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This election year,

BE A VOTER.



The 2026 Primary Election is your next chance to vote!

This statewide election in Alabama will determine seats for local, state, and federal positions– including congressional representation. And with recent attacks on voting rights, 2026 will be more important than ever!

In this guide you will find helpful resources on voter registration, important election deadlines and dates, voting rights, and more.





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**CHECK YOUR
REGISTRATION STATUS**

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE



OR VISIT [ALABAMAVOTES.GOV](https://alabamavotes.gov)

YOUR RIGHTS AT THE POLLS

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

Vote with privacy and confidentiality.

Ask for and/or receive help when going to vote, as long as that person is not an employer or union representative.

Be free from intimidation from campaigners. They must be at least 30 feet from the polling place.

Have a fully ADA compliant and accessible polling place. Be sure to check that your polling place is ADA compliant before the absentee ballot application deadline.

Vote a regular ballot even if listed "inactive." A voter who is listed as "inactive" is eligible to vote a regular ballot after filling out an update form.

Complete a provisional ballot if you forgot your voter ID or if they cannot find your name on the voter rolls.

Bring a sample ballot into the polling place for use in the voting booth.

Remain in a voting booth for four minutes. If you need assistance, you are entitled to at least an additional five minutes to vote.

Lodge a complaint or contact the Alabama Secretary of State at 1-800-274-8683 if you think your rights have been violated.

ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINE: 866-687-8683

WHAT TO KNOW AT THE POLLS



POLLING PLACE HOURS

- 7AM - 7PM
- If you are in line at your polling place by 7PM, you can vote!

BRING A VALID I.D.

- Driver's license (any state)
- AL non-driver ID
- AL photo voter ID
- US passport
- Government employee ID
- Military, Tribal, or Prison ID
- Student ID from post-high school institution

CASTING YOUR VOTE

- Regardless of how you voted in the primary election or the run-off election, you can vote for any candidate of your choice on the general election ballot.



ABSENTEE VOTING



How do I request an absentee ballot?

Download an absentee ballot application for your county at AlabamaVotes.gov or visit your county clerk's office.

Note: No absentee ballot application may be mailed in the same envelope as another voter's absentee ballot application.



How do I complete my absentee ballot?

The absentee ballot comes with three envelopes- one plain (the secrecy envelope), one with an affidavit, printed on the outside, and one plain envelope, preaddressed (the outer envelope).

Complete the ballot, and then do 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.









WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT



REPRESENTING YOU IN WASHINGTON D.C.

-  One United States Senate Seat
-  Seven United States House of Representatives seats

REPRESENTING YOU IN ALABAMA

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  Governor |  Lt. Governor |
|  Attorney General |  Secretary of State |
|  State Auditor |  State Treasurer |
|  Commissioner of Public Service |  Commissioner of Agriculture & Industries |





REPRESENTING YOU IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

-  State Senators
-  State Representatives

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT





REPRESENTING YOU IN YOUR COUNTY *

-  County Board of Education
-  County Commission Seats
-  County Tax Collector
-  County Tax Assessor

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WHAT'S ON YOUR BALLOT
WILL VARY BY COUNTY. THIS
IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT
YOU COULD SEE ON BALLOT.

STATEWIDE AMENDMENTS

-  Statewide Amendment 1
An amendment to expand the list of offenses for which a judge may deny bail under certain circumstances.
-  Statewide Amendment 2
An amendment to adopt new standards to protect a District Attorney's salary during their term.



WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE ON MAY 19TH

**Your vote still matters on May 19th—
because democracy doesn't stop after the
headlines fade.**

**Local and state elections shape our schools, healthcare, courts,
voting rights, public safety, and the everyday realities of our
communities—especially here in Alabama.**



**Every ballot cast is a reminder
that power belongs to the
people, not just politicians.**

**Too often, decisions that impact
our lives are made because people
sit out elections they believe are
“less important.” But history has
shown us that change happens
when ordinary people
consistently show up.**

**So on May 19th, vote like your
voice matters— because it
absolutely does.**



QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS WHILE VOTING?



