

*The 2018 midterm election will determine seats for local, state, and federal positions. In this guide, we provide everything you need to know to be an informed voter when you go to the polls on **November 6**. This guide does not assess any candidate's fitness for a job nor recommend any candidate over another.*

HOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

Follow them online. Visit their websites, sign up for emails, and follow them on social media.

Go to events. Attend candidate forums, debates, and other campaign events and ask questions.

Read the news. Local, reputable sources oftentimes provide overviews of candidates running for election.

EXECUTIVE

Governor —

[Kay Ivey \(R\)](#), [Walt Maddox \(D\)](#)

The head of the executive branch faithfully 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 —

[Will Ainsworth \(R\)](#), [Will Boyd \(D\)](#)

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 —

[Steve Marshall \(R\)](#),
[Joseph Siegelman \(D\)](#)

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 —

[John Merrill \(R\)](#), [Heather Milam \(D\)](#)

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 — [John McMillan \(R\)](#)*

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

State Auditor —

[Miranda Joseph \(D\)](#), [Jim Zeigler \(R\)](#)

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 —

District 2 [Adam Jortner \(D\)](#), [Tracie West \(R\)](#) — **District 4** [Yvette M. Richardson \(D\)](#), [Don Wallace \(R\)](#) — **District 6** [Cynthia McCarty \(R\)](#)* —

District 8 [Jessica Fortune Barker \(D\)](#), [Wayne Reynolds \(R\)](#)

The board consists of nine members who authorize education policy for Alabama and who appoint the State Superintendent. The Governor acts as its president. Elected members serve four-year terms. Four odd districts members are elected in presidential election years, while even districts members are elected during midterms.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries — [Rick Pate \(R\)](#)*

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

Public Service Commission —

Place 1 [Cara McClure \(D\)](#), [Jeremy H. Oden \(R\)](#) — **Place 2** [Chip Beeker, Jr. \(R\)](#), [Kari Powell \(D\)](#)
Tasked with overseeing the regulation of public transport and utilities, they provide consumers with safe, adequate and reliable services at rates that are equitable and economical.

* - winner, uncontested

JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ELECTION —

Mike Anderton (R),
Danny Carr (D)

The district attorney is the chief prosecutor for a local government area in Alabama. DAs are responsible for presenting cases against individuals and groups they suspect of breaking the law, initiating and directing further criminal investigations, guiding and recommending the sentencing of offenders, and are the only attorneys allowed to participate in grand jury proceedings. They have the sole power to decide whether to file criminal charges as well as the severity of those charges, including if someone receives a death sentence.

Our DAs, elected to six-year terms, will be determined in 2022. However, a call for a special election will put two candidates on the ballot in Jefferson County this fall.

County Sheriff —

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

JUDICIAL

Alabama Supreme Court—

Chief Justice Tom Parker (R),
Bob Vance, Jr. (D) — **Place 1**
Sarah Hicks Stewart (R) — **Place 2**
Tommy Bryan (R)* — **Place 3**
Will Sellers (R)* — **Place 4** Jay Mitchell (R), Donna Wesson Smalley (D)

Officials 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. Their rulings are usually final. 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 —

Place 1 Richard Minor (R)* —
Place 2 Chris McCool (R) —
Place 3 Bill Cole (R)*

They hear matters settled at circuit court level, including exclusive jurisdiction over all misdemeanors, felonies, and habeas corpus.

Civil Appeals —

Place 1 Richard Minor (R)* —
Place 2 Chris McCool (R)* —
Place 3 Bill Cole, (R)*

They hear matters such as divorce, custody, worker's compensation, and appeals from administrative agencies.

LEGISLATIVE

Alabama House of Representatives

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.

District 1: Phillip Pettus (R),
Bobby James Dolan III (I)

District 2: Lora Kay Morrow (D),
Lynn Greer (R)

District 3: Chad Young (D),
Andrew Sorrell (R)

District 4: Juanita Allen Healy (D),
Parker Moore (R), Polan Willis Jr. (I)

District 5: Brian Williams (D),
Danny Crawford (R)

District 6: Andy Whitt (R)*

District 7: Kenneth Brackins (D),
Proncey Robertson (R)

District 8: Billy Jackson (D),
Terri Collins (R)

District 9: Terrie Jones Savage (D),
Scott Stadthagen (R)

District 10: J.B. King (D),
Mike Ball (R), Elijah Boyd (L)

District 11: Randall Shedd (R)*

District 12: Corey Harbison (R)*

District 13: Connie Cooner Rowe (R)*

District 14: Tim Wadsworth (R)*

District 15: Suzanna Coleman (D),
Allen Farley (R)

