

Registering to vote is simple for Greene Co. residents

Casting a vote to help choose one's representation on local, state and federal government levels is one of the most basic rights Americans enjoy. Yet, the number of people who register to participate in that process remains far below the number eligible to do so.

There has been quite a bit of study on why that problem exists and plenty of disagreement on what the true causes are and how to address them. Many states have instituted creative ways make the process easier and also increase participation in the actual voting process.

In Mississippi, residents have several easy options for registering to vote. Every U.S. citizen who possesses the following qualifications is eligible to register to vote in Mississippi:

■ be a resident of Mississippi and the county, city, or town for 30 days prior to the election;

■ be at least 18 years old (or will be 18 by the date of the next General Election);

■ not declared mentally incompetent by a court; and

■ not convicted of a disenfranchising crime as defined by Section 241 of the Mississippi Constitution or by Attorney General Opinion, unless pardoned, rights of citizenship restored by the Governor or suffrage rights restored by the Legislature.

Steps for Registering to Vote by U.S. Mail

1. Complete a Mail-In Voter Registration Application. Provide the information requested, including your driver's license number and/or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not provide your driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number, you must send with your application either a copy of a current

and valid photo ID or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

2. Send your Mail-In Voter Registration Application to the Circuit Clerk's Office located in the county of your residence.

3. Applications must be postmarked 30 days before the date of the election. If the 30th day falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, then both the postmark and in-person deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

4. Mail-In Registration Applications are available at your Circuit Clerk's Office, Municipal Clerk's Office, public library, and other participating government offices. Also, Mail-In Registration Applications are available online at www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov.

Steps for Registering to Vote in Person

1. You may register to vote in person at the following locations:

- Circuit Clerk's Office;
- Municipal Clerk's Office;
- Department of Public Safety; or

• Any state or federal agency offering government services, such as the Department of Human Services.

2. You must register to vote 30 days before the date of the election. If the 30th day falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, then

both the postmark and in-person deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

For more information on registering to vote, contact the Greene County Circuit Clerk's Office at (601)394-2379 or visit www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov.

Know Your Voting Rights

Every qualified Mississippi elector is entitled to vote regardless of race, creed, color, or disability. Likewise:

■ no one may refuse a person the right to vote if that person is legally entitled to vote.

■ no voter shall be threatened, intimidated, or paid to vote by any person.

■ voters whose names do not appear on the poll book or who do not have an acceptable form of photo ID are entitled to vote by affidavit ballot.

■ voters who cast an affidavit ballot are entitled to receive written information at the time of voting on how to determine if the vote was counted and, if not, why not.

■ voters who require assistance in marking the ballot because of disability, blindness, or an inability to read or write are entitled to receive assistance from a person of the voter's choice, excluding, a candidate whose name is on the ballot, or the spouse, parent, sibling or child of a candidate whose name is on the ballot, or by a poll watcher who is observing in the polling place on Election Day, or the voter's employer or agent of that employer, or officer or agent of the voter's union; unless, however, a candidate for office or the spouse, parent or child of a candidate is related within the first degree to the voter requesting assistance.

MOVING FORWARD: Important Dates for the Nov. General Election

September 11 GENERAL ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOT DEADLINE. The Secretary of State Office publishes the General Election Sample Ballot in SEMS.

September 21 ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE. Absentee ballots must be available in the Circuit Clerk's Office as of this date. Absentee ballots must be mailed within 24 hours to voters who submitted an application before ballots became available, once ballots are available.

October 7 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE 5 p.m. Applicants who register in person in the Circuit Clerk's

Office no later than 5 p.m. on Oct. 7 and those who mail registration applications postmarked no later than Oct. 7 are eligible to vote in the General Election.

October 10 CAMPAIGN FINANCE PRE-ELECTION REPORTING DEADLINE, 5 p.m. Periodic reports due in appropriate office for 2019 candidates and political committees supporting or opposing 2019 candidates.

October 29 CAMPAIGN FINANCE PRE-ELECTION REPORTING DEADLINE. Pre-Election reports are due from only General Election candidates and political committees supporting or

opposing those candidates in the appropriate office.

November 2 IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING DEADLINE, 12 p.m. Circuit Clerk's Offices open from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.

November 4 ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL DEADLINE 5 p.m. Circuit Clerk's Offices must be in actual receipt of absentee ballots returned by mail for ballots to be timely. *This is not a postmark deadline, but an actual receipt deadline.*

November 5 GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION DAY for Statewide, State District, Legislative, County and County District Offices. Polling places open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Are you registered to vote?

Verify if you are an active registered voter online at www.yallvote.sos.ms.gov

Have you moved and need to update your address?

To update your name and address registration information online, you must already be a registered voter of the State of Mississippi and have a current and valid Mississippi driver's license or photo identification card issued by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

Update your voter registration information in five easy steps:

1. Enter your information exactly as it appears on

- your current voter registration card.
- Choose your name out of the four possibilities listed.
- Enter your information exactly as it appears on your driver's license or other DPS identification card.
- Change your address or name.
- Visit the polling place locator prior to or on Election Day to determine where you should go to cast your ballot. It is as simple as typing www.sos.ms.gov/PollingPlace into your web browser and filling in your home address.

On Tuesday, Aug. 6 - Vote for



Make Your Vote Count
in the
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Proven Positive Leadership

Working TODAY, Planning for TOMORROW

Progress to Date:

- ★ Brought Greene County into compliance with state and federal regulations resulting in funding being possible for two new bridges.
- ★ Combined government agencies for funding for various infrastructure projects in District 3.
- ★ Doubled the equipment for District maintenance and repair and allowing significant savings on some of the larger cost share projects by using our own equipment.
- ★ Worked closely with our state legislatures to find new sources of incoming revenue for county infrastructure.
- ★ Assisted existing small businesses in expansion by putting them together with government funding sources.
- ★ Continuing to reach out to industries to consider locating in Greene County.

I want to sincerely thank you for your help and support! Let's continue working together while we plan for tomorrow.

Jerry C. Mills - Dist. 3 Supervisor

SAMPLE Official Election Ballot
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
GREENE COUNTY
Republican 2019 Primaries

Tuesday, August 06, 2019

TO VOTE: YOU MUST DARKEN THE OVAL (●) COMPLETELY. USE ONLY A #2 PENCIL OR A DARK PEN.
Do not use a red pen, felt tip pen or a red pencil!
Do not cross out or erase - If you make a mistake, you may request a new ballot.

**For Supervisor District 3
Vote for ONE**

Scott Maxie

Jerry C Mills

Wayburn D Smith Jr.

Write-in

**PLEASE VOTE AUGUST 6
IN THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**