

Walton County Supervisor of Elections

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Newsletter



Voter Stats:

Active Registered Voters as of
February 1, 2017 are:
Democrats: 9,814
Republicans: 27,700
Others: 9,542
Total: 47,056



President's Day February 20, 2017

In observance of President's Day our offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th. Here's a bit of history to reflect upon:

During the Civil War, on February 19, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation calling on Americans to mark President George Washington's birthday. Lincoln "recommended to the people of the United States that they assemble in their customary places of meeting for public solemnities on the 22d day of February" to "celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Father of his Country by causing to be read to them his immortal Farewell Address."

Since 1896, the United States Senate has commemorated Washington's birthday with an annual reading of the [Farewell Address](#), all 7,641 words, by a selected Senator. At the conclusion of the reading, the Senator signs and writes his or her thoughts on the significance of the address in the pages of a leather-bound book that is maintained by the Secretary of the Senate.

For more history about President George Washington you might visit: [MountVernon.org](#). Also of interest may be George Washington and the Making of the Constitution [video](#).

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Scheduled Elections:

The City of DeFuniak Springs is scheduled to have an election on Tuesday, April 11th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the [DeFuniak Springs Community Center, 361 North 10th Street](#). Eligible voters are voters who reside in the city limits of DeFuniak Springs and are registered before the deadline of March 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. [Check your status or eligibility](#) via our website.

Candidate Qualifying: March 14-16 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and March 17th (8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.). [Contact us](#) for candidate qualifying details. A sample ballot will be available after candidate qualifying.

The City of Freeport is scheduled to have an election on Tuesday, July 11th from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the [Freeport City Hall, 112 State Highway 20 West](#). Eligible voters are voters who reside in the city limits of Freeport and are registered before the deadline of June 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. [Check your status or eligibility](#) via our website.

Candidate Qualifying: June 13-15 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and June 16th (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). [Contact Rebecca Podraza](#), Freeport City Clerk for candidate qualifying details. A sample ballot will be available after candidate qualifying.



Important dates:

February 20	Closed for President's Day
March 13	Registration Deadline
March 14-16	Candidate Qualifying for DeFuniak Springs Deadline
March 29	FSASE Scholarship Application

Did you know?

The **Registration Deadline** usually occurs 29 days before Election Day and is the deadline for new registrations to be accepted and party affiliation changes to be made for that election. New registrations and party changes made after the deadline will go into effect after the election. Keep in mind that because Florida utilizes a statewide computerized voter registration list called the Florida Voter Registration System (FVRS), if you are already registered to vote in Florida, moving your registration from another county is as simple as updating your address. Moving between counties in Florida is not subject to the 29 day book closing deadline that applies to persons registering for the first time in Florida. Also, you can update your address, name, signature, and other information at any time, even at the polls. For more information visit our website's [Voter Registration](#) page.

Check out our informative website at votewalton.com

Contact us:

We welcome you to stop by the Walton County Supervisor of Elections offices weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Main Office:
Walton County Courthouse
571 US Hwy 90 East, Suite 102
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433
(850) 892-8112

Branch Office:
Walton County Courthouse Annex
31 Coastal Centre Blvd., Suite 300
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459
(850) 622-0744



FSASE to give three \$1,200 Scholarships

For more information call us at (850) 892-8112. To apply, simply complete the **Application** and return it to our office. Deadline to submit applications is: **March 29, 2017.**

