Primary Elections

Primaries are elections that political parties use to select their candidates for a general election. A primary is necessary when multiple candidates from the same political party file for the same office.

Do I have to be a registered member of a party to participate in the Statewide Primaries? No, S.C. does not have registration by party. The Statewide Primaries are open to all registered S.C. voters. Poll managers will ask voters, “In which party’s primary do you wish to vote today?”

Can I vote in both primaries? No. State law prohibits voters from voting in more than one party’s primary.

How is the winner determined in a Primary? A candidate must receive a majority of votes cast for that office to win the primary. In offices with one seat to fill (most offices), majority is determined by dividing the total votes cast for the office by two. Any number of votes in excess of that number is a majority. If no candidate has a majority, then the two candidates remaining with the highest number of votes will appear in a runoff two weeks after the date of the primary (June 25).

How is the winner determined in a runoff? The candidate with the highest number of votes wins.

If I voted in one party’s primary, can I vote in the other party’s runoff? No. The runoff is a continuation of the primary. If you voted in a party’s primary, you can vote only in the runoff of the same party.

If I didn’t vote in either primary, can I vote in a runoff? Yes. You have the option of voting in either party’s runoff.

I received my Runoff absentee ballot in the mail. Why are some offices and candidates marked out? This is common practice and nothing to be alarmed about. Because of the short time frame between the Primary and Runoff and the time it takes for ballots to be delivered by mail, recreating and reprinting Runoff absentee ballots is not an option in most cases. Candidates that did not make the runoff, as well as offices for which the nominees have been decided, are marked through. Any votes for offices or candidates that are marked through will not be counted.

How do I find out what Candidate has filed for office? Go to SCVotes.gov. Then go to Candidate Tracking System and enter Election Type “Statewide Primaries and General Elections”, Election Year “2024”, Election Name “6/11/2024 Statewide Primary”.

Candidates Information

Are there any laws about candidates posting their signs along the roadway? Yes, there are several state laws addressing political signs on roadways, as well as county and municipal ordinances. See S.C. Code of Laws Sections 57-25-10, 57-25-140, and 7-25-210. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the entity that maintains the road (state, county, or municipality) to enforce applicable sign laws.

Placing posters on telephone/utility poles may be considered destruction of private property. Also, the staples and nails left in the poles are very dangerous for the workers who must climb these poles during an emergency. Utility companies ask candidates to not place signs on these poles.

Can candidates or their representatives take people to the polls to vote? Yes. It is permissible for any person, even a candidate, to give a voter a ride as long as it is being done solely to help facilitate voting. However, no one can offer a voter anything of value in exchange for voting.

Write-in Candidates

Write-in votes are not allowed in political party primaries or for President and Vice-president. A candidate who was defeated in a political party’s primary may not actively offer or campaign as a write-in candidate for the ensuing election (S.C. Code of Laws Section 7-11-210).

The candidate may enter the polling place, but the candidate’s badge must be removed before entering (Section 7-25-180 (b)). A candidate may not actively campaign inside the polling place. Candidates and poll watchers should be permitted to look at the voter registration list in the polling place, provided that they do not interfere with the orderly conduct of the election and no one is waiting in line to vote.
# Know Your Precinct

## Orangeburg County

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**If you move or get married, don’t forget to change your address and name with the Voter Registration Office.**

**If you move from one County to another, you must register in your new County.**

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**Voting**

**Even Years**

Vote for State & Countywide Offices

**Odd Years**

Vote for Municipal Offices (City & Town Council)
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US Congressional District

02 - Joe Wilson
06 - Jim Clyburn

SC Senate District

36 - Kevin Johnson
39 - Vernon Stephens
40 - Brad Hutto

SC House District

90 – Justin Bamberg
91 – Lonnie Hosey
93 – Russell Ott
95 – Gilda Cobb-Hunter

County Council

1 – Jonnie Wright
2 –Johnny Ravenell
3 – Kenneth McCaster
4 – Joseph Garvin
5 – Janie Cooper Smith
6 – Deloris Frazier
7 – Latisha Walker

School Board

1 – Betty Macon Pelzer
2 – Sylvia Stephens
3 – William O’Quinn
4 – Dr. Lorraine Peeples
5 – Idella W Carson
6 – Ruby Edwards
7 – Mary Ulmer-Berry

