

What is an affidavit ballot, and why are they used in Mississippi elections?

The following are the guidelines and procedures for casting an affidavit ballot in either the Primary Election or the General Election.

This information is provided by the Mississippi Secretary of State Office.

Any person who desires to vote and whose name does not appear on the poll books must be afforded the opportunity to cast an affidavit/provisional ballot according to Mississippi Code Annotated 23-15-573.

Affidavit Ballots are used when:

- The prospective voter's name does not appear on the poll book because
- Voter has moved within the city, district, county or municipality and did not notify the Municipal Clerk, County Clerk or Election Commission
- Voter's name was erroneously purged
- Voter has been illegally denied registration
- A voter believes he is a registered voter in the jurisdiction in which he desires to vote and is eligible to vote in the election
- The voter is a first-time, unverified, mail-in voter and does not have a HAVA approved form of identification HAVA Approved Identification Some voter's may be required to shown an ID if they have registered by mail, not not been "verified" and are voting for the first time.

Approved forms of HAVA ID include:

- Current valid photo ID
- Current utility bill with voter's name and address
- Current bank statement with voter's name and address
- Current paycheck or government check with voter's name and address
- Any other government document exhibiting voter's name and address

Affidavits Must Include:

- Complete name
- All required addresses and telephone numbers
- Statement that the affiant believes he is registered to vote in the jurisdiction in which he offers to vote
- Signature of the affiant
- Signature of one of the election manager (Reference: Mississippi Code Annotated 23-15-573) Receipt Book
- A separate register (receipt book) must be kept
- Any person who votes by affidavit ballot must sign the receipt book designated for affidavit ballots.

Affidavit Ballot process:

- 1.) Voter appears at the polling place and Poll Manager determines that voter's name is not on the poll books.
- 2.) Poll Managers must then determine if the voter should be voting at another polling place by referring to a master list of all county voters and confirming the current residential address.
- 3.) If the voter resides in another precinct, the voter must go to that precinct's polling place.
- 4.) If the voter casts a ballot at a precinct other than where the voter resides, the entire ballot must be rejected.
- 5.) If the Poll Manager establishes the voter is in the correct precinct but the voter's name does not appear on the poll book, they should advise the voter that he/she may vote by affidavit ballot.
- 6.) The voter must sign a separate sign-in sheet. (Reference: Mississippi Code Annotated 23-15-573).
- 7.) The voter and Poll Manger complete the appro-

priate sections of the affidavit ballot envelope.

8.) The Poll Manager checks the type of election, the name of the county or municipality, the reason for using an affidavit ballot and prints the name of the precinct and date.

9.) The voter provides as much of the identifying information as possible and checks the appropriate box under "Affidavit of Voter."

Completing the Affidavit Ballot Envelope

After the voter and the Poll Manager signs the envelope (Don't forget to sign), the Poll Manager will provide a blank ballot to the voter.

The voter is provided a suitable place where he/she can mark the ballot in secret.

The voted ballot is folded by the voter and handed to the Poll Manager, who places it in the ballot envelope.

The affidavit ballot envelope is then sealed and placed in the ballot box.

The voter is provided written information on how to ascertain whether his/her affidavit ballot was counted and, if not, why it was not counted. The county must have a free access system.

The Executive Committee for primary elections, and the Election Commissioners in other elections, shall examine the records and decide whether to allow the ballot to be counted or not counted. This is typically handled the day after an election in Greene County.

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