Call The Election Protection Hotline

ENGLISH: 866-687-8683, 866-OUR-VOTE

SPANISH: 888-VE-Y-VOTA, 888-839-8682

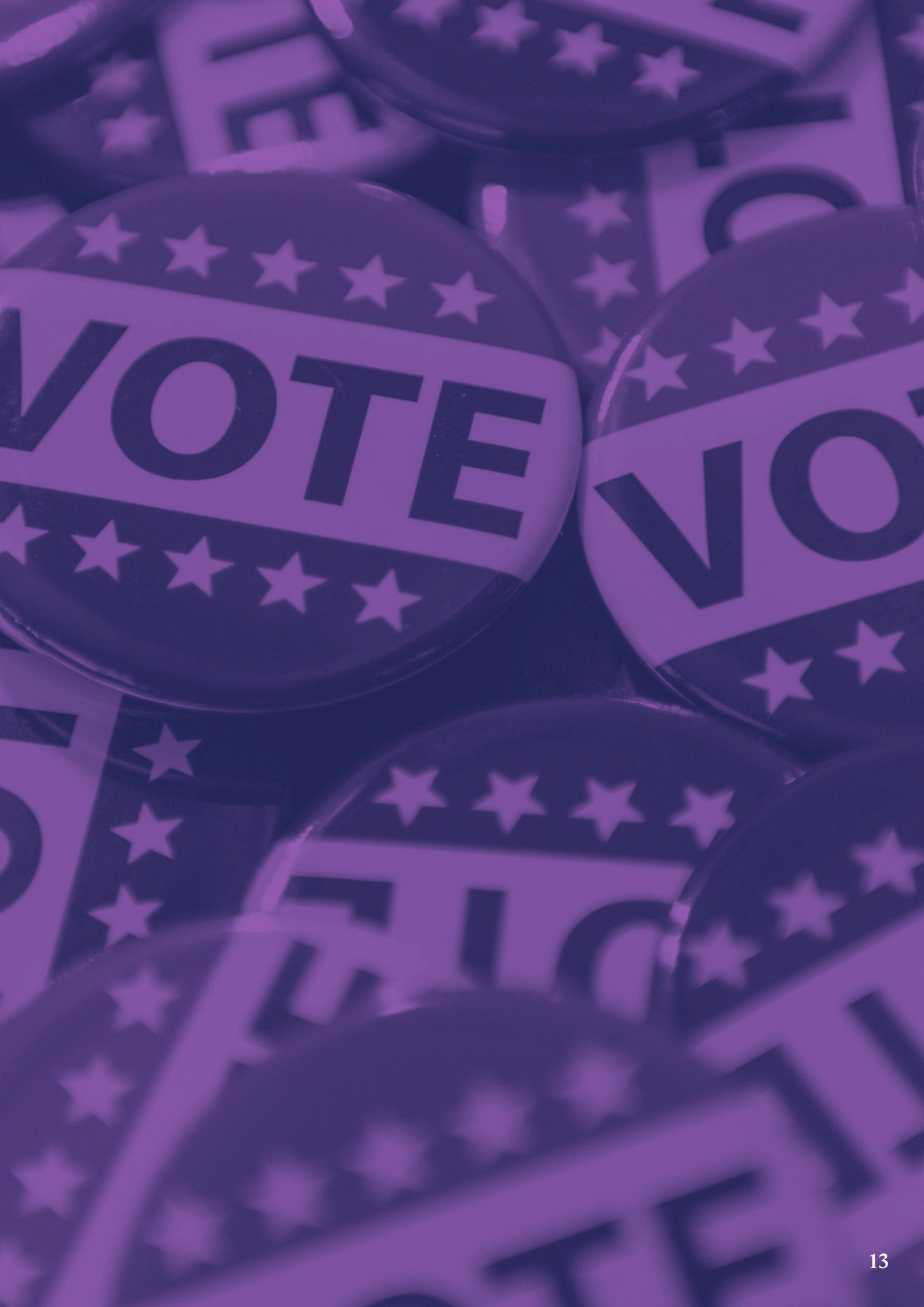
ASIAN LANGUAGES: 888-API-VOTE, 888-274-8683

ARABIC: 844-YALLA-US, 844-925-5287



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VOTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT

I am being told I have to vote provisionally, what does that mean?

Provisional ballots ensure that voters are not excluded from the voting process due to an administrative error. They provide a fail-safe mechanism for voters who arrive at the polls on Election Day and whose eligibility to vote is uncertain.

