



**Monday, October 18, 2010**  
**General Elections**

### **TIME TO VOTE – EARLY VOTING BEGINS TODAY**

Early voting for the General Election started this morning and will continue through Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. In most counties, early voting is available at the county clerk's office. Counties with off-site early voting (a location other than the county clerk's office) will publish the designated sites in local newspapers. Early voting is available between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, ending at 5 p.m. on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Off-site early voting hours may vary by county; watch your local newspaper or contact your county clerk for information.

To find your polling place and for voter information visit [VoteNaturally.org](http://VoteNaturally.org).

### **Election Day is Tuesday, November 2.**

The stakes for this year's elections are high, and the outcomes could impact businesses and the U.S. economy for the next decade. It is vitally important for the Arkansas business community to participate in the election process. If the business community does not engage in the political process, we are simply forfeiting the elections to the other groups that do engage in the election process.

All business owners, managers and leaders should be informed voters and should encourage co-workers and employees to do the same.

*Business matters.* Let's vote as if we do.

### **Vote for Issues 2 & 3 on the November Ballot**

The State Chamber/AIA has taken a leadership role in The Committee for Arkansas's Future to get Issues No. 2 & 3 passed on the November ballot.

A vote for Issues No. 2 & 3 is a vote to create more and better jobs in Arkansas.

**Issue No. 2** – Arkansas is at a competitive disadvantage due to out-of-date interest rate laws. Our interest rate limits are tied to the federal discount rate that

was at double digit levels when our current laws were adopted 30 years ago, but the discount rate is now almost zero as part of the effort to stimulate the economy. Our laws are the most restrictive in the United States. They were aimed at protecting consumers but now, unfortunately, restrict credit in the state, and impede the ability of local governments to finance important public projects. As a consequence, our laws often increase costs by restricting financing alternatives, rather than protecting the public and consumers.

**Issue No. 2 would:**

- Remove the existing method of determining the interest rate cap on all governmental bonds and loans, and permit restrictions to be adopted by the Legislature that could be modified as required by changing economic and market conditions,
- Eliminate the current below-market-interest-rate cap on consumer and other loans that effectively prevents local businesses from offering credit to customers, while preserving the existing-interest-rate cap at 17 percent and,
- Allow local governmental units to save public funds by providing an effective method of financing energy savings products.

The current law severely restricts, and in many cases prevents, state government and municipalities from raising money through bond issues for important projects such as police and fire stations, hospitals, streets and roads, recreation facilities and economic development infrastructure. The proposed amendment would offer flexibility for state government and municipalities to actually lower the interest paid on bonds by being able to take better advantage of low interest rate environments.

**Issue No. 3 –** Arkansas deserves the same economic development tools as our competitors. Arkansas voters resoundingly passed Amendment 82 (commonly known as the Super Project Amendment) in 2004, but technical restrictions have kept the amendment from being of any value in today's rapidly changing economic environment.

**Issue No. 3 would:**

- Authorize the General Assembly to issue bonds to help recruit jobs and remove the requirement of \$500 million in capital investments and 500 jobs for a single project.
- Offer much greater flexibility for this valuable economic development tool while preserving the existing cap on the annual amount of money that can be dedicated to bond repayment.

Arkansas has been unable to compete for certain projects with states like Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina and Texas. These states operate without our restrictions. The projects in which we were not competitive did not satisfy the dollar investment or number of employees currently required by Amendment 82.

The proposed amendment would broaden the application of economic development funding, thereby producing a greater statewide impact and benefit.

For more information on Issues No. 2 and 3, click [here](#).

### **Statewide Candidate List**

Here is a list of the general elections across Arkansas. (Unopposed incumbents and candidates are not listed)

## **FEDERAL ELECTIONS**

### **U.S. SENATE**

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
Lincoln, D	Sen. Blanche Lincoln	D
	Cong John Boozman	R
	John Gray	G
	Trevor Drown	I
	Stephan "Troublemaker" Hercher	WI

### **U.S. CONGRESS**

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
1st District-Berry, D	Chad Causey	D
	Rick Crawford	R
	Ken Adler	G
	Richard Walden	I
	Mickey Higgins	WI
2nd District-Snyder, D	State Sen. Joyce Elliott	D
	Tim Griffin	R
	Lewis Kennedy	G
	Lance Levi	I
	Danial Suits	WI
3rd District-Boozman, R	Mayor Steve Womack	R
	David Whitaker	D
4th District-Ross, D	Cong. Mike Ross	D
	Beth Anne Rankin	R
	Joshua Drake	G

## **STATE ELECTIONS**

### **GOVERNOR**

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
Beebe, D	Gov. Mike Beebe	D
	Jim Keet	R
	Jim Lendall	G
	David E. Dinwiddie	WI
	Elvis D. Presley	WI
	Billy Roper	WI

### **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
Halter, D	State Sen. Shane Broadway	D
	Mark Darr	R

### **SECRETARY OF STATE**

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
<i>Daniels, D</i>	Pat O'Brien	D
	Mark Martin	R
	David Orr	G

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL**

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
McDaniel, D	AG Dustin McDaniel	D
	Rebekah Kennedy	G
	Marc Rosson	WI

### **AUDITOR OF STATE**

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
<i>Wood, D</i>	Charlie Daniels	D
	Mary Willis	G

### **STATE TREASURER**

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
Shoffner, D	Martha Shoffner	D
	Bobby Tullis	G

### **COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS**

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
<i>Wilcox, D</i>	L.J. Bryant	D
	John M. Thurston	R

