

Enclosed you will find a sample ballot and important information for the upcoming general election. The sample ballot can also be found online at [votewalton.gov/sample](https://www.votewalton.gov/sample). This sample ballot and information is provided in advance so you can study the candidates and issues and be better prepared to make your voice heard. You may take this sample ballot with you to vote and use it as a reference guide.

I encourage you to make a plan now to vote. Voting has never been easier. You may choose to vote by mail, in-person during the 8 early voting days at one of the 4 convenient locations, or in-person at your home precinct polling place on Election Day. See you at the polls!

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To the registered voter(s) at

**SAMPLE
BALLOT**
Enclosed

2024



GENERAL ELECTION

Important Dates:

Open to all eligible voters registered by **October 7, 2024**

Deadline to request a mail ballot..... **October 24, 2024**

EARLY VOTING (In-person)..... **Oct. 26 - Nov. 2, 2024**

ELECTION DAY (In-person)..... **November 5, 2024**

ARE YOU ELECTION READY?



Recently moved? → Update your record
Name changed? → [votewalton.gov/update](https://www.votewalton.gov/update)

Where is my precinct? → Check your status
Where is my mail ballot? → [votewalton.gov/info](https://www.votewalton.gov/info)

When can I vote? → Plan ahead
Where do I vote? → [votewalton.gov/3ways](https://www.votewalton.gov/3ways)

THREE WAYS TO VOTE

1

Vote-by-Mail (Absentee)

If you wish to Vote-by-Mail,
request **by October 24th** at:
[votewalton.gov/request](https://www.votewalton.gov/request)

or by calling:
(850) 892-8112

(ID number required to request.)

Standing mail ballot requests
expire at the end of each
even-numbered year (2024).

Track your ballot:
[votewalton.gov/track](https://www.votewalton.gov/track)

FILL IN THE OVAL



NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE
ON THE BALLOT



[votewalton.gov](https://www.votewalton.gov)

(850)892-8112

MAIN OFFICE

Walton County Courthouse
571 US Hwy 90 E, Ste 102
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433

BRANCH OFFICE

Courthouse Annex
31 Coastal Centre Blvd., Ste 300
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

2

Early Voting (In-person)

**Quick, Easy, Flexible,
Convenient
Open Weekends!
Lock in your vote!
Avoid the rush!
Reduce the lines!
Fit voting into your schedule!**

ID is required.

[votewalton.gov/early](https://www.votewalton.gov/early)

CHOOSE YOUR DATE!

October 26th - November 2nd

Saturday, October 26.....8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Sunday, October 27.....1:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Monday, October 28.....8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Tuesday, October 29.....8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday, October 30.....8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday, October 31.....8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday, November 1.....8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday, November 2.....8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

CHOOSE YOUR LOCATION!

★ **Miramar Beach**
Faith Assembly Church
306 S Geronimo St

★ **Freeport**
Freeport City Hall
112 St Hwy 20 W

★ **Santa Rosa Beach**
South Walton Courthouse Annex*
31 Coastal Centre Blvd

★ **DeFuniak Springs**
Walton County Courthouse*
571 US Hwy 90 E

*Not an Election Day polling place.

3

Election Day (In-person)

Last Chance!

**Must vote at your
home precinct's
polling place.**

Refer to your voter
information card or visit:
[votewalton.gov/info](https://www.votewalton.gov/info)

ID is required.

On Tuesday,
November 5th
polls are open from
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Have your ID ready!

When voting in person,
you must show a current photo
and signature ID. This can be on
one document or two.

The 12 valid forms of
ID accepted are:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida ID Card
- Debit or credit card
- U.S. Passport or Card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Veteran Health ID
- Concealed weapon license
- Government employee ID

La traducción al español está disponible.

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Your "official" ballot will contain only the contests for the area where you live.

President and Vice President (Vote for 1)	
<input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump JD Vance	REP
<input type="radio"/> Kamala D. Harris Tim Walz	DEM
<input type="radio"/> Chase Oliver Mike ter Maat	LPF
<input type="radio"/> Claudia De la Cruz Karina Garcia	PSL
<input type="radio"/> Randall Terry Stephen Broden	CPF
<input type="radio"/> Peter Sonski Lauren Onak	ASP
<input type="radio"/> Jill Stein Rudolph Ware	GRE
<input type="radio"/>	
Write-in	
United States Senator (Vote for 1)	
<input type="radio"/> Rick Scott	REP
<input type="radio"/> Debbie Mucarsel-Powell	DEM
<input type="radio"/> Feena Bonoan	LPF
<input type="radio"/> Tuan TQ Nguyen	NPA
<input type="radio"/> Ben Everidge	NPA
<input type="radio"/>	
Write-in	

Justice of the Florida Supreme Court
Shall Justice Renatha Francis of the Supreme Court be retained in office?
<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No
Shall Justice Meredith Sasso of the Supreme Court be retained in office?
<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No
Florida First District Court of Appeal
Shall Judge Stephanie Ray of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No
Shall Judge Bradford L. Thomas of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No
Shall Judge M. Kemmerly Thomas of the First District Court of Appeal be retained in office?
<input type="radio"/> Yes
<input type="radio"/> No

All voters will vote on one of the following two contests, depending on if you live in Congressional District 1 or 2:

Representative in Congress District 1 (Vote for 1) <i>*Only for voters living in Congressional District 1</i>	
<input type="radio"/> Matt Gaetz	REP
<input type="radio"/> Gay Valimont	DEM
Representative in Congress District 2 (Vote for 1) <i>*Only for voters living in Congressional District 2</i>	
<input type="radio"/> Neal Dunn	REP
<input type="radio"/> Yen Bailey	DEM

District map at VoteWalton.gov/CDmap

State Representative, District 5 (Vote for 1)	
<input type="radio"/> Shane Abbott	REP
<input type="radio"/> Stephanie Lyn Leonard	DEM
Sheriff (Vote for 1)	
<input type="radio"/> Michael A. Adkinson Jr	REP
<input type="radio"/>	
Write-in	
Board of County Commissioners District 5 (Vote for 1)	
<input type="radio"/> Tony Anderson	REP
<input type="radio"/> Michael T. Miller	DEM

Only voters living in the Liberty Fire District will vote on the following three contests:

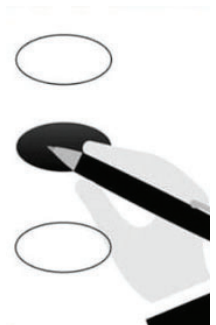
Liberty Fire District, Seat 1 (Vote for 1) <i>*Only for voters living in Liberty Fire District</i>
<input type="radio"/> John Curry
<input type="radio"/> Tony Roy
Liberty Fire District, Seat 2 (Vote for 1) <i>*Only for voters living in Liberty Fire District</i>
<input type="radio"/> Michael Engel
<input type="radio"/> Matthew Perkins
Liberty Fire District, Seat 3 (Vote for 1) <i>*Only for voters living in Liberty Fire District</i>
<input type="radio"/> John Hinson
<input type="radio"/> James Odom

District map at VoteWalton.gov/LFDmap

Fill in the oval completely next to your choice.

To vote for a qualified write-in candidate, fill in the oval and print the name clearly on the blank line provided.

It is okay to skip a contest and leave it blank. You are not required to vote in every contest.



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<p>No. 1 Constitutional Amendment Article IX, Section 4 and Article XII</p> <p>Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards</p> <p>Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require members of a district school board to be elected in a partisan election rather than a nonpartisan election and to specify that the amendment only applies to elections held on or after the November 2026 general election. However, partisan primary elections may occur before the 2026 general election for purposes of nominating political party candidates to that office for placement on the 2026 general election ballot.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 4 Constitutional Amendment Article I, New Section</p> <p>Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion</p> <p>No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.</p> <p>The proposed amendment would result in significantly more abortions and fewer live births per year in Florida. The increase in abortions could be even greater if the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions and those ensuring only licensed physicians perform abortions. There is also uncertainty about whether the amendment will require the state to subsidize abortions with public funds. Litigation to resolve those and other uncertainties will result in additional costs to the state government and state courts that will negatively impact the state budget. An increase in abortions may negatively affect the growth of state and local revenues over time. Because the fiscal impact of increased abortions on state and local revenues and costs cannot be estimated with precision, the total impact of the proposed amendment is indeterminate. THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AMENDMENT CANNOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO AMBIGUITIES AND UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE AMENDMENT'S IMPACT.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>No. 2 Constitutional Amendment Article I, Section 28</p> <p>Right to Fish and Hunt</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to preserve forever fishing and hunting, including by the use of traditional methods, as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. Specifies that the amendment does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV of the State Constitution.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 5 Constitutional Amendment Article VII, Section 6 and Article XII</p> <p>Annual Adjustments to the Value of Certain Homestead Exemptions</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies and for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner is eligible. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2025.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>No. 3 Constitutional Amendment Article X, Section 29</p> <p>Adult Personal Use of Marijuana</p> <p>Allows adults 21 years or older to possess, purchase, or use marijuana products and marijuana accessories for non-medical personal consumption by smoking, ingestion, or otherwise; allows Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and other state licensed entities, to acquire, cultivate, process, manufacture, sell, and distribute such products and accessories. Applies to Florida law; does not change, or immunize violations of, federal law. Establishes possession limits for personal use. Allows consistent legislation. Defines terms. Provides effective date.</p> <p>The amendment's financial impact primarily comes from expected sales tax collections. If legal today, sales of non-medical marijuana would be subject to sales tax and would remain so if voters approve this amendment. Based on other states' experiences, expected retail sales of non-medical marijuana would generate at least \$195.6 million annually in state and local sales tax revenues once the retail market is fully operational, although the timing of this occurring is unclear. Under current law, the existing statutory framework for medical marijuana is repealed six months after the effective date of this amendment which affects how this amendment will be implemented. A new regulatory structure for both medical and nonmedical use of marijuana will be needed. Its design cannot be fully known until the legislature acts; however, regulatory costs will probably be offset by regulatory fees. Other potential costs and savings cannot be predicted. THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS ESTIMATED TO HAVE A NET POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STATE BUDGET. THIS IMPACT MAY RESULT IN GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUE OR AN INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT SERVICES.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>No. 6 Constitutional Amendment Article VI, Section 7</p> <p>Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement</p> <p>Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution which requires public financing for campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p align="center">Florida constitutional amendment contests will appear on the back side of your official ballot.</p>	

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