District 16: Kyle South (R)*

District 17: Tracy Estes (R)*

District 18: Eddie Britton (D),
Jamie Kiel (R)

District 19: Laura Hall (D)*

District 20: Linda Meigs (D),
Howard Sanderford (R)

District 21: C. Terry Jones (D),
Rex Reynolds (R)

District 22: Ritchie Whorton (R)*

District 23: James Hanes, Jr. (R)*

District 24: Nathaniel Ledbetter (R)*

District 25: Mac McCutcheon (R)*

District 26: Kerry Rich (R)*

District 27: Bill Jones (D),
Wes Kitchens (R)

District 28: Kyle Pierce (D),
Gil Isbell (R)

District 29: Jared Millican (D),
Becky Nordgren (R)

District 30: Jared Vaughn (D),
B. Craig Lipscomb (R)

District 31: Mike Holmes (R)*

District 32: Barbara Boyd (D),
James Lloyd (R)

District 33: Scott Brewer (D),
Ron Johnson (R)
District 34: David Standridge (R)*
District 35: Steve Hurst (R)*
District 36: Nicki Arnold-Swindle (D),
Randy Wood (R)
District 37:
Charlotte Clark-Frieson (D),
Bob Fincher (R)
District 38: Brian McGee (D),
Todd Rauch (R)
District 39: Ginny Shaver (R)*
District 40: Pamela Howard (D),
K.L. Brown (R)
District 41: Emily Marcum (D),
Corley Ellis (R)
District 42: James Martin (R)*
District 43: Carin Mayo (D),
Arnold Mooney (R)
District 44: Danny Garrett (R)*
District 45: Jenn Gray (D),
Dickie Drake (R)
District 46: Felicia Stewart (D),
David Faulkner (R)
District 47: Jim Toomey (D),
David Wheeler (R)
District 48: Alli Summerford (D),
Jim Carns (R)
District 49: April Weaver (R)*
District 50: Jim Hill (R)*
District 51: Veronica Johnson (D),
Allen Treadaway (R)
District 52: John Rogers (D)*
District 53: Anthony Daniels (D)*
District 54: Neil Rafferty (D),
Joseph Casper Baker III (I)
District 55: Rod Scott (D)*
District 56: Louise Alexander (D)*
District 57: Merika Coleman (D)*
District 58: Rolanda Hollis (D)*
District 59: Mary Moore (D)*
District 60: Juandalynn Givan (D)*
District 61: Tommy Hyche (D),
Rodney Sullivan (R)
District 62: Will Benton (D),
Rich Wingo (R)
District 63: Bill Poole (R)*
District 64: Amber Selman-Lynn (D),
Harry Shiver (R)
District 65: Elaine Beech (D),
Brett Easterbrook (R)
District 66: Susan Smith (D),
Alan Baker (R)
District 67: Prince Chestnut (D)*
District 68: Thomas Jackson (D)*

District 69: Kelvin Lawrence (D)*
District 70:
Christopher J. England (D)*
District 71: Artis J. McCampbell (D)*
District 72:
Ralph Anthony Howard (D)*
District 73: Jack Jacobs (D),
Matt Fridy (R)
District 74: Rayford Mack (D),
Dimitri Polizos (R)
District 75: Reed Ingram (R)*
District 76: Thad McClammy (D)*
District 77: TaShina Morris (D)*
District 78: Kirk Hatcher (D),
Tijuanna Adetunji (I)
District 79: Mary Wynne Kling (D),
Joe Lovvorn (R)
District 80: Judy LaRue (D),
Chris Blackshear (R)
District 81: Jeremy Jeffcoat (D),
Ed Oliver (R)
District 82: Pebblin Warren (D)*
District 83: Jeremy Gray (D),
Michael Holden (R)
District 84: Berry Forte (D)*
District 85: Dexter Grimsley (D),
J. Ron Wilson (R)
District 86: Kristy Kirkland (D),
Paul Lee (R)
District 87: Jeff Sorrells (R)*
District 88: Cory Creel (D),
Will Dismukes (R)
District 89: Joel Lee Williams (D),
Wes Allen (R)
District 90: Joanne Whetstone (D),
Chris Sells (R)
District 91: Rhett Marques (R)*
District 92: Mike Jones, Jr. (R)*
District 93: Steve Clouse (R)*
District 94:
Danielle Mashburn-Myrick (D),
Joe Faust (R)
District 95: Steve McMillan (R)*
District 96: Maurice Horsey (D),
Matt Simpson (R), Matt Shelby (L)
District 97: Adline C. Clarke (D),
Stephen McNair (R)
District 98: Napoleon Bracy Jr. (D)*
District 99: Sam Jones (D),
Charles Talbert (R)
District 100: Victor Gaston (R)*
District 101: Chris Pringle (R)*
District 102: Shane Stringer (R)*
District 103: Barbara Drummond (D)*

District 104:
Arlene Cunningham Easley (D),
Margie Wilcox (R)
District 105: Chip Brown (R)*

Alabama Senate —

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.