8 – Ralph Lee Brown
9 – Debora B Brunson

Orangeburg City Council

Mayor - Micheal Butler
1 – Richard P Stroman
2 – Kalu Kahu
3 – Jerry Goldsteins Hannah
4 – Annette Dees Grevious
5 – Liz Zimmerman Keitt
6 – Sandra P. Knotts

Munic (District in City Limits)

542 – Bowman
543 – Branchville
544 – Cope
545 – Cordova
546 – Elloree
547 – Eutawville
548 – Holly Hill
550 – Livingston
551 – Neeses
552 – North
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554 – Orangeburg
556 – Rowesville
557 – Santee
558 – Springfield
559 – Vance
561 – Woodford

Upcoming 2024 Elections and Important Dates

March 16th @ 12noon until April 1 @ 12noon - Candidates Filing
- State Senate seats 39 & 40
- State House of Representatives seats 90, 91, 93, 95
- County Council Seats 2, 3, 4, 5
- Sheriff
- Coroner
- Clerk of Court
- School Board Seats 2, 4, 6, 8

June 11, 2024 - Statewide Primaries Election
Deadline to register to vote is May 12, 2023
Early Voting: May 28th - June 7th @ 8:30am - 5:00pm
Old County Library - 210 Louis St, Orangeburg, SC
North Challenge Center - 4583 Savannah Hwy, North, SC
Vance Senior Center—10304 Old Number Six Hwy, Vance, SC

Candidate Filing: August 1st at 12noon- August 15th at 12noon (nonpartisan)
- School Board
- Soil and Water Commissioner
- Horse Range Watershed Commissioner, 2 seats

June 25, 2024 - Primary Runoffs Election

November 5, 2024 - Statewide General Election
Deadline to register to vote is October 6, 2024
Early Voting October 21st - November 2nd
at 8:30am—6:00pm
Closed Sunday, October 27, 2024

* Deadline to Register to Vote only applies to someone who is not already registered in their current County.
Absentee by Mail Process

Absentee is by Mail Only (must be requested yearly as early as January)

STEP 1: Request Absentee Ballot by Phone, Mail or In-Person

STEP 2: Absentee Application is mailed to voter

STEP 3: Voter signs and returns Absentee Application

STEP 4: Absentee Ballot is mailed to voter

STEP 5: Voter returns Absentee Ballot by 7:00pm on Election Day to the Voter Registration Office

Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot:

- Employment
- Caregiver
- Confined to Jail
- Absent From my County of residence
- Physical Disability
- Sixty Five or Older
- Hospital
- Active Duty Uniformed Services
- Merchant Marine
- Citizen Overseas Temporary
- Government Employee Overseas
- Citizen Overseas Permanently

Reasons why Absentee Ballots may not be counted

- Voter didn’t sign envelope
- Voter signed wrong envelope
- No Witness Signature
- Not returned before 7:00pm on Election Night

Who Can Request an Application/Return an Absentee Ballot

- Voters may request an absentee ballot by contacting your county voter registration office in the county in which you are registered in person, by phone or by mail.
- A member of the voter's immediate family (Spouse, Parent, Child, Brother, Sister, Grandparent, Grandchild, Mother-in-Law, Father-in-law, Brother-in-law, Sister-in-law, Son-in-law, Daughter-in-law) may request the absentee ballot application by phone, in person or by mail. Must provide the voter’s name, date of birth and last 4 digits of their Social Security Number. Limit to only 5 request, violation of this rule is a felony.
- An Authorized Representative must have permission to act on behalf of a voter who is unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability resulting in his confinement in a hospital, sanatorium, nursing home, or place of residence, or is unable because of a physical handicap. Authorized Representative must be a registered voter. Authorized Representative can only request by mail or in person.

Early Voting

Each county board of voter registration and elections must establish at least one early voting center. Early voting period is a two-week period immediately preceding an election.

Hours for Early Voting

- Municipal Elections and Special Election - Monday - Friday (8:30am - 5:00pm)
- Runoff Election - Wednesday—Friday (8:30am - 5:00pm)
- Statewide General Elections - Monday - Saturday (8:30am - 6:00pm)

Early Voting Sites for Special Election

- Orangeburg County Voter Registration & Elections Office, 1475 Amelia Street, Orangeburg, SC