



# ST. CLAIR ELECTION GUIDE

PRIMARY ELECTIONS / MAY 19, 2026  
STATEWIDE AND ST. CLAIR COUNTY RACES  
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# YOUR GUIDE TO YOUR ELECTION

We believe in building a brighter, more inclusive future for Alabama. We do that by showing up in our communities and getting involved. From the streets to the voting booth, our voices matter, our stories shape the future, and we build power together.

This non-partisan guide can help you make your voice heard at the polls. We provide candidate bios and voting information. We do not endorse anyone; we want you to decide which candidates best represent you and your community.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Registering to Vote

Online applications must be submitted by May 4, 2026

In-person applications must be submitted by May 4, 2026

Mail-in applications must be postmarked by May 4, 2026

### Requesting an Absentee Ballot

Absentee ballots may be requested in person until May 14, 2026

Mail-in requests must be received by May 12, 2026

### Voting

Mail-in ballots must be received by May 19, 2026

Primary Election Day is May 19, 2026

Primary Run Off Election (if necessary) June 16, 2026



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# WELCOME TO ST. CLAIR COUNTY

## “I have a felony conviction. Can I vote?”

Most felony convictions—including many drug-related offenses—**do not disqualify you from registering to vote in Alabama**. Only certain offenses classified as crimes of “moral turpitude” result in the loss of voting rights. For those who are disqualified, there is a clear process to restore those rights.

If you have completed all terms of your sentence—including probation, parole, or community supervision—and have paid all required fines, fees, and restitution, you may be eligible to apply for a **Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote (CERV)** through the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Return My Vote provides **free assistance** to help individuals determine their eligibility and guides them step-by-step through the process of registering or restoring their right to vote.

For help, visit [returnmyvote.org](https://returnmyvote.org) to get started and access resources, tools, and direct support.

## What is a Primary Election?

Political parties use primary elections to select who will represent their party in the General Election. There may also be state constitutional amendments on the ballot.

At your polling place on the day of the primary, you must choose a political party, and you will be given a ballot with the candidates of that party and the proposed constitutional amendments. If you do not choose a party, you will receive a ballot with only the amendments.

The party or candidates you choose in the primary do not limit who you get to vote for in the General Election. In the General Election, you may vote for candidates from multiple parties.

Note: Candidates running unopposed in their party will not appear on the primary ballot and are not included here. They will be included in our General Election Guide

# Preparing for Election Day

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**Check your eligibility to vote!** Will you be at least 18 years old on Election Day?

Yes



Are you a US Citizen?

Yes



Do you have a previous felony conviction you believe disqualifies you?

No



**You are not eligible.**

However, you can still be involved.  
Skip to Step 6.

No



**You may still be eligible!**

See pg. 3 for more information about voting after a felony conviction. **Regardless, you can still be involved—see Step 6.**

Yes



**You're eligible!**

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## Register to vote!

If you have a valid Alabama's Driver's License, or Non-Driver's License, you can register at [sos.alabama.gov](https://sos.alabama.gov). Paper forms are available at the St. Clair County Courthouse (call 205.338.3954).

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**Make a plan for how you will vote!**

**Check your registration status and polling location at [myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/voterview](https://myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/voterview).**

While you're there, use the drop down "Districts" menu to see your voting districts (you'll need them in step 4).

Polling location: \_\_\_\_\_



**Decide what time of day you'll vote.**

*(Polls are open 7 am to 7 pm)*

- ☐ Morning ☐ Lunchtime ☐ Evening

**Make arrangements for transportation.** Will you:

- ☐ Drive your own vehicle ☐ Carpool  
☐ Ride the bus ☐ Walk

If you need to request a free ride, reach out to Lift Our Vote (256-701-4182). This service provides transport, including ADA-specialized services, while the Alabama NAACP (256-444-1300) also offers ride services.

**Use the buddy system!**

Decide what friends or family members you can encourage to vote or take with you to the polls:

Person 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Person 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Person 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**Don't forget your mask!**

You may want to take Covid-19 precautions by maintaining physical distance, wearing a mask, sanitizing your hands, and bringing your own black ball point pen.

**Decide if you will vote absentee.**

You may vote by mail or vote in person before Election Day if you meet certain criteria.

**See pg. 8 for more information.**

**Remember your photo ID.** To vote you need a valid government-issued ID. This could be:

- Driver's license or non-driver ID
- Alabama Photo Voter ID Card
- US Passport
- Government Employee ID
- Student or Employee ID from a public or private college or university in the state of Alabama (or a state institution of higher education in another state).
- Valid Military ID
- Valid Tribal ID

You can get a free Alabama Voter ID through the Board of Registrars (205.338-3954) or the Secretary of State (334.242.7200).

**Continue to Step 4 on the next page...**

**Learn more about what will appear on your ballot.**

**If you did not do so in Step 3**, look up your polling station at [myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/voterview](https://myinfo.alabamavotes.gov/voterview) and make note of your districts:

County Commission: \_\_\_\_\_ State House: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County School Board: \_\_\_\_\_ State Senate: \_\_\_\_\_  
 St. Clair County: \_\_\_\_\_



Look up your sample ballot found on [www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/2026-primary-election-sample-ballots](https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/2026-primary-election-sample-ballots) or scan the provided QR Codes. Find your county and choose which party's primary you will vote in. Some races on the sample ballot are state or county-wide; use the district information you wrote down above to check which district races apply to you.

**REP BALLOT**



**DEM BALLOT**



**Use this Election Guide to learn more about the offices and candidates starting on pg. 9.**

**Research the office.**

What does this office have control over? What issues are important to you in their area of influence?



**Check out the candidate's platform.**

Look up the candidate's website and social media or request materials. Where do they stand on issues that are important to you? How do different candidates compare to each other?



**Do your own research about the candidates.**



**Check out their voting record.**

Use other resources to compare candidate's platforms with their voting records.

### Attend candidate forums or townhalls.

Candidate forums can be a great way to get to know your candidates. Come prepared with questions you'd like to ask.



### Beware of false information and false political ads!

A lot of websites aim to spread false information, and political ads don't have to be true to be shared, so exercise caution and skepticism. Consider whether the source is reputable and see what other news outlets are saying about the same topic.



**Decide how you will vote.** You can mark up your sample ballot and/or this guide and bring it with you to vote.



If the candidate has held a previous legislative office, [ballotpedia.org](http://ballotpedia.org) and [GovTrack.us](http://GovTrack.us) are good resources to use. If the candidate held a state legislative office, you can use [legislature.state.al.us](http://legislature.state.al.us).

Ask questions like: How have they voted on related issues important to me? How does their record differ from their stated platform?

### Look into Campaign Finance.

If you want to dig even deeper and look into where each candidate gets their funding, that information is readily available on the [Alabama Electronic Fair Campaign Practices Act \(FCPA\) Reporting System](http://Alabama Electronic Fair Campaign Practices Act (FCPA) Reporting System) website. Information on campaign contribution limits are also available. Consider the number, the sizes, and the sources of the contributors.



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## Volunteer with Greater-Birmingham Alliance to Stop Pollution (GASP)

Contact Barbara at [blackson@gaspgroup.org](mailto:blackson@gaspgroup.org) or 205.701.4277 to see how you can partner with us.

