

NOTICE OF ELECTION

This notice is prepared by the Baxter County Election Commission to inform the public that the **2026 Preferential Primary Election** will be held on **March 3, 2026**. This notice also provides the public information regarding this election as required by law:

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION			
First United Methodist Church	T-F:	Feb. 17 th – Feb. 20 th	8:00am - 6:00pm
605 West 6 th Street (West Road)	Sat:	Feb. 21 st	10:00am - 4:00pm
Mountain Home, AR 72653	M-F:	Feb. 23rd – Feb. 27 th	8:00am - 6:00pm
	Sat:	Feb 28 th	10:00am - 4:00pm
	Mon:	March 2 nd	8:00am - 5:00pm
Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.			

BALLOT CANVASSING AND COUNTING:

All processes listed below will be conducted at the **Baxter County Election Commission Office** located at **215 E. 5th Street, Mountain Home, AR**. The dates and times are provided below:

Activity	Date	Time
Pre-Election Processing of Absentee Ballots (IF NEEDED)	Feb. 24 th	10:00am to Completion
Canvassing and Counting of Absentee Ballots	March 3 rd	8:30am to Completion
Initial Duplication of Ballots (if needed for torn ballots)	March 4 th	8:00am to Completion
Recount (IF NEEDED)	March 5 th	10:00am to Completion
Post Election Audit	March 6 th	8:30am to Completion
Provisional Ballot Hearings	March 9 th	11:00am to 12:00pm
Final Review and Counting of Provisional Ballots	March 9 th	12:00pm to Completion
Canvassing and Counting of UOCAVA Absentee Ballots (IF NEEDED)	March 13 th	10:00am to 10:30am
Secondary Duplication of Ballots (if needed for UOCAVA's)	March 13 th	10:30am to completion

All processes listed below will be conducted at the **Baxter County Courthouse** located at **1 E. 7th St., Ste 103, Mountain Home, AR**. The dates and times are provided below:

Compiling & Publishing Unofficial Election Results	March 3 rd	7:30pm to Completion
Initial Review of Provisional Ballots	March 4 th	10:00am to Completion
Certification of the Election	March 18 th	10:30am to Completion

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

To request an absentee ballot, or to see if you are qualified to vote absentee, contact the County Clerk's office using the information below:

1 E. 7th St., Ste 103 Mountain Home, AR

(870) 425-3475 or (870) 580-5602 - Office

elections@baxtercountyar.gov

Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm

Names of Election Officials appointed to conduct early voting, election day voting, and all other required duties will be posted for public viewing in the Baxter County Clerk's office, on February 9th and remain posted for not less than 10 days. The Baxter County Clerk's office is located at 1 East 7th St, Ste 103, Mountain Home, AR. An objection must be filed with the County Clerk in writing prior to the following deadlines. An objection that an official is a spouse of a county election commissioner, a county party chair, or a spouse of a county party chair must be filed within 7 days of February 9th. An objection that an official is married to a candidate or related to a candidate within two degrees of blood relations must be filed within 10 days of February 9th.

IN THE EVENT OF A RUNOFF:

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

First United Methodist Church T-F: Mar 24th to Mar 27th 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
605 West 6th Street (West Road) **Mon:** Mar 30th 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mountain Home, AR 72653
NO SATURDAY VOTING

ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

PRIMARY BALLOT CHOICES:

REGISTERED REPUBLICAN VOTER: will have the option of choosing a Republican ballot, a Democratic ballot, or a Non-Partisan ballot

REGISTERED DEMOCRATIC VOTER: will have the option of choosing either a Democratic ballot, or a Non-Partisan ballot.

REGISTERED OPTIONAL VOTER: will have the option of choosing a Republican ballot, a Democratic ballot, or a Non-Partisan ballot.

All voters have the option of changing their political party on their voter registration.

PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY/NONPARTISAN ELECTION CANDIDATES

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES	NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES
U.S. SENATE Micah Ashby Senator Tom Cotton Jeb Little	U.S. SENATE Mayor Ethan N. Dunbar Hallie Shoffner	STATE SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, POSITION 03 John Adams Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Nick Bronni
SECRETARY OF STATE Bryan Norris Senator Kim Hammer Judge Cathy Hardin Harrison	GOVERNOR Sulpha Xayprasith-Mays State Senator Fred Love	Viola School District #15 Derek Winter Craig Batterton
COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS Secretary of State Cole Jester Christian Olson	UNOPPOSED REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES U.S. Congressman, District 01 Terri Yarbrough Green Secretary of State Kelly Grappe State Representative, District 03 Carrie Huddleston Justice of the Peace, District 08 Micha Johnson	UNOPPOSED NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES State Supreme Court Associate Justice, Position 06 Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Cody Hiland Court of Appeals Associate Judge District 02, Position 01 Court of Appeals Judge Bart Virden Circuit Judge District 14, Division 01 Circuit Judge Andrew Bailey Circuit Judge District 14, Division 02 Circuit Judge Deanna "Suzie" Layton Circuit Judge District 14, Division 03 Ben Burnett Circuit Judge District 14, Division 04 Circuit Judge Johnnie Abbott Copeland Prosecuting Attorney, District 14 David L. Ethredge
BAXTER COUNTY JUDGE JP Dist. 11 Eric Payne County Judge Kevin Litty		
BAXTER COUNTY SHERIFF Brian Davis Henry Campfield Mark Hollingsworth		
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 02 Teia Peters Mike McDonald		
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 03 Rick Steiner Jay Sabella		
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 07 Bob Nault Brian Ades		
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 09 James L. Baker Cameron Davis		
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, DISTRICT 11 Danny Woods Tom Canta		
CONSTABLE, DISTRICT 01 Douglas E. Stephens John L. Pate		
CONSTABLE, DISTRICT 08 Constable Tyler Brown Bobby Hicks		
CONSTABLE, DISTRICT 11 Toney Brausell Frankie Baker		
UNOPPOSED REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES U.S. Congressman, District 01 Congressman Rick Crawford Governor Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders Lieutenant Governor Lieutenant Governor Leslie Rutledge Attorney General Attorney General Tim Griffin State Treasurer State Treasurer John Thurston		<p>MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT #9 32.16 MILLS SCHOOL TAX The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax 25.29 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 32.16 mills includes 25.29 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 6.87 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 32.16 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Tax <input type="checkbox"/> Against Tax</p> <p>UNOPPOSED SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES: Tommy C. Knight, Position 02 Barbara Horton, Position 04 Scott Booth, Position 06</p>

