



Runoff Elections Set for Several Primary Contests in Charleston County

The Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections (Charleston County Elections) is sharing key details on runoff elections to determine party nominees across several races. The following contests will appear on runoff election ballots:

Democratic

- U.S. House of Representatives, District 1

Republican

- Governor
- Attorney General
- Commissioner of Agriculture
- U.S. House of Representatives, District 1

The following voter registration deadlines remain in place for the runoff elections:

- In person: Friday, May 8, 2026 by 5 p.m.
- Online/E-mail/Fax: Sunday, May 10, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.
- Mail (Postmark): Monday, May 11, 2026

Key reminders:

- South Carolina does not register voters by party.
- Voting in one party's primary does not tie a voter to that party in the General Election. **HOWEVER**, voters who participate in a party's primary and want to vote in a runoff election must continue with the same party.
- Citizens who did not vote in either primary, but who were eligible to participate, may choose to vote in one party's runoff.

Election Day Voting

Election Day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

As a reminder, several temporary and permanent polling location changes remain in effect:

Temporary Changes

- Charleston 10 & 11 (Charleston Water System) moved to Morris Brown AME Church, 13 Morris St, Charleston, SC 29403 (June Primaries/runoffs only)
- St. Andrews 6 (Ashley River Baptist Church) moved to Calvary Chapel West Ashley, 1595 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407 (for all 2026 elections)
- Mt. Pleasant 13 & 14 (James B. Edwards Elementary) moved to Mt. Pleasant Library, 1133 Mathis Ferry Rd, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464 (June Primaries/runoffs only)
- St. Andrews 22 & 23 (Old Saint Andrews Parish Church) moved to Springfield Elementary School, 2130 Pinehurst Ave, Charleston, SC 29414 (for June Primaries/runoffs only)

Permanent Changes

- St. Andrews 26 (Essex Village Church of Christ) moved to Greater Macedonia AME Church, 725 Savage Rd, Charleston, SC 29414
- St. Andrews 10 (Cynthia Graham Hurd Library) moved to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1393 Miles Dr, Charleston, SC 29407
- St. Andrews 3 & 9 (Forest Park Park House) moved to St. Andrews Parks & Playground, 1095 Playground Rd, Charleston, SC 29407
- James Island 6 (James Island Charter High School) moved to James Island Town Hall, 1122 Dills Bluff Rd, Charleston, SC 29412
- James Island 13 (Stiles Point Elementary School) moved to Harbor View Presbyterian Church, 900 Harbor View Rd, Charleston, SC 29412

All polling locations will continue to offer curbside voting to those who qualify. Voters can verify their polling location and check their voter registration by visiting [SCVotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

Absentee Voting

Eligible voters may choose to vote absentee by mail. Qualifications and guidelines for absentee voting can be found on [CHSVotes.gov](https://chsvotes.gov).

- Absentee ballot applications must be returned to Charleston County Elections HQ by Friday, June 12, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Absentee ballots must be completed and received by Charleston County Elections HQ by Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 7 p.m.
- Absentee ballots may be also returned to any early voting center during the early voting period.

Early Voting

As a reminder, all eligible voters may cast their ballot at any early voting center during the early voting period. There will be five early voting centers for the runoff elections. Locations are listed on [CHSVotes.gov](https://chsvotes.gov).

Early voting for the runoff elections will be held from:

- Wednesday, June 17, 2026 – Thursday, June 18, 2026
- Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily
- There will be no early voting on Friday, June 19, 2026 due to the Juneteenth holiday.

Charleston County Elections is responsible for conducting all municipal, state, and federal elections that are held in Charleston County. The department also organizes outreach events with community members that encourage election education and participation.

For more information about Charleston County elections and voter services, or to check your voter registration, visit [CHSVotes.gov](https://chsvotes.gov).