# VOTING ABSENTEE

People who meet certain criteria can use our absentee system to vote by mail or vote in person before Election Day. This election has no special Covid-19 provisions for absentee voting. You may vote absentee if you:

- will not be in St. Clair County on Election Day.
- are ill or have a physical disability that prevents you from going to your polling place.
- are an Alabama voter living outside of St. Clair County, such as military personnel, someone living outside the U.S., or a college student.
- are an election officer or poll watcher at a polling place different from your own.
- work a required shift that is 10 or more hours and coincides with poll hours.
- are a caregiver to a family member confined to their home.
- are currently in prison or jail and have not been convicted of a disqualifying felony.



## Vote Absentee by Mail

1. Get an absentee ballot application. Find it on [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov) OR call your Absentee Election Manager (see below for phone number).
2. Fill out the application. Choose “Primary Election.” Choose your preferred political party, write a different party beside “Other,” OR choose “Amendments Only.” Choose the reason that best applies to you. Make sure you sign the application (no witness necessary).
3. Mail the application and a copy of your photo ID to your Absentee Election Manager.
4. When your ballot arrives, fill it out with a black ball point pen, then seal it in the proper envelopes. Your ballot could take a week or more to arrive. Seal your completed ballot in the secrecy envelope, then seal your secrecy envelope in the affidavit envelope.
5. Recruit a notary or two witnesses and sign and fill out the affidavit. This step is essential to having your ballot counted.
6. Seal your affidavit envelope inside the pre-addressed envelope and return your ballot. You can mail it with three stamps via USPS, mail it via a commercial carrier, or return it in person at your Absentee Election Manager’s office.

Note: if you apply for your absentee ballot but do not turn it in, you still have the right to vote in person. If the poll worker says you are marked as absentee, ask for a provisional ballot.

## Vote Absentee in Person

Until May 14, you can do the whole absentee process from application to turning in your ballot in person at your Absentee Election Manager’s Office. Call ahead to verify which one you should visit.

## Absentee Election Managers

### Ashville

100 6th Avenue, Suite 400  
Ashville, AL, 3953  
(205) 594-2184  
Hours: M-F, 8 am to 5 pm

### Pell City

1815 Cogswell Avenue  
Pell City, AL 35125  
(205) 338-2511  
Hours: M-F, 8 am to 5 pm



# **BALLOT MEASURES IN THE 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION**

## **AMENDMENT ONE**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the following offenses shall be offenses for which a judge may deny bail: shooting or discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling or other occupied space in violation of Section 13A-11-61(b), Code of Alabama 1975; or any

## **AMENDMENT TWO**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the compensation of a district attorney may not be diminished during his or her term of office. Proposed by Act 2025-291.

## **RAGLAND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND TAX DISTRICT**

### **Election for the Levy of A FIVE (5) Mill School District Tax (section 59-10.21 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022)**

Shall the governing body of St. Clair County, Alabama, be authorized to levy a special district tax of fifty cents on each one hundred dollars (or five (5) mills on each dollar) of the assessed value of the taxable property located within the Ragland School Attendance and Tax District in said county, the area comprising the said district being fully described in proceedings of the St. Clair County Commission calling this election, for public school purposes for a period of thirty (30) consecutive years commencing with the tax year that will begin on October 1, 2026 (for which tax year the tax will become due and payable on October 1, 2027) which levy shall be in addition to all taxes now or hereafter authorized to be levied in said school district?

# OFFICE AND CANDIDATES IN THE 2026 PRIMARY ELECTIONS

## UNITED STATES SENATOR

Each state elects two Senators to serve in the U.S. Congress. Senators serve six-year terms with staggered elections. A senator's work includes debating bills (proposed laws), proposing amendments (changes) to bills, and representing the interests of people in their state or district.

□ **SETH BURTON, R** Seth Burton, Republican, lives in Huntsville and studied international relations at the University of Freiburg, earned a bachelor's in chemical engineering from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and holds a master's in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College. He is attending National Defense University. He served as a nuclear submarine commander in the U.S. Navy for 30 years and works as a business development director at Leidos. He is the founder of Prudentia LLC. He supports reducing federal spending, positioning Alabama as a nuclear energy hub, school vouchers, congressional term limits, and improved VA services.

□ **DALE SHELTON DEAS JR., R** Dale Shelton Deas Jr., Republican, lives in Birmingham and studied biology at Harvard University, earned a bachelor's in biomedical engineering from Vanderbilt University, and holds a Doctor of Medicine from UAB. He worked as a cardiothoracic surgery fellow and resident at Emory Healthcare and is the founder and chief executive officer of American Truth Defense, LLC. He supports aggressive antitrust enforcement, redirecting agricultural subsidies to smaller farms, eliminating grocery taxes, increasing teacher pay, and expanded energy infrastructure. He opposes abortion access, including in cases of medical emergencies, and gun control.

□ **JARED HUDSON, R** Jared Hudson, Republican, served as a Navy SEAL from 2006 to 2012 and as a sheriff's deputy, and holds a bachelor's in business administration from the University of Phoenix and an MBA from Liberty University. He is the founder of Covenant Rescue Group, a nonprofit dedicated to combating human trafficking, and CEO of The Shooting Institute, which provides firearms training to law enforcement, military personnel, and civilians. He supports cutting taxes, domestic energy production, stronger penalties for human traffickers and fentanyl dealers, and border security. He opposes abortion access and gender-affirming care for children.

□ **STEVE MARSHALL, R** Steve Marshall, Republican, serves as attorney general of Alabama and served as district attorney for Marshall County. He is from Atmore and holds a bachelor's from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a law degree from the UA School of Law. He worked as a prosecutor, as an attorney at Maynard Cooper and Gale, and established McLaughlin & Marshall law firm. He supports reducing taxes and regulations, advancing cryptocurrency and blockchain technology, domestic energy production, making the 2017 Trump tax cuts permanent, and free-market healthcare competition. He opposes abortion access, gun control, and undocumented immigration.

❑ **BARRY MOORE, R** Barry Moore, Republican, serves as U.S. Representative for Alabama's 2nd Congressional District. He is from Coffee County and holds a bachelor's in agricultural science from Auburn. He is a small business owner who worked in the animal pharmaceutical industry and served in the Alabama National Guard and Reserves for six years. He supports cutting government regulations and reducing government size to restore economic freedom, fully funding law enforcement, domestic energy production, and strong military and veterans' benefits including protecting the GI Bill. He opposes gun control, supports deporting undocumented immigrants, and backs strict election integrity measures.

❑ **MORGAN MURPHY, R** Morgan Murphy, Republican, is from Birmingham and holds a bachelor's in English from Birmingham-Southern College and an MBA from Saïd Business School at the University of Oxford. He is a veteran who works as a public diplomacy advisor for the Trump administration, having served as a press secretary and advisor for the U.S. Department of Defense. He supports abolishing the IRS, replacing the federal income tax with a national sales tax, expanding nuclear energy in Alabama, and doubling the size of the U.S. Navy fleet to 500 ships, which he views as essential to U.S. overseas diplomacy.