### **STATE SUPREME COURT**

*Judicial Races are non-partisan.*

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### **STATE SENATE**

*Names in italics are prevented from seeking re-election due to term limits.*

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
<i>Dist. 6-Wilkinson, D</i>	Rep. John Paul Wells Bruce Holland	D R
<i>Dist. 10-Miller, D</i>	Rep. Curren Everett Missy Thomas Irvin	D R
<i>Dist. 18-Johnson, B., D</i>	Rep. Johnny Hoyt Jason Rapert Greg Slocum	D R G
<i>Dist. 19-Smith, D</i>	Rep. Gene Shelby Rep. Bill Sample David "Cowboy" McMillian	D R WI
<i>Dist. 22-Broadway, D</i>	Jeremy Hutchinson Rep. Dawn Creekmore	R D
<i>Dist. 28-Glover, D</i>	Lenville Evans Eddie Joe Williams	D R
<i>Dist. 29-Capps, D</i>	Rep. Jonathan Dismang Sandra Prater	R D

### **STATE HOUSE**

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*Number in parenthesis indicates term that incumbent is seeking.*

<u>Current Seat Holder</u>	<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Party</u>
<i>Dist. 4-Maloch, D</i>	Raymond Robertson Lane Jean	D R
<i>Dist. 6-Lowrey, D</i>	Matthew Shepherd	R

	Ken Bridges	D
<i>Dist. 8-Reep, D</i>	Jeff Wardlaw Thomas "Tommy" McLemore	D I
<i>Dist. 10-Maxwell, D</i>	Sheilla Lampkin Weldon Wynn	D I
Dist. 14-Rogers, D	Rep. Tiffany Rogers (2) H. Edwards	D WI
<i>Dist. 22-Abernathy, D</i>	Orvin Foster Nate Bell	D R
<i>Dist. 24-Saunders, D</i>	Larry Williams Keith Crass	D R
<i>Dist. 26-M. Burris, D</i>	Terry Bracy Loy Mauch	D R
<i>Dist. 27-Creekmore, D</i>	Vicky Morris Andy Mayberry	D R
Dist. 28-Nix, D	Rep. Barbara Nix (2) Kim Hammer	D R
Dist. 31-Greenberg, R*	David Sanders Debbie Murphy	R D
	*Running for Senate	
Dist. 32-Kerr, R	Allen Kerr (2) Carolyn Y. Staley	R D
Dist. 33-Allen, D	Rep. Fred Allen (3) Conrad Harvin	D G
<i>Dist. 34-Lewellen, D</i>	John Walker Carolyn Ann Smith	D R
<i>Dist. 35-Adcock, D</i>	Frederick "Fred" Love Richard Daes	D I

Dist. 45-Tyler, D	Rep. Linda Tyler (2) Jimmy Bryant	D R
<i>Dist. 46-Wills, D</i>	Steve Magie David Meeks	D R
Dist. 47-Hawkins D	Rep. Eddie Hawkins (3) Stephen Meeks	D R
Dist. 49-Dismang, R* *Running for Senate	Jeremy Gilliam Jesse Boyce	R D
Dist. 50-Betts, D	Rep. Monty Betts (2) Mark Biviano	D R
<i>Dist. 51-Dunn, D</i>	Marshall Wright Anna Grizzle	D R
Dist. 53-Ingram, D	Rep. Keith Ingram (2) Roger Sumpter	D I
<i>Dist. 54-Davis, D</i>	Fred Smith Willie Gammon Ray Nassar	D WI WI
Dist. 56-Lovell, D	Rep. Buddy Lovell (3) Donnie Scroggins	D R
Dist. 59-Reynolds, D* *Resigning seat	Steve Choate Josh Johnson	D R
Dist. 60-Hoyt, D* *Running for Senate	Tommy Thompson Brent Murphy	D R
<i>Dist. 61-George, D</i>	John Catlett Kelly Boyd	D R
<i>Dist. 66-Green, R</i>	Gary Deffenbaugh Dianna Faucher	R D
Dist. 67-Breedlove, D	Rep. Steve Breedlove (3)	D

	Gary Stubblefield	R
<i>Dist. 73-Rogers, D</i>	James Ratliff	D
	Chad Moseley	R
Dist. 75-Cash, D	Rep. Joan Cash (3)	D
	Jon Hubbard	R
<i>Dist. 76-Kidd, D</i>	Jim Martin	R
	Homer Lendermen	D
Dist. 78-Gaskill, D	Rep. Billy Gaskill (3)	D
	Ronnie Spence	I
<i>Dist. 80-Cook, D</i>	Linda Collins-Smith	D
	Keith Sloan	R
<i>Dist. 82-Everett, D</i>	Robert Hutchison	D
	Lori Benedict	R
<i>Dist. 83-Pyle, R</i>	Tom Fite	R
	Leslee Milam Post	D
<i>Dist. 84-Wells, D</i>	David Rush	D
	Jon Eubanks	R
<i>Dist. 86-Davenport, D</i>	Kelley Linck	R
	Wesley Smith	D
<i>Dist. 87-Martin, R</i>	Earl Hunton	D
	Justin Harris	R
Dist. 89-House, D	Rep. Jim House (3)	D
	Charlie Collins	R
<i>Dist. 90-Ragland, R</i>	David Branscum	R
	Mark Swaney	G
<i>Dist. 92-L. Smith, D</i>	Greg Leding	D
	Abel Tomlinson	WI

Dist. 98-Hutchinson, R

Rep. Donna Hutchinson (3)  
Jim Parsons

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