

Arkansas

- Chief election official: Secretary of State John Thurston; elected in 2022 for a second four-year term.
- State election director: Lesley Bellamy
- Who runs elections locally: County Clerk, County Board of Election Commissioners
- State website: www.ar.gov

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^{*}Other states accept ballots postmarked by Election Day.

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