❑ **RODNEY WALKER, R** Rodney Walker, Republican, is from Talladega, attended Gadsden State Community College and Auburn, and lives in Delta. He is the president of several businesses, including Patriot Fueling Centers USA Inc., Walker Lands and Cattle LLC, and Wedowee Quarry Inc., and served as a chief pilot and sniper for the Clay and Randolph County Sheriff Departments. He supports ending the grocery sales tax, eliminating the estate tax on farms, increased domestic energy production, and term limits for members of Congress. He opposes abortion access and gun control. He previously ran for Alabama House of Representative in 2010, but did not win.

❑ **DAKARAI LARRIETT, D** Dakarai Larriett, Democrat, holds a bachelor's in business and economics from UA and a master's from New York University School of Business. He is the owner of a pet care business and worked at Whirlpool, the Bronx Community Pride Center, and in corporate forecasting. He supports raising the federal minimum wage, strengthening unions, requiring businesses that receive tax incentives to commit to hiring local residents, expanding Medicaid, and increasing school funding. He supports community-based policing over increased police funding and gun control measures including universal background checks, raising the minimum age for assault-style weapons to 21, and red flag laws.

❑ **KYLE SWEETSER, D** Kyle Sweetser, Democrat, is from Mobile and manages his family's construction business. He supports restoring congressional authority over trade policy, maintaining Affordable Care Act subsidies, and lowering healthcare costs. He opposes policies that limit access to firearms and has expressed concern about the participation of transgender athletes in women's sports. As of March 2026, limited additional issue information was available online. [NOTE: Sparse issue data available for this candidate.]

❑ **EVERETT WESS, D** Everett Wess, Democrat, lives in Birmingham and holds an associate's in music education from Selma University, a bachelor's in computer science, an MBA from Alabama A&M, and a law degree from the Birmingham School of Law. He is an attorney, managing partner at The Wess Law Firm, and serves as a Midfield Municipal Court judge. He has also worked as a software consultant and adjunct professor. Wess ran for Jefferson County Probate Court and for the Alabama 10th Judicial Circuit on multiple occasions. He supports economic opportunity, fair courts, affordable healthcare in rural and underserved communities, and quality education.

❑ **MARK S. WHEELER II, D** Mark S. Wheeler II, Democrat, is from Heflin and holds a bachelor's in chemistry and emergency management from Jacksonville State University. He works as a chemist and small business owner. He supports universal healthcare coverage, expanding coverage to include vision, dental, and prescription drugs, and strengthening Medicare and Medicaid. He supports raising teacher pay and school funding especially in rural communities, expanding school-based mental health services, making community college free, funding trade programs, and reducing student debt. He also supports term limits for members of Congress and the Supreme Court.

## **UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE** **3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

A United States Representative, also referred to as congressman or congresswoman, is elected to a two-year term serving the people of a specific congressional district. Among other duties, representatives introduce bills and resolutions, offer amendments, and serve on committees. Committees have oversight responsibilities to monitor agencies, programs, and activities within their jurisdictions.

❑ **TERRI LaPOINT, R** Terri LaPoint, Republican, lives in Odenville and works as an author and investigative journalist for Real News Spark, an online publication. She supports constitutionally grounded government spending, lower taxes, and small business growth. She wants to locate trafficking victims and enact legislation to end child trafficking. She believes Americans should have the right to choose or refuse medical treatments and vaccines, and opposes abortion access. She has said senior citizens and disabled Americans must be protected from what she calls "stealth euthanasia and guardianship abuse." She supports veterans' healthcare needs, Israel, and congressional term limits.

❑ **MIKE ROGERS, R** Mike Rogers (incumbent), Republican, has served as U.S. Representative since his first election in 2002. He is from Blue Mountain and holds a bachelor's in political science and a master's in public administration from Jacksonville State University, as well as a law degree from the Birmingham School of Law. He is an attorney and small business owner who worked as a staff member for the Alabama State Legislature. He supports domestic energy production, increased military funding, and has backed legislation requiring proof of citizenship and photo ID for voting.

## **GOVERNOR**

The Governor is the head of the executive branch of Alabama and is elected every four years, with a two term limit. The Governor suggests legislation to the state legislature and can veto bills passed. The Governor supervises state executive officers and agencies, convenes extra sessions of the legislature, and proposes a balanced budget to the legislature and vetoes specific lines of the budget bill passed. The Governor also remits fines and forfeitures and grants reprieves, paroles, commutations of sentence, and pardons. They are the commander-in-chief of Alabama's military forces, including Alabama's Army and Air National Guard and the Alabama State Defense Force.

❑ **KEN McFEETERS, R** Ken McFeeters, Republican, works as an insurance agent and owns a local insurance agency. He supports a state lottery limited to traditional lottery formats, an education system that emphasizes discipline, critical thinking, values, and practical skills, and has proposed hiring former military personnel to help restore order in schools. He supports abolishing the U.S. Department of Education, local food and energy independence, and withdrawing from the United Nations and World Health Organization. He opposes mRNA vaccines for infants and children, AI data center surveillance of citizens, and the war in Ukraine.

❑ **"ALABAMA" WILL SANTIVASCI, R** "Alabama" Will Santivaschi, Republican, has a background in business management and logistics, working as an event center operations manager. He supports removing the tax on overtime work, eliminating the fuel tax, and allowing Alabamians to vote on whether to introduce a state lottery. He aims to attract businesses by leveraging Alabama's labor skills, infrastructure, and incentive packages. He supports maximizing government efficiency by cutting what he describes as unnecessary spending, programs, and personnel. He also supports keeping rural health facilities open, removing taxes from healthy food, and expanded education funding for trade schools to address blue-collar job shortages.

❑ **THOMAS TUBERVILLE, R** Tommy Tuberville, Republican, was elected U.S. Senator representing Alabama in 2020. He was born in Camden, Arkansas, and holds a degree in education from Southern Arkansas University. He worked as a football coach at multiple levels including at Auburn University and as an ESPN sports analyst. He supports reducing taxes, eliminating government waste, protecting the agricultural and defense industries, imposing tariffs on foreign seafood imports to protect Alabama's seafood industry, and school voucher programs. He opposes DEI policies and taxpayer funding for abortions, supports deporting undocumented immigrants with criminal records, and opposes education that argues racism is systemic.

❑ **WILL BOYD, D** Will Boyd, Democrat, is from Florence, South Carolina, and holds a bachelor's in engineering from the University of South Carolina, a master's in business administration from Regis University, and doctorates in religion, organizational management, and Christian clinical psychology from St. James the Elder Theology Seminary. He serves as a minister and bishop and also works as a manufacturing executive, college professor, and higher education administrator. Boyd ran for lieutenant governor in 2018. He supports raising the minimum wage to \$20 by 2028, expanding union and worker protections, investing in renewable energy, and protecting voting rights.

❑ **JAMEL J. BROWN, D** JaMel J. Brown, Democrat, is from Montgomery and works as a pastor. He ran for mayor of Montgomery and for the Montgomery City Council on four occasions. He supports ending the state sales tax on groceries, raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour with some positions like manufacturing at \$20 per hour, a 32-hour work week, and legalizing recreational marijuana and casino gambling. He opposes the death penalty and supports releasing non-violent offenders from prison and school choice. He also supports abolishing both the federal and state Departments of Education and legislation that would require the Ten Commandments to be displayed in schools.