District 1: Caroline Self (D),
Tim Melson (R)
District 2: Amy Wasyluka (D),
Tom Butler (R)
District 3: Arthur Orr (R)*
District 4: Garlan Gudger (R)*
District 5: Greg Reed (R)*
District 6: Johnny Mack Morrow (D),
Larry Stutts (R)
District 7: Deborah Barros (D),
Sam Givhan (R)
District 8: Steve Livingston (R)*
District 9: Clay Scofield (R)*
District 10: Andrew Jones (R),
Craig Ford (I)
District 11: Carl Carter (D),
Jim McClendon (R)
District 12: Jim Williams (D),
Del Marsh (R)
District 13: Darrell Turner (D),
Randy Price (R)
District 14: Jerry McDonald (D),
Cam Ward (R)
District 15: Laura Casey (D),
Dan Roberts (R)
District 16: Lindsey Deckard (D),
J.T. Waggoner (R)
District 17: Shay Shelnett (R)*
District 18: Rodger Smitherman (D)*
District 19: Priscilla Dunn (D)*
District 20: Linda Coleman-Madison (D)*
District 21: Rick Burnham (D),
Gerald Allen (R)
District 22: Greg Albritton (R)*
District 23: Malika Sanders-Fortier (D),
Mark Story (I), J. Cooper Holmes (I)
District 24: Bobby Singleton (D)*
District 25: David Sadler (D),
Will Barfoot (R)

District 26: David Burkette (D),
D.J. Johnson (R)

District 27:

Nancy Carlton Bendinger (D),
Tom Whatley (R)

District 28: Billy Beasley (D)*

District 29: Donnie Chesteen (R)*

District 30: Clyde Chambliss Jr. (R)*

District 31: Jimmy Holley (R)*

District 32: Jason Fisher (D),
Chris Elliot (R)

District 33: Vivian Figures (D)*

District 34: Jack Williams (R)*

District 35: Tom Holmes (D),
David Sessions (R)

House of Representatives –

Congressional representatives are responsible for crafting, debating, and passing federal law in coordination with the U.S. Senate. The House represents the popular will, so voters elect their state representatives directly. They possess the authority to initiate revenue bills and impeachments.

District 1: Bradley Byrne (R),
Robert Kennedy, Jr. (D)

District 2: Martha Roby (R),
Tabitha Isner (D)

District 3: Mallory Hagan (D),
Mike Rogers (R)

District 4: Robert Aderholt (R),
Lee Auman (D)

District 5: Mo Brooks (R),
Peter Joffrion (D)

District 6: Danner Kline (D),
Gary Palmer (R)

District 7: Terri Sewell (D)*

**IMPORTANT DATES
AND DEADLINES**

October 22, 2018

Voter registration deadline for
general election

November 1, 2018

Last day to apply for an absentee
ballot for the general election

November 5, 2018

Last day for voter to hand-deliver
or postmark an absentee ballot

November 6, 2018

Statewide General Election

HOTLINE

CALL 334-420-1748.

If you have a complaint about
voting on Election Day, call our
hotline to leave a message or
submit a comment online. This is
not intended to offer assistance
or legal advice.



Alabama

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BALLOT INITIATIVES

**Amendment #1:
Ten Commandments
Amendment**

+ This proposed amendment
would authorize the display
of the Ten Commandments
on government property
including public schools.

+ The ACLU opposes this
because a constitutional display
of the Ten Commandments
is already permissible so this
Amendment does nothing to
further religious liberty. The
Amendment is likely to result
in potentially costly litigation
against government entities.

**Amendment #2:
Anti-Abortion Amendment**

+ This proposed amendment
would declare that the state
of Alabama must recognize
and support the “rights
of unborn children.”

+ The ACLU opposes this
Amendment because it attempts
to criminalize abortions with
no exceptions. Health care
shouldn’t be a decision left up
to lawmakers in Montgomery.

**Amendment #3:
University of Alabama
Trustees Amendment**

+ This proposed amendment
would remove the state

superintendent from the
board, establish districts for
membership, and eliminate the 70
year age cap for board members.

+ The ACLU takes no position
on this Amendment.

**Amendment #4:
Legislature Vacancy
Amendment**

+ This proposed amendment
would allow a vacated seat in
the Alabama House or Senate
to stay empty until the next
general election if the vacancy
occurs on or after October 1
in the third year of a term.

+ The ACLU takes no position
on this Amendment.