UNOPPOSED REPUBLICAN CAND. CONT'D:**State Auditor**

Auditor of State Dennis Milligan

State Representative, District 03

State Representative Stetson Painter

State Representative, District 04

State Representative Jason Nazarenko

State Representative, District 27

State Representative Steven Walker

Baxter County & Circuit Clerk

County & Circuit Clerk Canda J. Reese

Baxter County Treasurer

Treasurer Jenay Mize

Baxter County Assessor

Jayme Nicholson Johnson

Baxter County Collector

Collector Teresa Smith

Baxter County Coroner

Sara Fischer

Justice of the Peace, District 01

Dennis M. Frank

Justice of the Peace, District 04

Justice of the Peace Dirk Waldrop

Justice of the Peace, District 05

Maryanne Edge

Justice of the Peace, District 06

Justice of the Peace Lisa J. House

Justice of the Peace, District 08

Edward Griffin

Justice of the Peace, District 10

Shannon Walker

Constable, District 03

Kaleb Johnson

Constable, District 04

Constable Julie Little

Constable, District 05

Ben Burnett

Constable, District 06

Bryce Hinson

Constable, District 07

Crisy Cook

Constable, District 09

Constable Billy Cox

Constable, District 10

Ronald L. Weaver

Norfork School District #61 37.39 Mills School Tax

The total rate proposed includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 37.39 mills includes 30.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 7.39 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

- For Tax
- Against Tax

UNOPPOSED SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES:

Darin Hughes, Position 03

Steven Braun, Position 04

Cotter School District #60 32.67 Mills School Tax

The total tax rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in the district. The total proposed school tax levy of 32.67 mills includes 25.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 7.67 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bond indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 32.67 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

- For Tax
- Against Tax

UNOPPOSED SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES:

Andrew Slater, Position 01

Allen Franks, Position 02

Jimmy Morgan, Position 03

Calico Rock School District #50 42.30 Mills School Tax

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax 25.00 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 42.30 mills includes 25.00 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 17.30 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 42.30 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

- For Tax
- Against Tax

ISOLATED SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION

The MVSD School Board of Directors has officially called for an election to determine course of action regarding Timbo Schools detaching territory from the Mountain View School District to establish the Timbo School District (formerly Stone County School District #1). The following language has been approved by the Mountain View School District Board of Directors for inclusion on the March 2026 Stone, Searcy, and Baxter County election ballots.

To create a new school district in the territory that formerly made up the Stone County School District #1 and to detach that territory from the Mountain View School District pursuant to Act 919 of 2025.

FOR
 AGAINST

Mountain View School District #30 28.91 Mills School Tax

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax 25.00 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 28.91 mills includes 28.91 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation. The total proposed school tax levy of 28.91 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

For Tax
 Against Tax

Viola School District #15 40.62 Mills School Tax

The total rate proposed above includes the uniform rate of tax 25.00 mills (the "Statewide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 40.62 mills includes 25.00 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 15.62 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by the debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes. The total proposed school tax levy of 40.62 mills represents the same rate presently being collected.

For Tax
 Against Tax

Severe Weather Emergency Closure

In case of a severe weather event or other county wide emergency during the election, the only locations that will be kept open will be **First United Methodist Church**. This decision will be made based on recommendations from the Baxter County Judge's Office, Baxter County Emergency Management, and Baxter County Sheriff's Department to the Baxter County Election Commission. Information will be posted on the Baxter County website and on KTLO.

As provided in Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-101(3)(A) A notice of a change made in a polling site shall be provided by posting information at the polling site used in the last election and by the county clerk mailing notice to affected registered voters at least fifteen (15) days before the election unless:

- The election is a school election;
- The election is a special election; or
- The change in polling sites is due to an emergency arising less than fifteen (15) days before the election.

VIEWING YOUR BALLOT PRIOR TO VOTING:

Any voter may look up his or her sample ballot on the Secretary of State's website at: <https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/voterview>. Ballots will be available no later than 20 days prior to the election. Sample ballots will also be available at the polling site.

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