❑ **YOLANDA ROCHELLE FLOWERS, D** Yolanda Rochelle Flowers, Democrat, lives in Birmingham and holds associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees in speech therapy, audiology, and rehabilitation counseling, respectively, all from the University of Tennessee Knoxville. She volunteers with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the NAACP. She works as a speech therapist at Miracle Academy and as an herbalist. Flowers ran for governor in 2022. She supports expanding Medicaid, raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour, and reforming the criminal justice system. She also supports comprehensive history education for all children and funding for schools serving students with special needs.

❑ **DOUG JONES, D** Doug Jones, Democrat, served as U.S. Senator representing Alabama from 2018 to 2021 and ran for re-election in 2020 but did not win. He is from Fairfield and holds a bachelor's in political science from UA and a law degree from the Samford University Cumberland School of Law. He is an attorney and distinguished senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, and has also worked as a U.S. attorney and in private practice. He supports creating a state lottery, expanding Medicaid, early voting, and quality education for all Alabama children. As a senator, he sponsored the FUTURE Act, supporting funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

❑ **CHAD "CHIG" MARTIN, D** Chad "Chig" Martin, Democrat, lives in Enterprise and earned a bachelor's in criminal justice from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He owns Honeysuckle Hemp Company, Thunder Industrial, and Martin Mobile Homes. He ran for governor in 2022 and 2018. Martin supports expanding Medicaid, abortion access, creating jobs with livable wages, economic diversification through agriculture and ecotourism, an education lottery, and public-private partnerships for community development. He supports decriminalizing drug possession and shifting focus to treatment and public health, prison reform focused on rehabilitation, stronger animal welfare laws, and investment in environmental protection and broadband access.

❑ **NATHAN "NATE" MATHIS, D** Nathan "Nate" Mathis, Democrat, is a farmer who has grown peanuts, cotton, and corn and raised cattle on his family farm for many years. He founded Mathis Farm Service, a farming supply business, and owned Nate's Oyster Bar, a restaurant in Slocumb. He is an outspoken advocate for the LGBTQ+ community and supports protecting and expanding the missions at Fort Novosel and Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base to support veterans and local jobs. As of March 2026, limited additional issue information was available online.

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

The Lieutenant Governor is elected every four years and may serve up to two consecutive terms. This position is elected separate from the Governor, so the two officials may be from different parties. The Lt. Governor is the president of the State Senate and can also suggest legislation. They have the power to appoint members and chairs of the Senate committees and to determine the committees to which legislation is referred. The statutory duties of the office include serving as a member of more than 20 boards or entities and appointing 400 positions to approximately 167 boards and commissions. They are the first in line to succeed the Governor.

❑ **WES ALLEN, R** Wes Allen, Republican, has served as Alabama Secretary of State since being elected in 2022. He served one term in the Alabama House of Representatives, District 89 (2018–2022), and one elected term as Pike County probate judge (2009–2018). He is from Cottondale and holds a bachelor's from UA and a master's from Troy University, and lives in Troy. As a state representative, he supported legislation loosening regulations and removing fees for business owners. He supports voter ID requirements and sponsored legislation banning curbside voting. He opposes no-excuse absentee voting, early voting, abortion access, and gender-affirming care for minors.

❑ **PAT BISHOP, R** Pat Bishop, Republican, holds an associate's from Jefferson State Community College, a bachelor's from Columbia Southern University, and a law degree from the Birmingham School of Law. He is a law enforcement officer who served in the U.S. Army for 26 years and lives in Trussville. He supports expanding Medicaid, plans to make the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Parole a priority resource for law enforcement, supports community service officers to address citizens' psychological needs, and wants to require GED completion and trade training for inmates prior to release from the Alabama Department of Corrections.

❑ **GEORGE CHILDRESS, R** George Childress, Republican, is from Montgomery and holds a bachelor's in mass communication and media studies from Alabama State and a master's in English language and theatre from Auburn University at Montgomery. He works as a community advocate. Childress ran for Montgomery City Council District 7 in 2023. He supports affordable childcare, property tax stability for seniors on fixed incomes, workforce housing development near jobs, digital skills training for small businesses and seniors, safe public transportation, community crime prevention and reentry programs to reduce recidivism, expanding early childhood literacy programs, environmental conservation, and election transparency through paper ballots.

❑ **RICK PATE, R** Rick Pate, Republican, served as mayor of Lowndesboro for 14 years before being elected Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. He is from Lowndes County and holds a bachelor's in ornamental horticulture from Auburn. He founded Pate Landscape Co. He supports policies that strengthen agriculture and rural Alabama, lower grocery prices, investing in new labs and loan programs for meat processing facilities, and opposes ESG investment practices based on environmental, social, and corporate governance standards. He supports veterans through programs like At-Ease Therapy Farming and Operation Grow.

❑ **STEWART HILL TANKERSLEY, R** Stewart Hill Tankersley, Republican, lives in Montgomery and earned a bachelor's in history from Auburn and a medical degree from UAB. He is a physician who served as health officer in Montgomery County and as a colonel in the Alabama Army National Guard for over 30 years. He volunteers at a local free clinic and served on the Alabama Ethics Commission. He supports lowering the cost of living, gas tax relief, school vouchers, and medical autonomy. He opposes abortion access and gun control.

❑ **NICOLE JONES WADSWORTH, R** Nicole Jones Wadsworth, Republican, works as a commercial real estate developer and site selector. She supports Alabama-first tax incentives for businesses of all sizes, workforce development through apprenticeships, technical training, and dual enrollment to equip Alabamians with in-demand skills, and infrastructure investment in roads, bridges, broadband, ports, and utilities. She supports expanded partnerships among food banks, local farmers, and faith-based organizations to combat child hunger. She supports equipping law enforcement, firefighters, military personnel, and first responders with necessary tools and training, and opposes gun control.

❑ **JOHN WAHL, R** John Wahl, Republican, served as chairman of the Alabama Republican Party and as the party's field director. He was born in Athens, Alabama. He supports Alabama as a Right to Work state, lower and fair tax models that fund government without waste, business deregulation, school choice programs, and a strong military with ongoing obligations to veterans. He opposes Common Core, gun control, and abortion access, and has supported a human life amendment to the Constitution. He supports requiring proof of citizenship and photo ID for voter registration and voting.

❑ **PHILLIP ENSLER, D** Phillip Ensler, Democrat, was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 2022 and is serving his second term. He is from New York and holds a law degree from the Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University. He is an attorney and serves as executive director of the Jewish Federation of Central Alabama, and worked as a senior policy advisor for the City of Montgomery and as policy counsel at Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice. He supports eliminating the sales tax on groceries, expanding Medicaid, creating a rural hospital fund, and establishing a state lottery to fund college and technical trade scholarships.

❑ **DARRYL D. PERRYMAN, D** Darryl D. Perryman, Democrat, is from Camden, Alabama, and is the chief executive officer and founder of Compassionate Funeral Planning. He also works as a chaplain at Jackson Memorial Funeral Home. He ran for state representative in 2010. No issue information was available at the time of publication. [NOTE: No issue positions available for this candidate.]

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

The Alabama Attorney General is the legal representative for the state and its officers, departments, and agencies and can offer legal advice to those entities. The AG defends the state in lawsuits and represents the state in court when the constitutionality of a state statute is challenged. The AG may also initiate civil and criminal court action to protect the state's interests or enforce state law. They can take over prosecution of any state criminal case.

