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No Election Day for Voters on May 9 Annual School Board Election

Only early voting and absentee options for Jacksonville residents

PULASKI COUNTY, AR – Voters in Jacksonville will head to the polls for the annual school election with one exception – no voting on election day. Since no candidate was certified to run for the Jacksonville North Pulaski School Board and no proposed change in the district's school tax rate, the School Board submitted a resolution requesting that the election be held by early voting and absentee. There will be no polling locations open on election day.

<u>Arkansas law</u> allows school districts to open no polling locations on election day and instead offer early voting and absentee ballot only if no more than one candidate for a school district position is on the ballot and no change to the local tax rate structure.

"Even though this upcoming annual school election has no slated candidate and no change to the tax mill rate on the ballot, by law the election must occur. I am encouraging all residents in the city of Jacksonville who value voting not to skip this one and go vote," said County Clerk Terri Hollingsworth.

There are approximately 19,860 eligible registered voters for this election. Jacksonville residents who are unsure if they are qualified to vote can use the Arkansas Secretary of State's <u>VoterView</u> website to check a sample ballot. The last day for new voters to be qualified to vote in this election was April 9. The last day voters who live outside Pulaski County can transfer their voting address within the Jacksonville city limits and be eligible to vote is **May 5**.

EARLY VOTING

There are five (5) days of early voting beginning **Tuesday**, **May 2** and ending **Monday**, **May 8**. There will be no early voting on Saturday or Sunday. There will be two locations for early voting:

- 1. Pulaski County Regional Building 501 West Markham, Little Rock 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Jacksonville Community Center
 5 Municipal Drive, Jacksonville
 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.



ABSENTEE VOTING

Eligible voters have until **May 2** to email, mail or fax a request for an absentee ballot to be mailed. The deadline to request an absentee ballot application *in person* at the courthouse by the voter and/or their designated bearer/administrator is **May 5** before 5:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots returned *in person* must be turned in by **May 5** before 5:00 p.m. to the courthouse. Ballots that were mailed in by the voter must be received by the County Clerk's office before 7:30 p.m. on **May 9**.

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The Pulaski County Clerk's office processes voter registration, registration updates and transfers (for changes of address,) and maintains the county's voter registration data. The office also processes requests, distributes, and receives absentee ballots.

Pulaski County Voter Registration (501) 340-8336 or visit <u>www.pulaskiclerk.com</u>.

The Pulaski County Election Commission manages the selection and administration of polling places, supervision of poll workers, and the counting of ballots.

Pulaski County Election Commission at (501) 340-8383 or visit www.votepulaski.net