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Election Commission Declares Emergency

March 17, 2020

Effective immediately, a state of emergency exists concerning elections in Garland County Arkansas.

The Garland County Judge has issued a disaster declaration, and the State Board of Election Commissioners has issued policies and procedures concerning the March 31, 2020 Primary Runoff Election (Lakeside School Board).

Arkansas law does not permit the County Board of Election Commissioners, the County Clerk, or the County Judge to unilaterally cancel or postpone in-person voting. To mitigate exposure to both voters and poll workers, the Garland County Election Commission will instigate the following emergency procedures.

1. Notify voters of the option to request an Absentee Ballot. Applications by mail must be received in the County Clerk's office by Tuesday March 24, 2020. In person applications or delivery of voted absentee ballots (including bearers) must be received by the County Clerk by end of business (5 PM) on Monday March 30, 2020. A copy of an acceptable photo ID must be submitted with an absentee ballot.
2. Early voting (in-person) will be conducted at the Election Commission Building, 649 Ouachita Ave. between the hours of 8 AM – 5 PM on Tuesday – Friday March 24-27, 2020, and on Monday March 30, 2020. In-person voters will be required to maintain a six (6) foot distance from other voters, and will use a separate door to exit the voting area.
3. Election Day, March 31, 2020, voting will occur only at the Election Commission Building, following the same guidelines as mentioned in Early Voting.

These emergency procedures will remain in effect until otherwise notified, or altered by court proceedings.