❑ **PAMELA L. CASEY, R** Pamela L. Casey, Republican, serves as the district attorney for Blount County. She is from Blount County and holds a bachelor's in political science from Rhodes College and a law degree from Seattle University School of Law. She served as an assistant attorney general and deputy attorney general for the Alabama Attorney General's Office. She prioritizes addressing drug abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking, supports targeting criminal networks, improved community and law enforcement relationships, and constitutional protections including freedom of speech, religion, and the right to bear arms. She opposes undocumented immigration.

❑ **JAY MITCHELL, R** Jay Mitchell, Republican, served as a justice of the Alabama Supreme Court from 2019 to 2025. He is from Mobile and earned a bachelor's from Birmingham Southern College, a master's from University College Dublin, and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He worked as a partner at the Birmingham law firm Maynard, Cooper & Gale, specializing in complex litigation. He has named violent crime, public corruption, and immigration enforcement as priorities and supports increased resources for law enforcement

❑ **KATHERINE ROBERTSON, R** Katherine Robertson, Republican, is from Dallas County and earned a bachelor's in political science from Auburn and a law degree from the UA School of Law. She serves as chief counsel for Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall and has worked as a senior advisor to the attorney general, as vice president and senior policy counsel for the Alabama Policy Institute, as legislative counsel to U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions, and in the U.S. Department of Justice. She opposes vaccine mandates and opposed the Alabama Supreme Court ruling that temporarily shut down IVF clinics.

## SECRETARY OF STATE

The Secretary of State is the “Chief Election Officer” of Alabama and oversees elections, certifying vote totals, ballots, and campaign finance information. They administer state and federal election laws. The Secretary of State also maintains legislative and other government records, registers businesses and trademarks, and is the Governor’s personal notary public.

❑ **CAROLEENE DOBSON, R** Caroleene Dobson, Republican, is from Beatrice, Alabama, and earned a bachelor's in history and literature from Harvard University and a law degree from the Baylor University School of Law. She works as a shareholder at Maynard Cooper and Gale and worked at several other law firms. Dobson ran for the U.S. House of Representatives for Alabama's 2nd Congressional District. She supports maintaining accurate voter rolls by removing deceased voters and those who have moved out of state, strengthening proof-of-citizenship requirements for voter registration, opposing absentee ballot harvesting, improving election auditing, and reducing fees for small businesses.

❑ **CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIAN HORN, R** Christopher Christian Horn, Republican, studied at the University of Michigan and Alabama A&M and lives in Huntsville. He worked as chief executive officer of Code the South and founded Safety City Roundtable. Horn ran for U.S. representative in 2024 before withdrawing, and ran for Secretary of State in 2022 and state representative in 2014. He has said the Secretary of State should go to every community and county to discuss voter registration and the Constitution. He supports strong voter ID requirements and improving absentee ballot processes, particularly for military members stationed overseas.

❑ **GLENDA S. JACKSON, R** Glenda S. Jackson, Republican, holds a bachelor's and a master's in elementary education with a minor in special education. She is a semi-retired educator who has taught in Anniston and Gadsden City Schools. Jackson ran for the Gadsden Board of Education in 2019. No issue information was available at the time of publication.

## STATE TREASURER

The State Treasurer oversees the Alabama Treasury and acts as the head banker for the State of Alabama. The Alabama Treasury is charged with the sound fiscal management of Alabama’s money and safeguarding the state’s financial resources and maximizing returns on investments. The Treasury receives, deposits and invests all state funds. The Treasurer manages bonds, unclaimed property, and college savings programs, and public funds deposits. They manage the more than \$4.5 billion Alabama Trust Fund. The Treasurer is elected every four years.



□ **YOUNG BOOZER, R** Young Boozer (incumbent), Republican, has served three terms as Alabama State Treasurer since being first elected in 2010 and was most recently re-elected in 2022. He is from Birmingham and holds a bachelor's in economics from Stanford University and a master's in finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He served as assistant superintendent of banking at the Alabama State Banking Department. During his tenure, he created a needs-based college scholarship program, restructured Alabama's Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (PACT) Program, and supported Amendment 856 to stabilize Alabama Trust Fund payouts. He opposes ESG investing.

□ **STEVE LOLLEY, R** Steve Lolley, Republican, is from Guin and holds a bachelor's and an MBA from Faulkner University and a law degree from Birmingham School of Law. He works as a business and entrepreneurship instructor at Bevell State Community College, and served as president of Community Bank and principal of Southern Financial Solutions. Lolley ran for the Alabama State Senate District 6 in 2018. He supports keeping state funds in Alabama-headquartered banks, creating a public transparency website to show how state funds are spent, and using the treasurer's office to actively support economic development.

## STATE AUDITOR

The role of the Auditor is to maintain accurate records of all state personal property valued at \$500 and above, as well as items deemed sensitive. The State Auditor's office is the check and balance between the Comptroller's Office and the State Treasury. The Auditor also makes reports about taxes and revenues paid into the treasury and audits the records of the Treasurer and the Department of Finance.

□ **DEREK CHEN, R** Derek Chen, Republican, holds a bachelor's in political science from Hope College, a law degree from Samford University Cumberland School of Law, and a master's in business administration from UA. He lives in Vestavia Hills. He advocates for transparency and efficiency in the use of tax dollars and proper management of state property. He prioritizes ensuring local registrars are qualified to support election security and has said he is committed to making sure public funds are managed with integrity and accountability for Alabama taxpayers.

□ **ANDREW SORRELL, R** Andrew Sorrell (incumbent), Republican, has served as Alabama State Auditor since being elected in 2022. He served one term in the Alabama House of Representatives, District 3 (2018–2022), and ran for secretary of state in 2026 before withdrawing. He is originally from Ukiah, California, and holds a bachelor's in business management from the University of North Alabama. He lives in Muscle Shoals and owns several businesses, including Infinity College Bookstore and Gold, Guns, and Guitars. He supports establishing a Property Investigations Division to audit state property, opposes bond issues that increase debt, and advocates for stronger election registrar accountability.

## COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES

The Commissioner oversees the Department of Agriculture and Industries, which regulates food safety, agriculture, animal industries, and animal protection. The Department promotes domestic and international consumption of Alabama non-commodity food products, forestry products, and other agricultural products by identifying, expanding, and creating new markets. For example, the Department has a program to promote farmers markets and an Industrial Hemp Program. The Commissioner is elected every four years and is limited to two terms.

❑ **COREY HILL, R** Corey Hill, Republican, serves as mayor of Douglas, Alabama. He is a lifelong resident of Douglas, a graduate of Douglas High School and Snead State College, and attended Jacksonville State University. He operates a grocery store and farms cattle and poultry. He has said he would love to expand programs that take farmers' food and sell it to school lunch programs. He supports lower taxes and fewer regulations to help farmers and industries employ people, and wants to reinstate a rural crime division within the agriculture department.

❑ **CHRISTINA WOERNER MCINNIS, R** Christina Woerner McInnis, Republican, is from Baldwin County and holds a bachelor's in business from Auburn. She is the founder of AgriTech Corp. She supports reducing regulatory burdens on farmers, expanding access to capital, lowering land, fertilizer, and equipment costs, and strengthening Alabama's agribusiness supply chains through enhanced trade, processing, and distribution. She supports promoting agricultural tourism, creating a grants portal to connect farmers with funding, investing in the next generation of farmers, and opposes the purchase of Alabama land by foreign adversaries.

