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— VOTER GUIDE 2014 —

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My Fellow Alabamians:

Everyone has the right to take part in the government of our country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.

It is a time-honored right for all Americans and bravely defended by the men and women in our military services who have protected this privilege from the Revolution to the present.

All those of voting age, 18 and above, are encouraged to honor this basic American right by participating in elections and electing those who would best serve the ideals outlined in the Constitution.

Every election requires integrity and honesty at the polls and the Alabama Secretary of State's Office is dedicated to making sure all votes are counted and all voters are whom they say they are.

It is my pleasure, along with the staff of the Secretary of State's Elections Division, to provide you with the 2014 Alabama Voter's Guide. We hope that you will find this book a valuable resource as you participate in the elections process as a voter or election official.

Should you need assistance with any election-related matter, please contact our Elections Division at 334-242-7210.

Sincerely,

Jim Bennett
Secretary of State

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OFFICES ON THE BALLOT ☑

FEDERAL

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

STATE

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- State Senate (35 seats)
- State Representative (105 seats)
- State Supreme Court - Associate Justice
- Court of Civil Appeals Judge (1 seat)
- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge (2 seats)
- Secretary of State
- State Treasurer
- State Auditor
- Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries
- Public Service Commissioner (2 seats)
- State Board of Education (4 seats; Districts 2, 4, 6, 8)
- Circuit Court Judges (various seats)
- District Court Judges (various seats)
- District Attorneys (various)

COUNTY

- Various County Offices

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ELECTION 2014 ☑

PRIMARY ELECTION - JUNE 3, 2014

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 - JULY 15, 2014

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, 2014

October 20	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.✦

✦Except for UOCAVA voters. See page 8.

VOTER REGISTRATION

☑ ANY CITIZEN MAY REGISTER

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

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

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 disqulifying felony conviction. For further information, contact the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles at 334-242-8700.

☑ WHEN TO REGISTER

Citizens may register to vote all year. However, 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. Beginning with the 2014 General Election, voter registration will close 14 days prior to an 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 1 for deadlines.

☑ WHERE AND HOW TO REGISTER

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, SNAP, TANF, 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's website at **alabamavotes.gov**.

Applications must be filled out completely and legibly.

POLITICAL PARTY REGISTRATION

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

AT THE POLLING PLACE

"WHERE DO I VOTE?"

The county 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. A voter can also verify where he or she votes on the Secretary of State's web site at **alabamavotes.gov**. For municipal elections, check with the City Clerk.

HOURS

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

BASIC VOTING PROCEDURE

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 photo identification. Acceptable forms of photo identification are listed on page 4.
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 to verify the person's voter registration, he or she may vote a provisional ballot.

☑ PHOTO VOTER IDENTIFICATION (I.D.)

A voter must present one of the following forms of ID before he or she will be permitted to vote. A voter who does not have one of these forms of photo ID is eligible for a free Alabama Photo Voter ID card. For more information, contact the Secretary of State's office or your local Board of Registrars or visit **www.AlabamaVoterID.com**.

- Valid Alabama Driver's License
- Valid Alabama Nondriver ID
- Valid free Alabama Photo Voter ID card
- Valid State Issued ID (Alabama or any other state)
- Valid Federal issued ID
- Valid US passport
- Valid Employee ID from Federal Government, State of Alabama, County, Municipality, Board or other entity of this state
- Valid student or employee ID from a public or private college or university in the State of Alabama (including postgraduate technical or professional schools)
- Valid student or employee ID issued by a state institution of higher learning in any other state
- Valid Military ID
- Valid Tribal ID

For additional information on photo voter identification, visit **www.AlabamaVoterID.com**

☑ EXEMPTIONS FROM PHOTO VOTER IDENTIFICATION (I.D.)

A VOTER WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY OR WHO RESIDES OVERSEAS eligible to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) is not required to provide ID when voting an

absentee ballot. The term "UOCAVA voter" includes anyone who is a member of the Uniformed Services (including his or her spouse and dependents), Merchant Marines, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It also includes anyone who is a U.S. citizen residing overseas whose last place of residency prior to moving overseas was in Alabama.

ELDERLY VOTERS AND VOTERS WITH A DISABILITY WHOSE POLLING PLACE IS NOT ACCESSIBLE - A voter who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the **Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act** or any other federal law **shall not be required to produce identification when voting by absentee ballot.** Voters who fall within this category will be able to check a box on their absentee ballot application which states that their polling place is not accessible **and** that they fall under the definition of elderly (age 65 or older) or handicapped. The Absentee Election Manager will not require an ID in order for these absentee ballots to be counted. A polling place is considered not accessible if a person with a disability or an elderly voter is unable to access his or her assigned polling place due to a neurological, musculoskeletal, respiratory, cardiovascular, or other life-altering disorder that affects the ability to perform manual tasks, stand for any length of time, walk unassisted, see, hear, or speak.

IF VOTER DOES NOT HAVE VALID PHOTO IDENTIFICATION (I.D.) ☑

A voter must present a valid form of photo identification to be eligible to vote. A list of valid types of photo ID is provided above. A voter who does not have a valid form of photo ID can vote a regular ballot if he or she is positively identified by two election officials. If the voter does not have a valid form of photo ID and cannot be positively identified by two election officials, he or she may vote a provisional ballot.

VOTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT ☑

A provisional ballot is voted the same as any other ballot except the voter must 1) sign an affidavit attesting to his or her eligibility to vote and 2) complete a voter update form.

NAME NOT ON THE 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 PHOTO IDENTIFICATION AT THE POLLING PLACE AND CANNOT BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY TWO ELECTION OFFICIALS - The voter has until 5:00 PM on the first Friday following the election to submit a valid form of photo ID (see page 4) to the Board of Registrars. If proper ID is submitted by this deadline, the ballot will be counted so long as other requirements are met. A voter who does not possess a valid photo ID on election day has until that Friday to obtain a valid photo ID and submit it to the Board of Registrars.