A voter using a provisional ballot to vote will follow the same procedures as casting a regular ballot. Prior to receiving a provisional ballot, a voter will first need to sign an affidavit attesting to their eligibility to vote and complete a voter update form. Provisional ballots are placed in a separate secure ballot box from regular ballots.

A provisional ballot is used to record a vote when there are questions about a given voter's eligibility that must be resolved before the vote can count. A voter may be offered a provisional ballot when the voter's name is not on the voter list, the voter's name was marked off the voter list because they applied for an absentee ballot, the voter did not provide photo identification, the voter's right to vote is being challenged by an inspector.

You can track the status of their provisional ballot using the state's provisional ballot tool at myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/voterview.

VOTING AS A STUDENT

I am a college student. Can I register to vote where I go to school? How do I vote from my home address?

Students attending college may register at their campus address or choose to remain registered or register at their home address.

If an out-of-state voter attends school in Alabama, the voter can establish residency and vote in Alabama if the voter has intention to remain in Alabama and that jurisdiction indefinitely, considering that location the voter's new home.

If the voter is registered in Alabama, but is attending school out-of-state or out of the county in Alabama they are registered in, the voter may vote in their home jurisdiction by absentee ballot.



You can vote with a valid student or employee ID from a college or university in the State of Alabama (including postgraduate technical or professional schools)

VOTING WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD

**I have a felony criminal conviction.
Can I register to vote?**

It depends.

A person who has been convicted of certain felonies involving “moral turpitude,” whether in state or federal court, may register to vote and vote only if they obtain a pardon that specifically restores the right to vote, or if they are granted a Certificate of Eligibility to Vote by the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

If a person has been convicted of a felony that does not involve “moral turpitude” OR a misdemeanor, they remain eligible to vote and do not need to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility to Vote or receive a pardon.

Alabama lists specific crimes as involving “moral turpitude.” Any offense not included in the list is not a crime involving “moral turpitude.”

For information on restoring your voting rights, scan here.



GUIDE TO YOUR ALABAMA ELECTED OFFICIALS

STATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

GOVERNOR

TERM: 4 YEARS

The head of the executive branch executes state laws, commands our Army and Air National Guards, and signs/vetos bills from the state legislature. They also declare state of emergencies, call special sessions for the state, and pardon criminal convictions.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

TERM: 4 YEARS

The second-ranking officer in the executive branch and the first in line to succeed the Governor. The lieutenant governor acts as president of the Senate and is the tie-breaking vote.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

TERM: 4 YEARS

They defend Alabama in suits against the state. They also provide legal advice to state and county officers and advisory opinions on the constitutionality of bills as well as request execution dates for prisoners on death row. They may direct the prosecution of any criminal case in any of the courts of the state.

SECRETARY OF STATE

TERM: 4 YEARS

The Alabama chief election official certifies vote totals, candidate qualifications, and ballots. They also maintain the state government's official documents and public records.

STATE TREASURER

TERM: 4 YEARS

They handle all deposits, payments, investments, and other financial dealings on behalf of the state of Alabama.

STATE AUDITOR

TERM: 4 YEARS

They're constitutionally required to report annually on all receipts and disbursements of every character, all claims audited and paid out, and all taxes and revenues collected into the treasury.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

TERM: 4 YEARS

The board consists of nine members who authorize education policy for Alabama and who appoint the State Superintendent.

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

TERM: 4 YEARS

They manage the Department of Agriculture and Industries which oversees farms, animal and plant industry, pesticides, and other agricultural products.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

TERM: 4 YEARS

Tasked with overseeing the regulation of public transport and utilities, this three member commission provides consumers with safe, adequate and reliable services at rates that are equitable and economical.



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STATE JUDICIAL BRANCH

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT

TERM: 6 YEARS

This nine member court is the highest court in Alabama. They are authorized to review decisions of any state court, conclude legal matters other can't help due to lack of jurisdiction, and set official practices and procedures for all state courts.

ALABAMA SUPREME COURT

CHIEF JUSTICE

TERM: 6 YEARS

The chief justice acts as administrative head of Alabama's judicial system but does not have additional authority or power during legal proceedings.