❑ **JACK WILLIAMS, R** Jack Williams, Republican, is a current Alabama state senator and previously served as a member of the Alabama House of Representatives. He is from Wilmer and graduated from Mary G. Montgomery High School. He is a farmer who owns and operates J Bar W Farm with his wife, raising cattle, timber, and hay. He founded Twin Oaks Nursery and later purchased Tom Dodd Nurseries. As a state representative, he led efforts to cut taxes on agricultural fencing. He opposes what he describes as unnecessary regulations from government overreach and supports farmers' and industries' ability to make a living and employ people.



## STATE SENATOR

As the two chambers of the Alabama legislature, the State Senate works with the House of Representatives to create laws and establish a state budget, with the input and possible veto of the Governor. The legislature passes bills on public policy, sets state spending levels, raises and lowers taxes, and votes to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes. The State Constitution significantly limits “home rule,” so the state legislature has significant power to enact or impede local legislation. The Senate has 35 members, the House of Representatives has 105 members, and all are elected every four years.

### DISTRICT 45

☐ **JOHN DAWSON, R** John Dawson is a lifelong resident of St. Clair County and a working-class community advocate based in Leeds. A consistent commitment to service, his efforts have supported initiatives focused on healthcare access, education, and infrastructure. His approach to leadership centers on active community engagement and responsiveness to constituent concerns. Policy priorities include reducing taxes for working families, addressing predatory student loan practices, limiting campaign spending, opposing data center expansion, implementing term limits for boards, and ensuring full funding for schools. He advocates for practical, community-driven solutions aimed at strengthening Alabama’s future.

☐ **SUSAN DuBOSE, R** Susan DuBose serves as the State Representative for District 45. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of South Alabama and an MBA from Spring Hill College. DuBose worked 12 years in banking as a commercial and residential real estate officer before focusing on community leadership. During her time in office, DuBose has aligned with conservative policy priorities, including fiscal responsibility, limited government, and economic growth. She has held leadership roles in local Republican organizations and several nonprofits. In 2024, she was recognized by the Independent Women’s Forum and named a Club for Growth Fellow.

### DISTRICT 50

☐ **BILL MORRIS, R** Bill Morris is a longtime resident of St. Clair County with extensive experience in public service and local government. He served as mayor of Moody, where he worked on initiatives related to public safety, infrastructure, and managed community growth. He later served as general manager of the Leeds Water Works, overseeing water system operations and regional service delivery. Morris has also served on the St. Clair County Board of Education, contributing to local education policy and planning. In addition, he was appointed to the Central Alabama Water Board, where he has been involved in infrastructure and resource management efforts.

☐ **BRYAN K. NEWELL, R** Bryan Newell is a retired U.S. Army veteran with more than 22 years of service, including deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He attended Northwest Shoals Community College and the University of Maryland. Following his military career, Newell has remained active in civic and political efforts. He is affiliated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Republican Party, and was a candidate for Congress in 2024. His policy interests include economic development in St. Clair County, expansion of technical education, government accountability, and consideration of a state lottery to support education and infrastructure funding.

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Public Service Commission is responsible for the supervision and regulation of utility (electricity, gas, water, railroad, and telecommunications) companies. The Commission's mission is "to ensure a regulatory balance between regulated companies and consumers." It is composed of three elected members: a President and two associate commissioners. They run statewide in partisan elections, and each serves a 4-year term.

## PLACE 1

□ **MATT GENTRY, R** Matt Gentry, Republican, serves as Sheriff of Cullman County. He is from Cullman County and served in the U.S. Marine Corps and as a deputy sheriff. He supports protecting families and small businesses from unfair utility practices and ensuring access to reliable services at fair prices. He commits to an open-door policy for constituents who want to meet with him, and wants to protect ratepayers as well as the jobs of utility, railroad, and transportation workers. He believes in transparency in how the commission operates.

□ **JEREMY H. ODEN, R** Jeremy H. Oden (incumbent), Republican, has served on the Alabama Public Service Commission, Place 1, since being appointed in 2012. He served three terms in the Alabama House of Representatives, District 11, from 1998 to 2012. He is from Eva and holds a bachelor's from Asbury University and completed two years of postgraduate seminary studies. He worked as a branch manager and vice president for Eva Bank and as a co-owner of Senoalo LLC. He is an active volunteer in numerous civic and fraternal organizations and prioritizes domestic energy independence.

□ **JAMES O. GORDON, D** James O. Gordon, Democrat, served in the Alabama House of Representatives for District 98 from 2006 to 2010. He is from Rome, Georgia, and served in the United States Navy from 1982 to 1985. He is a chiropractor and owner of the Alabama Injury and Pain Clinic, and worked as a chiropractor and scrub nurse at Floyd Medical Center. He volunteers with the Alabama Seafood Association to address food insecurity in Mobile County. He believes in consumer protection, transparency, and fair regulation of utilities and public services in Alabama.

□ **JOHN NORTHPROP, D** John Northrop, Democrat, is from Andalusia and holds a bachelor's from Birmingham-Southern College and two master's degrees from Harvard University. He served as head of the Alabama School of Fine Arts, as an associate commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Education, as an assistant superintendent for Atlanta Public Schools, and as a journalist at several Birmingham publications. He volunteers with the Citizens Climate Lobby and the Sierra Club. He supports capping utility rates at or below southeastern averages, promoting rooftop solar and distributed energy generation, and requiring utility incentives for consumer conservation efforts.

□ **JEFF RAMSEY, D** Jeff Ramsey, Democrat, supports prioritizing the needs of working-class Alabamians over large corporations in utility regulation decisions. No additional biographical information was available at the time of publication.



## PLACE 2

❑ **PRISCILLA ANDREWS, R** Priscilla Andrews, Republican, is from Dothan, Alabama. She ran for Houston County commissioner in 2022. No issue information was available at the time of publication.

❑ **CHRIS BEEKER, R** Chris Beeker (incumbent), Republican, was appointed to the Alabama Public Service Commission in 2024. He is from Eutaw and holds a bachelor's from the University of Mississippi. He worked in banking and finance and served as state director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program. He prioritizes energy independence and supports affordable, reliable, domestically produced energy. He has said Alabama needs leaders who will reject what he calls "the radical left's climate agenda" and fight for conservative values, and commits to policies that put American workers first and lower energy costs.

❑ **BRENT WOODALL, R** Brent Woodall, Republican, ran for the Alabama Public Service Commission in 2022. He holds a bachelor's from Athens State University and a law degree from the UA School of Law, and works as an attorney in Colbert County. He has focused his campaign on ending what he describes as a "hidden tax" on ratepayers, in which the Public Service Commission collects more funds than it spends and transfers the surplus to the state's General Fund rather than returning it to ratepayers.

❑ **JIM "ZIG" ZEIGLER, R** Jim "Zig" Zeigler, Republican, served on the Alabama Public Service Commission from 1974 to 1978 and was twice elected Alabama State Auditor, serving from 2015 to 2023. He also ran for state treasurer in 1986 and state auditor in 2002. He is from Sylacauga and holds a bachelor's in public administration from UA and a law degree from Faulkner University. He works as a contributing writer for Yellowhammer News, an elder-care planner, and an attorney. He has focused on the position that large tech companies should fund their own power solutions for data centers rather than passing those costs to ratepayers.

