**2020 General Election Guide**

On November 3rd, the nation will hold its general elections. To help you remain informed about the candidates who are running for office and the offices for which they are competing, we offer this voter guide.

General elections determine which candidate will hold a particular office. In some cases, only candidates from one party are running for a particular office. As such, the outcome of the primary elections narrowed the field of candidates to one person, who is running unopposed in the general elections.

We, the Escapees RV Club, compiled resources, for Florida, Texas, and South Dakota (locations of our mail forwarding service addresses-- which some use for their domicile) to assist you in registering to vote and when voting by absentee ballot. Those resources can be found on our website by following this link: <https://www.escapees.com/voting-absentee-2/> .

Below you will find links and resources to enable you to research which candidates are running for a particular office, listed by state.

**(Please note: The Escapees RV Club does not endorse or oppose any candidate for office or any political party. All of the information below was sourced from state and county websites and is correct to the best of our knowledge. However, as information may change, we encourage you to rely on your own research.)**

We hope you find this information helpful. We encourage you to vote the general elections. Voting strengthens your domicile claim by showing a connection to your chosen county. And, voting helps us shape the communities we call home.

—Escapees RV Club—

**Texas**

According to the [Texas Secretary of State website](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/important-election-dates.shtml), there are a few key dates you should remain mindful of:

* Last Day to Register to Vote: Monday, October 5, 2020
* First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance: Tuesday, October 13, 2020
* Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked): Friday, October 23, 2020
* Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance: Friday, October 30, 2020
* Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, November 4, 2020 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply).

By following [this link](https://candidate.texas-election.com/Elections/getCandidatesBallotOrderInfo.do), you will be able to obtain a complete list of candidates (federal, state, and county) running for office in the general election. Remember, if you are using the Escapees mail forwarding service, in Texas, you will need to select Polk County.

When completing your ballot whether in person or by mail, please note this will be the first election in Texas where you may not do straight party voting—meaning, you will have to select each candidate for a particular office.

Escapees Mail Service members who will be traveling outside of Polk County may have their ballots sent to the following address for a $5.00-per-ballot fee charged to their postage account to help defray the costs for this service.

**Your Name**

**c/o Escapees RV Club**

**PO Box 1578**

**Shepherd, TX 77371**

This box is for Escapees members who will be away traveling and do not have a secure temporary mailing address that they are comfortable using. Escapees Mail Service agents will forward these ballots on to you, but it is important to recognize that this can cause an additional time delay. It is always best to have your applications and ballots sent directly to you, if at all possible.

You can mail your complete ballot via USPS, UPS, FedEx to:

**101 W Mill ST**

**Ste 265**

**Livingston TX, 77351**

**Florida**

According to the [Sumter County Supervisor of Elections website](https://www.sumterelections.org/Elections/2020-Election-Information%29) there are a few key dates you should remain mindful of:

* Last Day to Register to Vote for this Election (also referred to as Book Closing): October 5, 2020
* Last Day to Apply for Ballot By Mail: October 24, 2020
* First Day of Early Voting in-person: October 20, 2020 (9 AM - 6 PM; Voters can vote at any Early Voting Location)
* Last Day of Early Voting in-person: October 31, 2020 (9 AM - 6 PM; Voters can vote at any Early Voting Location)
* Last Day to Receive Ballot By Mail: November 3, 2020 (No later than 7 PM)

By following [this link](https://www.voterfocus.com/CampaignFinance/candidate_pr.php?c=sumter), you will be able to obtain a complete list of candidates running for county/local offices, in the general election. In some instances, the site contains statements provided by the candidates and campaign finance information.

[Here](https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/candidates/CanList.asp), you will be able to obtain a complete list of candidates running for state or federal offices.

In addition, the Sumter County Supervisor of Elections website contains [a resource](https://www.sumterelections.org/Voters/Review-My-Registration-Status--Voter-Lookup) that consolidates your voter information.

On this site you will be able to see:

* Where to vote on election day
* Sample ballots
* Upcoming elections

You'll also be able to:

* Request a mail ballot
* Review/update your voter registration information
* Check the status of your mail ballot
* Review your voting activity for the past 12 months

**South Dakota**

According to the [South Dakota Secretary of State website](https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/2020-Election-Information.aspx), there are a few key dates you should remain mindful of:

* Last Day to Register to Vote: October 19, 2020
* Last Day to Apply for a Ballot By Mail: November 2, 2020 by 5:00 PM
* First Day of Early Voting: September 18, 2020
* Last Day of Early Voting: November 2, 2020
* Last Day to Receive Ballot By Mail: November, 3, 2020

Further, the South Dakota Secretary of State produced [a guide](https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/assets/2020GeneralElectionInformation.pdf) containing general information on elections. The guide notes:

 “Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. Voters do not need to provide a reason in order to absentee vote. Absentee ballots are available 46 days prior to the primary and general elections. An absentee voter desiring to vote by mail may apply to the person in charge of the election for an absentee ballot. The application or request shall be made in writing and be signed by the applicant and state the applicant's voter registration address.”

A list of all the candidates running for office in the general elections can be found on the [South Dakota Secretary of State’s website](https://vip.sdsos.gov/candidatelist.aspx?eid=422).

And, a guide to the ballot questions can be found [here](https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/assets/2020BQPamphletColorVersion.pdf).

By following [this link](https://vip.sdsos.gov/vipLogin.aspx), you will be able to view:

* View your sample ballot for the general election
* View your voter registration information (including your polling place)
* Track your absentee ballot (if voting by mail)