Polling place information

Polling places are selected for each precinct in a county-wide election with every effort made to have the polling place in the same precinct.

Why does my polling place change?

For City, Town, school district, and other jurisdictional elections multiple precincts are consolidated to vote at a central polling place. This results in some voters having a polling place change from county wide elections. (For example four precincts will vote at one school rather than at four different facilities). Polling places can also change because the facility may not be available on Election Day, it has changed management, or new precincts may have been created resulting in different polling places being assigned.

Why do voters have to vote in their own precinct?

Elections officials need to make sure that voters are voting for offices and issues that pertain to where they live. If a voter goes into a polling place across the street from where they work it may be in a different city/town or school district from where they live.

How do I know where to go vote?

Voters may receive a Publicity Pamphlet or Sample Ballot containing polling place information. You can also access the information on your county's website or by calling their voter information number.

ID at the Polls

Voters have three options on Election Day:

- Provide ID off of the list with the same address where you are registered and vote a standard ballot.
- Provide ID off of the list with a different address than where you are registered and vote a provisional ballot.
- Provide insufficient ID or no ID at all, vote a conditional provisional ballot, but return with sufficient ID either while the polls are open on Election Day or to an ID verification site in the allowed time after the election.

Do I have to show ID for Early Voting?

No, there is no identification requirements if you request and early ballot. Early ballots may be requested from the County Recorder of your county or residence and can be made in person, in writing, by mail, telephone, fax or Internet.

Lists of acceptable forms of ID:

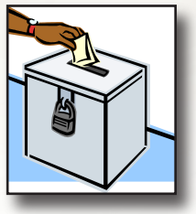
LIST ONE: PHOTO ID and CURRENT ADDRESS (Provide ONE item):

- Valid Arizona driver license,
- Valid Arizona non-operating identification,
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification (with photo, name, and current address), or
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification

OR

LIST TWO: NON-PHOTO ID with CURRENT ADDRESS (Provide TWO items)

- Utility Bill of the elector dated within 90 days of the date of the election. Utility bill may be for: Electric, Gas, Water, Solid waste, Sewer, Telephone, Cellular phone, Cable television,
- Bank or credit union statement dated within 90 days of the date of the election,
- Valid Arizona vehicle registration,
- Vehicle insurance card,
- Indian census card,
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification,
- Property tax statement of the elector's residence,
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification,
- Voter registration card or Recorder's certificate,
- Any "Official Election Material" mailing bearing the elector's name and address (only applicable in some counties, check with your local elections department)



County Election Offices

Apache County Recorder
(928) 337-7514 (TDD# 337-4402)

Cochise County Recorder
(520) 432-8354 (TDD# 432-8360)

Coconino County Recorder / Elections Department
(928) 779-6585 (TDD# 226-6073)

Gila County Recorder
(928) 425-3231 (TDD# 425-0839)

Graham County Recorder
(928) 428-3560 (TDD# 428-3562)

Greenlee County Recorder
(928) 865-2632 (TDD# 865-2632)

La Paz County Recorder
(928) 669-6136 (TDD# 669-8400)

Maricopa County Recorder / Elections Department
(602) 506-1511 (TDD# 506-5028

Mohave County Recorder
(928) 753-0767 (TDD# 753-0769)

Navajo County Recorder
(928) 524-4194 (TDD# 524-4294)

Pima County Recorder
(520) 740-4330 (TDD# 740-4320)

Pinal County Recorder
(520) 866-6850 (TDD# 866-6851)

Santa Cruz County Recorder
(520) 375-7990 (TDD# 761-7816)

Yavapai County Recorder
(928) 771-3248 (TDD# 771-3530)

Yuma County Recorder
(928) 373-6020 (TDD# 373-6033)

Basic Voter Information

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What if the address on my ID doesn't match my voter registration?

If you have either 1 form of ID on List 1 OR 2 forms of ID on List 2 and the address does not match your registration you will need to vote a provisional ballot—you WILL NOT have to provide any other ID, nor should you be turned away from voting. If the addresses match, you vote a standard ballot.