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 6

The Alabama State Board of Education manages the state's public K-12 education and appoints the State Superintendent. The Board recommends education policies and is charged with developing strategies to increase graduation rates and academic proficiency, narrow achievement gaps caused by economic inequality, and improve Alabama graduates' college- and career-readiness. The Board has nine members, including the Governor, who serves as the president of the board. The other members are elected to four-year terms, and there is no term limit. Elections to the board are staggered: districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 hold elections in midterm years and are up for election this year; districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 hold elections in presidential election years, so their next election will be in 2028.

□ **CATHI BRADFORD, R** Cathi Bradford, Republican, holds a master's in teaching history. She is a middle school teacher. Prior, she taught at the elementary level, and she served in the Air Force and Air Force Reserves for over 23 years. She supports education "rooted in curiosity, confidence, and character rather than social or political agendas," instilling patriotism in students, and ensuring school materials are age-appropriate and focused on "essential knowledge of history, civics, and [the] nation's founding principles." She supports parental rights, including school choice programs, and wants to "shield children from explicit content in classrooms."

□ **MARIE MANNING, R** Marie Manning (incumbent), Republican, was elected to the Alabama State Board of Education, District 6, in 2022. She earned a bachelor's in biology and a master's in institutional media from Jacksonville State University, and completed postgraduate studies in school administration from UA. Manning is a retired superintendent of the St. Clair County School System and also served as a classroom teacher, principal, assistant principal, library media specialist, and district administrator. She supports rigorous academic standards, increased school funding, reading and math coaching for targeted improvement, teacher retention, and strengthening public education. She opposes teaching critical race theory in K-12 schools.

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION

The County Commission is the legislative branch for the county. The Commission administers county finances; serves as custodians of the county's property; allocates resources for construction of roads, bridges, and public facilities; facilitates local utilities; and makes appointments to various local boards and agencies. Commissioners serve four year terms.

### CHAIRMAN

□ **STAN BATEMON, R** Stan Batemon is a longtime public official who has served multiple terms as chairman of the St. Clair County Commission since first being elected in 1986. His background includes service in the U.S. Marine Corps and a career as a supervisor with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, where he worked as a game warden. His experience spans public safety, infrastructure, and county administration. He has also held leadership roles with organizations such as the Association of County Commissions of Alabama and the National Association of Counties. He says his work reflects long-term involvement in local governance and community development.

□ **DAVID EVANS, R** Dave Evans is a lifelong resident of St. Clair County. He says he built his career as a business owner and community member, raising his family locally and has been working on the region's growth for future developments. Evans emphasizes practical leadership rooted in local experience, with a focus on supporting economic opportunity, strengthening infrastructure, and preserving the quality of life for residents. His campaign centers on community-driven solutions and a commitment to keeping St. Clair County a strong place to live and work.

## DISTRICT 1

☐ **KATRINA HENNINGS, R** Katrina Hennings is a lifelong St. Clair County resident and Springville High School graduate with a background in real estate. She began her public service in 2007 when elected to the Springville City Council and currently serves as Mayor Pro Tem. During her tenure, she has completed two terms on the city's Budget Committee, focusing on responsible spending, transparency, and reducing the financial burden on taxpayers. Hennings is committed to economic growth through strategic planning and partnerships, while prioritizing fiscal discipline and efficient use of public resources to support families and local businesses.

☐ **ADAM PARDUE, R** Adam Pardue has served as Chief of Police for the City of Odenville since the early 2000s, overseeing department operations and public safety initiatives. His work has included community policing efforts, school safety coordination, and crime prevention strategies. He has collaborated with local schools and community organizations on youth outreach and safety programs. He is also associated with "Cops for Tots," a program that provides assistance to families in need during the holiday season.

☐ **SHANE THOMAS, R** Shane Thomas is a lifelong resident of Ashville, Alabama, with over 15 years of public and private sector experience. His background includes roles with the Lee County Probate Office, Tyson Foods, Coca-Cola Enterprises, and Jenkins Brick. Self-employed since 2012, he previously worked with Birmingham Pistol Wholesale and is now the owner and operator of GNX in downtown Ashville and Moonlight Farm on County Road 33. Thomas says he's committed to his faith, family, and community, with strong interests in agriculture, outdoor life, athletics, and the arts.

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER, ODENVILLE

The Board of Education oversees county schools. The Board determines guidelines and procedures for schools, including disciplinary policies and educational interventions. The Board also appoints and supervises the Superintendent. Members serve six year terms.

☐ **GREG COBB, R** Dr. Gregory Ryan Cobb, Ed.D., began his career as a classroom teacher in St. Clair County Schools, teaching U.S. History while serving as a show choir director and yearbook sponsor. He has held leadership roles at the school, district, state, and higher education levels, including adjunct professor at Jacksonville State University and leadership specialist with the Alabama State Department of Education. His work focuses on school improvement, literacy, leadership development, and student achievement. Dr. Cobb has spent decades supporting educators to strengthen instruction, improve outcomes, and foster positive school environments.

☐ **ALLISON G. GRAY, R** Allison Gray is a longtime member of the St. Clair County Board of Education, representing the Odenville district for more than two decades. She has been involved in education policy, school safety, and community engagement efforts. Her service has included leadership roles on the board, including vice president, with a focus on governance and long-term planning. She has continued to serve the district through ongoing involvement in local education and school system priorities.

# STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## PLACE 1

☐ **KATHRYN “KATHY” BURKE, R** Kathryn “Kathy” Burke is a public official in St. Clair County, Alabama, serving as Circuit Clerk. She also serves as Absentee Election Manager, assisting with election-related processes. Her experience includes work in court administration and election oversight, providing familiarity with local government operations. As a candidate for the Alabama State Republican Executive Committee, Place 1, her stated focus includes grassroots engagement, candidate support, and communication between local and state party organizations.

☐ **BRANDON MOSELEY, R** Brandon Moseley is an Alabama-based political journalist. He has covered elections, party leadership, and grassroots political activity across the state, including work with Alabama Political Reporter. His background in political reporting provides familiarity with party operations at both local and state levels. His stated priorities include transparency, informed decision-making, and strengthening communication between local party members and state leadership.

☐ **MATT TORTORICE, R** Matt Tortorice is a resident of Margaret, Alabama, and a conservative candidate. He is focused on strengthening the Republican Party in St. Clair County through grassroots engagement and clear communication. Tortorice advocates for core principles including limited government, individual liberty, and fiscal responsibility. He emphasizes the importance of transparency between state party leadership and local voters, ensuring that decisions are communicated effectively and that community feedback is represented in Montgomery. His campaign centers on building trust, unity, and stronger participation within the local Republican base.

## PLACE 3

☐ **KATHERINE HOLLOWAY, R** Katherine Holloway is a St. Clair County resident and conservative leader focused on strengthening grassroots engagement within the Republican Party. She advocates for greater accountability, emphasizing that leadership should reflect the voices of everyday citizens, including families, small business owners, and workers. Holloway is committed to community unity and ensuring local voices are represented in decision-making. Her priorities include election integrity, parental rights, school choice, and medical freedom. Grounded in faith and conservative principles, she aims to promote policies that protect individual liberties and reinforce community-driven leadership at both the local and state levels.

