

## ABSENTEE VOTING INFORMATION:

Since requirements and application forms are different for different classes of absentee voters, obtain information on how to vote by absentee ballot from your County Board of Registrars, stating the circumstances that entitle you to vote as an absentee voter. It is advisable to make application for absentee voting privileges at least 45 days prior to an election to allow ample time for the processing of the necessary records.

## BE INFORMED AND PARTICIPATE IN YOUR GOVERNMENT!

Do you want to help make decisions in government? In addition to voting, write your elected representatives stating briefly and specifically your opinions about those issues in which you are interested and informed.

Address members of Congress: House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Address Senators: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

Address the Governor and members of the Alabama Legislature: State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama 36104

## WHAT IS THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS?

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate. It does offer factual information on candidates and issues, registration and voting procedures.

For additional election information consult the local League in Auburn, Birmingham, Childersburg, Florence, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan County (Decatur) or Tuscaloosa.

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are **YOU** a voter?

# ABC'S OF VOTING IN ALABAMA

## YOU MAY VOTE IN ALABAMA IF:

- You are 21 and a United States citizen.
- You have lived in Alabama one year, your county six months, and your precinct (beat) three months.
- You have registered to vote with your County Board of Registrars.

## TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN ALABAMA:

You must appear in person before your County Board of Registrars. In most counties the three-member board meets at the courthouse the first and third Mondays of every month. In odd-numbered years they also meet in each precinct at advertised times. Counties of large population have additional days. Consult your courthouse for specific information.

You fill out a written questionnaire in the presence of the board and take an oath of allegiance to the nation and the state. (Under action of the U. S. Department of Justice, Alabama cannot at present give a literacy test and cannot require a witness to the fact of residence of the voter. Also, poll taxes have been abolished by Federal court order.)

You register only once unless you move to another county. Then you must re-register after establishing six months residence in the new county.

## WHERE TO VOTE?

You must vote in the precinct (beat) and box in which you live. This is your legal residence. You will be informed of your precinct and probably your polling place at the time of your registration.

If you move within your precinct you should report any change of address to your Board of Registrars 30 days before an election to insure that your name is placed on the voting list of your new box.

## WHEN TO VOTE?

**General Elections:** The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

**Party Primaries:** The first Tuesday in May of even-numbered years. The "run-off" is held four weeks later in those contests where no candidate has gained a majority. Traditionally the Democratic party has nominated its candidates for national and state (including county) offices by use of the primary.

**Party Conventions:** At announced times. Candidates of the Republican party for national, state and local offices are usually nominated in this manner.

**Statewide Referendums:** Usually held at times specified in legislative acts. Referendums on bond issues, amendments, school district taxes, etc. follow sessions of the State Legislature.

**Municipal Elections:** At times specified by your city government. Such elections are determined by the size of the municipality and its form of government.

## YOU MAY VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IF:

Your business or occupation regularly requires you to be away from home at least 50 percent of the time.

You are a member of the armed services with regular duties outside the county in which you are a qualified voter, or the wife of a serviceman living with him at his post of duty.

You are a disabled veteran confined to a veteran's hospital.

You are confined either at home or in a hospital by illness.

You are a seaman, sailor or mariner.

You are a college student attending college outside the county in which you are qualified to vote.