CRIMINAL APPEALS

TERM: 6 YEARS

This five member court hears matters settled at circuit court level, including exclusive jurisdiction over all misdemeanors, felonies, and habeas corpus.

CIVIL APPEALS

TERM: 6 YEARS

This five member court hears matters such as divorce, custody, worker's compensation, and appeals from administrative agencies.

STATE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

ALABAMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TERM: 4 YEARS

While both legislative bodies pass bills on public policy matters, set levels for state spending, raise or lower taxes, the House is the only chamber that can originate revenue bills. They are also able to override a gubernatorial veto with a simple majority. There are 105 State House Representatives. Each member represents a district of approximately 40,000 people.

ALABAMA SENATE

TERM: 4 YEARS

While both legislative bodies pass bills on public policy matters, set levels for state spending, raise or lower taxes, the Senate has the sole power of confirmation of certain appointees. They are also the deliberative body and able to have lengthier debates. There are 35 State Senators. Each member represents a district of approximately 137,000 Alabamians.



GUIDE TO YOUR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL COUNTY ELECTED OFFICES. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH COUNTY OFFICE MAY VARY ACROSS THE STATE. ADDITIONALLY, COUNTY OFFICES ARE NOT ELECTED ON THE SAME YEAR ACROSS THE STATE.

PROBATE JUDGE

TERM: 6 YEARS

Probate judges oversee judicial matters such as name changes and adoptions, public records, elections, issuing marriage licenses, and appointing notaries public.

SHERIFF

TERM: 4 YEARS

The Sheriff is county's chief law enforcement officer. Some counties have specific laws which govern the sheriff's office differently. The Alabama Supreme Court holds county sheriffs as state officers thus making them immune to most legal actions.

REVENUE COMMISSIONER

TERM: 6 YEARS

Revenue Commissioners are responsible for mapping, appraising and assessing each parcel of property and then collecting tax based upon each parcel's assessed value.

TAX ASSESSOR

TERM: 6 YEARS

The Tax Assessor's responsibility is to discover, list, assess, apply exemptions, abatements, current use, and process real and personal property tax returns.

TAX COLLECTOR

TERM: 6 YEARS

The Tax Collector is responsible for collecting, investing, and disbursing taxes. They account for the tax money or taxable property and provide budget projection services for relevant agencies.

LICENSE COMMISSIONER

TERM: 6 YEARS*

***MOBILE COUNTY LICENSE COMMISSIONER SERVES A 4 YEAR TERM**

The License Commissioner is responsible for the issuance of certain business and professional licenses, motor vehicle licenses, motor vehicle titles, temporary tags, motor vehicle and boat casual sales and use taxes, drivers' licenses, and conservation licenses.

COUNTY COMMISSION

TERM: 4 YEARS*

***BARBOUR, BULLOCK, & PERRY COUNTIES ARE ELECTED TO 6 YEAR TERMS**

County Commissioners develop and adopt county laws on a wide variety of topics such as public health, parks, solid waste management, roads and highways, zoning and land use. One of the central roles commissioners perform in county management is overseeing the personnel system.

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COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

TERM: 6 YEARS

County Boards of Education govern local school systems, promote student learning, and prepare students for college and careers. They are responsible for overseeing the education of students in the community.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

SUPERINTENDENT

TERM: 6 YEARS

The superintendent serves as the board's chief adviser on educational matters and as the district's educational leader.

CORONER

TERM: 4 YEARS

The Coroner's responsibility is to coordinate with law enforcement, the District Attorney's Office, and the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in determining the cause and manner of death, assist families with information regarding autopsy and toxicology results, to sign death certificates, too collect county death statistics, including motor vehicle crashes, overdoses, suicides, and homicides.

**FOR YOUR COUNTY'S
SPECIFIC ELECTED
OFFICIALS,
DOWNLOAD A 2026
SAMPLE BALLOT HERE.**



SCAN HERE





Cut here and keep your plan to vote!

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

Circle how you will vote.

I will vote: **IN THE MORNING** or **ON MY LUNCH BREAK** or **AFTER WORK**

I will go to the polls: **ALONE** or **WITH A FRIEND**

I will get there by: **DRIVING** or **WALKING** or **SCHEDULING A RIDE**

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