What is a provisional ballot?

If you have moved or changed your name and not updated your registration, you will be asked to vote a provisional ballot. By filling out the provisional form, your registration will be updated. If the address on your ID does not match the way that you are registered in the Signature Roster, you will vote a provisional ballot (no other ID is necessary). If you requested an Early Ballot and go to the polls on Election Day, you will be asked to vote a provisional ballot. Election officials will check to be sure no one is attempting to vote twice. If you don't have ID, or have only 1 form of non-photo ID, you will vote a provisional ballot and its processing will be conditional upon bringing in correct ID.

Do provisional ballots count?

All voters have the right to vote a provisional ballot. However, the ballots will only count if the voter was eligible, have signed the provisional ballot form, and cast the ballot in the correct polling place. Provisional ballots do not count if the voter was not registered, registered after the deadline, was in the wrong polling place, didn't show ID, already voted an early ballot, if the voter failed to sign the form.

What types of elections are there?

Presidential Preference: Political party election to choose the party's candidate for president,
Primary: A primary election is held to narrow the field of candidates within a political party for the General election. Arizona has an open primary so if you are not registered to one of the recognized parties you may still vote, but you need to select which party's ballot you want to vote,
General: All candidates appear on one ballot, the winner is elected into office, and Jurisdictional: Cities, Towns, school districts, and other special districts elect their leadership and have bonds and questions put before the voters.

How is the Presidential Preference Election different?

Presidential Preference Elections are party elections and are subject to the party declaring that they will conduct an election. In Arizona, you do not have to declare a political party at the time that you register. However, in a Presidential Preference Election, you would need to be registered to the party whose ballot you want to vote.

- If you are registered to one of the recognized parties, you must vote that party's ballot,
- If you are registered to a party other than one participating in the Presidential Preference Election, you are not eligible to vote.
- If you want to register to a party affiliation so that you can participate in the Presidential Preference Election, you must re-register to that party by the 29-day registration deadline prior to the election.

What assistance is available to voters?

- Voters may bring in someone to assist them in voting as long as they are not a candidate on the ballot, the voter's employer, or an agent of the voter's labor union.
- Voters may also bring in guide animals or assistive devices.
- Language assistance is available at many polling places. Contact your local county elections office to find out if your polling place is covered.
- Alternative formats are available from many counties. These formats include large print, Braille, and audio recordings.
- Each polling place is equipped with a touch screen machine capable of large print and an audio representation of the ballot.
- Special Election Boards are available in some counties for homebound voters. Contact your local office to see if the service is available in your area.

Sometimes there is a line at the polls, what can I do to avoid it?

- "Rush hour" at the polls occurs the first hour that the polls are open, at lunchtime, and after 5 PM. If you are able to vote mid-morning or mid-afternoon there will be less congestion.
- Be sure you are at the correct polling place so that you don't stand in line unnecessarily.
- Use your sample ballot to pre-mark your choices; bring it with you to the polls and simply transfer your selections to the official ballot once you are in the polling place.
- Update your registration whenever you move so that your information will be correct in the Signature Roster (www.servicearizona.gov)

If I am in line by 7:00 PM on Election Day, do I still get to vote?

Yes! The polls officially close at 7:00 PM and no new voters may get in line after that time. Everyone in line at 7:00 PM will be given the chance to vote.

Can I take my children with me to the polls?

Yes. Children are allowed into the polling place with you. It is a great opportunity to show them the importance of participating in the electoral process. Children should not be allowed to disrupt other voters and must remain respectful in the polling place. Consider that in a Presidential Election, voting may take some time, so plan accordingly with small children.

When are the elections?

There are usually 4 election dates every year: March, May, September, and November. However, in a presidential year we also have the Presidential Preference election in February.

February 5, 2008	Presidential Preference Election (Democratic and Republican Parties)
March 11, 2008	Jurisdictional Elections (City/Town, schools, etc)
May 20, 2008	Jurisdictional Elections (City/Town, schools, etc)
September 2, 2008	Primary Election
November 4, 2008	Presidential General Election

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