☐ **BILL MORRIS, R** Bill Morris is a resident of St. Clair County with experience in local government and public service. He served as mayor of Moody, where he worked on public safety, infrastructure, and community development initiatives. He later served as general manager of Leeds Water Works. Morris has also served on the St. Clair County Board of Education and was appointed to the Central Alabama Water Board.

## PLACE 4

☐ **CATHY WISE FINE, R** Cathy Wise Fine is a St. Clair County resident and active participant in local civic and Republican Party efforts. She has been involved in community and education-related initiatives, including engagement connected to the St. Clair County Board of Education, reflecting her commitment to supporting schools and families. Fine has also supported Republican efforts at the county level, gaining experience in grassroots organization and community outreach. Her work emphasizes the importance of citizen involvement and effective local leadership. She remains focused on strengthening community engagement and supporting policies that reflect the values and priorities of St. Clair County residents.

☐ **ASHLEY TORTORIGI HILBURN, R** Ashley Tortorigi Hilburn is a St. Clair County resident. She is actively involved in local Republican Party efforts and grassroots organizing, with a focus on strengthening conservative leadership at the county and state levels. Hilburn emphasizes community engagement, encouraging greater participation from everyday citizens in the political process. She says her work reflects a commitment to advancing Republican values, supporting party unity, and ensuring that local voices are represented in state party leadership and decision-making.



## STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The State Executive committees are not government agencies. They are internal power structures that control how the party operates, organizes, and wins elections.

### DISTRICT 30 (FEMALE)

☐ **PEGGY ANDERSON, D** Peggy Anderson is committed to strengthening Democratic engagement at the grassroots level and ensuring local voices are represented in party leadership. Anderson emphasizes community involvement, voter participation, and building a more inclusive political process. Her campaign focuses on supporting Democratic candidates, improving outreach, and advancing policies that reflect the needs of working families. She aims to help grow the party's presence while fostering unity, accessibility, and stronger communication between constituents and state leadership.

☐ **SHAE SANDERS, D** Shae Sanders is a 35-year-old Etowah County resident and graduate of Boaz High School (Class of 2009). She has spent her career working in blue-collar roles across hospitality, retail, and manufacturing. Entering public service for the first time, Sanders brings a working-class perspective shaped by real-life challenges. She says she is committed to strengthening government effectiveness and expanding opportunities for all Alabamians. Her priorities include improving education, supporting affordable housing and healthcare, and ensuring that every resident has access to essential services regardless of income.

### DISTRICT 36 (FEMALE)

☐ **DEBRA HUFFMAN-CHURCH, D** Debra Huffman-Church has served in the party leadership as Vice Chair of the Talladega County Democratic Party, reflecting her active role in grassroots organizing and local political engagement. She says her work focuses on strengthening Democratic participation, supporting candidates, and increasing community involvement in the political process. Huffman-Church is committed to building a more inclusive and effective party structure, ensuring that local voices are represented and that Democratic values are advanced at both the county and state levels.

☐ **THELMA O. JONES, D** Thelma O. Jones is a candidate for the Alabama State Democratic Executive Committee (Female), District 36, representing St. Clair County. Jones seeks to contribute to party leadership at the state level by supporting Democratic engagement and representation within her district. Her campaign reflects a focus on strengthening local participation, encouraging voter involvement, and ensuring that community voices are included in party decisions. She aims to help build a more responsive and connected Democratic Party across St. Clair County and surrounding areas.

☐ **PAM LOWERY, D** Pam Lowery is focusing on strengthening local engagement and ensuring that community voices are represented at the state level. Lowery's campaign wants to increase voter participation, grassroots involvement, and support for Democratic candidates. She aims to help build a more responsive and inclusive party structure that reflects the needs and priorities of residents across her district.

## DISTRICT 36 (MALE)

❑ **JESSE J. FRAZIER, D** Jesse J. Frazier has previously demonstrated electoral support within the district, earning a strong majority of votes in past Democratic primary results for the same position. Frazier's candidacy reflects a continued commitment to representing local Democrats at the state level. He says his focus includes strengthening party engagement and ensuring that the voices of St. Clair County residents are represented in party leadership and decision-making.

❑ **SPENCER LOWERY, D** Spencer Lowery is seeking to strengthen Democratic engagement at the local level. His campaign emphasizes grassroots participation, voter involvement, and building stronger connections between local communities and state Democratic leadership.

## DISTRICT 45 (MALE)

❑ **DOUG HOFFMAN, D** Doug Hoffman has been active in Democratic Party efforts in central Alabama and previously served in a leadership role with the Shelby County Democratic Party, reflecting his experience in grassroots organizing and party operations. Hoffman's campaign focuses on strengthening Democratic engagement, improving communication within the party, and supporting candidates at the local and state levels. He aims to ensure that community voices are represented in party leadership.

❑ **DONELL LEWIS, D** Donell Lewis says his commitment is to increase voter participation, vetting Democratic candidates, and making sure residents' voices are heard in party decision-making. He aims to help build a more responsive and inclusive party structure that reflects the needs and priorities of residents across his district.



# HELPFUL CONTACTS

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## BOARD OF REGISTRARS

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1815 Cogswell Avenue  
Pell City, AL 35125  
205-338-3954

## CLERK'S OFFICE

### Ashville

100 6th Avenue, Suite 400  
Ashville, AL, 3953  
(205) 594-2184

### Pell City

1815 Cogswell Avenue  
Pell City, AL 35125  
(205) 338-2511

## ALABAMA ELECTION PROTECTION NETWORK

**1-844-458-6837**

## NATIONAL ELECTION PROTECTION HOTLINES

**English:** 1-866-687-8683 (The  
Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights  
Under the Law)

**Spanish:** 1-888-839-8682 (NALEO  
Educational Fund)

**Arabic:** 1-844-925-5287 (Yalla Vote)

**Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Urdu,  
Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, or**

**Vietnamese:** 1-888-274-8683  
(APIAVote and AAJC)

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CLEAN AIR. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.

# MORE ABOUT GASP

## Our Mission and Vision

Our mission is to enhance the health and wellbeing of Alabamians by reducing air pollution, advancing environmental justice, and promoting climate solutions through education, advocacy, and collaboration. We envision a healthy, just, and thriving Alabama for everyone who lives, works, learns, and worships here. Healthy air is our *raison d'être*. We strive to reduce air pollution, to educate the public on the health risks associated with poor air quality and to encourage community leaders to serve as role models for clean air and clean energy development. We provide the tools communities need to make healthy choices. We use the power of the law to strengthen air regulations, air pollution permits, and enforcement. Our aim is simple: healthier air for everyone no matter their zip code, race, or income. We also offer presentations to community groups, clubs, churches, and other gatherings. GASP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## Our Core Beliefs

- Everyone has a right to breathe healthy air.
- Health should be a top priority when making laws and policies.
- Healthy air means healthier people, which means a healthier economy.
- The government must be transparent and accountable to the people.
- Elected officials and regulators have a moral duty to protect public health.
- Likewise, the people of Alabama are responsible for doing their share to protect public health to the best of their abilities.
- Clean air and environmental justice are in the long-term best interest of all Alabamians.
- Clean, renewable energy is essential to a healthier and more sustainable Alabama.
- Every Alabamian deserves the opportunity to live a healthy life regardless of race, place, class, or other identity.

