

Voter Frequently asked Questions (FAQ)

1. I have moved to Jefferson County from another county. What should I do to transfer my voter registration to Jefferson County?

You must complete a new voter registration application and mail it to the Jefferson County Board of Registrars.

2. How do I change my address for voting purposes?

Complete a voter registration application and mail the form to the Jefferson County Board of Registrars.

3. How do I know if my application has been processed?

Once your application has been processed, a voter information card will be mailed to you. The voter information card has your polling precinct information.

4. Do I declare a political party in Alabama?

No, Alabama does not utilize party registration.

5. How far from the polling precinct must candidates and campaign workers be on election day?

Thirty (30) feet from the entrance to the polling place.

6. May a voter receive assistance with voting if necessary?

Yes, upon request. A voter may designate someone of his or her choice for assistance. Election officials may also provide assistance.

7. What hours are the polls open on election day?

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

8. How are candidates listed on the ballot?

In a primary, candidates are listed in alphabetical order. In a general election, the political parties with their respective nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

9. Can I take a sample ballot into the polling precinct with me?

Yes, you may take a sample ballot into a polling precinct with you, but be sure to take it with you when you leave.

10. What if I make a mistake marking my ballot?

If you have not already placed the ballot in the voting machine, you may ask an election official for another ballot. The election worker will spoil the old ballot so it will not be counted.

11. Can I wear campaign buttons or clothing into the polling precinct to cast my vote?

Yes, however, you should not loiter or leave any campaign materials in the voting precinct.

12. If Constitutional Amendments are included on the ballot, must I vote on them?

No, you are not required to vote on Constitutional Amendments. Participation is your choice.

13. When I voted in the primary, I was asked to declare a political party preference. Why?

A voter is required to choose one political party primary over the other because you cannot participate in both parties' primaries. In the general election, a voter can split their ticket.

14. Can I take photographs or videotape inside my polling precinct?

No, a voter has a right to cast their ballot in secrecy.

15. Can I take a cell phone into my polling precinct?

Yes, but you cannot disturb others and if your cell phone has a camera or video function, you cannot take pictures or video inside a polling precinct.

16. What is a provisional ballot?

During an election, a voter claiming to be properly registered and eligible to vote, but where eligibility cannot be determined, shall be entitled to cast a provisional ballot.

17. Are candidate contributions and expenditures public record?

Yes.

18. Does registering for Selective Service or obtaining a driver's license automatically register a person to vote?

No, you must complete a voter registration application and deliver the form to the Board of Registrars Office in your county.