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

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. The voter should not leave these items in the polling place.

☑ CAMPAIGNING ON ELECTION DAY

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 polling place 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.

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 not request a specific individual, a poll worker may assist the voter at the request of the voter.

☑ TIME IN THE BOOTH

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.

ACCESSIBILITY

Polling places should be accessible to people with disabilities. At every polling place there will be voting equipment to accommodate voters with disabilities so that they can vote without assistance. If your specific disability is not accommodated, please contact your county's Probate Judge.

VOICES! CHOICES! VOTES!

VOTING PROCEDURES

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

PRIMARY ELECTION – 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 - Held to determine which candidate, regardless of political party, independent, or write-in status, 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 or to select independent or write-in candidates. However, a voter may choose only one candidate per office.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION - 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.

SPECIAL ELECTION - Like a constitutional amendment election, a special election may be held to place specific issues before the voters, such as whether or not a county or city will permit alcohol sales within its jurisdiction or will raise certain taxes. A special election may also be held to fill a vacancy in certain types of offices, such as U.S. Representative, State Senator, or State Representative.

ABSENTEE VOTING

ELIGIBILITY

In the 2014 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 INFIRMITY** that prevents a trip to the polling place (see page 5 regarding an exemption to the photo voter identification requirement);
- **IS A REGISTERED ALABAMA VOTER LIVING OUTSIDE THE COUNTY** including but not limitied to, members of the armed forces or a spouse or dependent of such a person, or a U.S. citizen residing overseas or students at an educational institution located outside their county of residence;
- **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 WHICH HAS AT LEAST 10 HOURS** that coincide 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 an emergency business trip on election day; or
- has a medical emergency requiring treatment from a licensed physician within 5 days of an election.

In addition to application information outlined on page 10, 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.

☑ IMPORTANT ABSENTEE VOTING DATES

May

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

July

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			

November

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

June

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October

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	

Last day for Absentee Election Manager to receive absentee ballot from a UOCAVA voter for election. Absentee ballots for UOCAVA voters must be postmarked no later than election day.

Election Day

Last day to submit an application for absentee voting

For regular absentee voters, last day to hand-deliver or postmark absentee ballot. When mailed, Absentee Election Manager must receive ballot by noon election day.

☑ THE MILITARY AND CITIZENS RESIDING OVERSEAS

Alabama citizens who are members of the Uniformed Services and their spouse and dependents, Merchant Marines, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Alabama overseas citizens (also known as UOCAVA voters) have **two options** as to how they can receive their blank absentee ballots: (1) by electronic transmission; or (2) by U.S. mail.

To request electronic transmission of the blank ballot, UOCAVA voters must mark the appropriate box and provide an email address on the State of Alabama "UOCAVA Application for Absentee Ballot" available from the Secretary of State's web site (alabamavotes.gov). They may also mark "email/online" and provide an email

address on the Federal Post Card Application available from their Voting Assistance Officer or from the web site of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (fvap.gov).

UOCAVA voters also have **expanded options** for returning the voted absentee ballot. **The ballot may be returned by U.S. Mail or by a commercial air or ground carrier.** Please note that if returning the ballot by commercial air or ground carrier, the date the ballot is tendered to the carrier is considered the postmark date. UOCAVA voters should ensure that their ballot is postmarked or tendered to the commercial carrier no later than the day of the election in which they are casting a ballot.

UOCAVA voters are no longer required to have the affidavit envelope accompanying their ballot notarized. However, the affidavit on the envelope must be witnessed by two persons 18 years of age or older.

UOCAVA voters may find additional information on absentee voting on the Internet from the Office of the Secretary of State at **alabamavotes.gov** or from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) at **fvap.gov**. Please note that the FVAP website provides information for UOCAVA voters only.

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;
- election for which the ballot is requested;
- reason for absence from polls on election day;
- party choice, if the election is a party primary;✦
- address to which the ballot should be mailed; and
- voter signature (if a mark is made in place of a signature, it must be witnessed).

✦ *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 continuous absentee voting.

APPLICATIONS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS

Applications submitted by military personnel, their spouses or dependents, and U.S. citizens residing overseas are valid for all Federal, state and county elections

in the current calendar year. 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 FOR NON-UOCAVA VOTERS

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 photo voter identification inside the outer envelope, unless exempt as an elderly or voter with disability whose polling place is not accessible (see page 5).
- 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 should call your local Board of Registrars or visit **alabamavotes.gov**.

- **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 in your voter registration application 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. If a candidate or his or her supporters are campaigning within 30 feet of the entrance of the polling place, notify the chief inspector of the polling place.

- **CAN A CANDIDATE ASSIST ME IN MARKING MY BALLOT?** Yes, if you ask the candidate to help you. The only people who cannot 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.

- **CAN 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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

- **CAN 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 races 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. CAN 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 <u>either</u> the Democratic runoff or the Republican runoff. If you voted in the Republican primary, you may vote <u>only</u> in the Republican runoff.

- **CAN 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.

- **CAN I TAKE A CELL PHONE INTO MY POLLING PLACE?** Yes. However, use of the phone in the polling place should not disturb other voters or disrupt the polling place. If your cell phone has a camera, you cannot take photographs or film video inside the polling place. 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.

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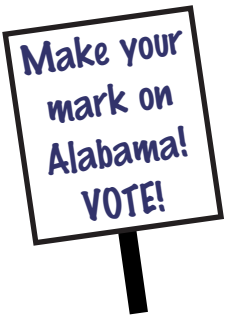
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