted or reused.
- **ARE CANDIDATES ALLOWED TO CAMPAIGN OUTSIDE MY POLLING PLACE?** Yes, electioneering or campaigning is permitted outside the polling place. However, this activity must not be closer than 30 feet to the entrance of the polling place. If the polling place is located in a room within a building, the campaigning must not be closer than 30 feet to the entrance of the building.
- **MAY A CANDIDATE ASSIST ME IN MARKING MY BALLOT?** Yes, if you ask the candidate to help you. The only people who may not assist a voter are the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

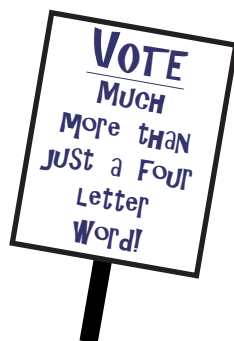
- **MAY I WEAR CAMPAIGN BUTTONS OR T-SHIRTS WITH POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS INTO THE POLLING PLACE?** Yes. However, you should not loiter or leave any campaign materials in the polling place.
- **MAY I CARRY A SAMPLE BALLOT INTO THE VOTING BOOTH?** Yes. However, you should not leave the sample ballot in the polling place.
- **IF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT, MUST I VOTE ON THEM?** No. You are not required to vote on constitutional amendments. Similarly, you are not required to vote in all contests on the ballot. Participation is your choice.
- **IN A PRIMARY ELECTION, AM I ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ONLY?** Yes. In fact, if you choose not to participate in nominating candidates for either political party, you can request a constitutional amendment ballot that contains only the proposed constitutional amendments.
- **WHEN I VOTED IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION, I WAS ASKED TO DECLARE A POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE? WHY IS THAT?** In Alabama, the primary election is part of the nominating process for a political party. It is used to select who will represent a party in the general election. You are required to choose one political party's primary over another because you cannot participate in the nomination of both parties' candidates. However, in the general election, you may split your ticket and vote for candidates from each political party.
- **WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT WANT TO DECLARE A POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION?** If you choose not to declare a political preference at the primary election, you will not be eligible to vote in any political party's primary election. You are, however, still eligible to vote on any proposed constitutional amendments that are up for a vote.
- **I VOTED IN MY POLITICAL PARTY'S PRIMARY ELECTION. MY PARTY IS NOT HAVING A RUNOFF. MAY I VOTE IN THE OTHER PARTY'S RUNOFF ELECTION?** It depends on the political party. The Democratic Party has a cross-over voting rule which prohibits anyone who voted in the Republican Party primary from voting in the Democratic Party's primary runoff. The Republican Party does not have a cross-over voting rule. It is okay for voters who participated in the Democratic primary to vote in the Republican runoff. Therefore, if you voted in the Democratic primary, you may vote in either the Democratic runoff or the Republican runoff. If you voted in the Republican primary, you may vote only in the Republican runoff.
- **MAY I TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OR VIDEOTAPE INSIDE MY POLLING PLACE?** No. Each voter has a right to cast a ballot in secrecy and in private. The U.S. Department of Justice has advised that photography or videotaping inside a polling place does not serve any useful purpose and may instead actually intimidate voters who are exercising their right to vote.



TAKE IT TO  
THE BOOTH!



Vote!



VOTE  
MUCH  
More than  
JUST a Four  
Letter  
Word!

# Alabama Boards of Registrars

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## **AUTAUGA COUNTY**

PO Box 680036  
Prattville 36068-0036  
(334) 361-3713

## **BALDWIN COUNTY**

PO Box 1507  
Bay Minette 36507-1507  
(251) 937-0305

## **BARBOUR COUNTY**

PO Box 402  
Clayton 36016-0402  
(334) 775-8579  
303 E Broad St Rm 108  
Eufaula 36027  
(334) 687-1585

## **BIBB COUNTY**

8 Court Square W  
Centreville 35042  
(205) 926-3102

## **BLOUNT COUNTY**

220 Second Ave E Rm B-5  
Oneonta 35121  
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## **BULLOCK COUNTY**

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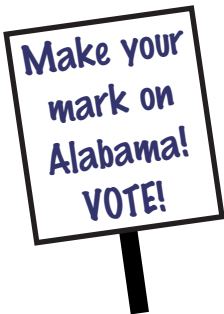
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