

Election Guidelines 2010

Franklin County, Washington



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Election Guidelines for 2010

Enclosed is a copy of the "2010 Election Guidelines for Franklin County." It contains information specific to the 2010 Primary and General election, as well as information relative to all elections.

The state of Washington will be using the "top two primary" again on August 17 Primary. In November 2004, the citizens of Washington approved Initiative Measure 872, creating a "top two primary" voting process for partisan offices. While legal challenges still exist, this is the model currently in use in WA State.

Under the "top two primary," when candidates file for partisan office they will have the opportunity to indicate the political party they prefer and their party preference will be printed on the ballot along with their name. In the Primary, the two candidates who receive the most votes will advance and have their names printed on the General election ballot, regardless of the political party they prefer. This means it is possible for two candidates who prefer the same political party to advance to the General election in November. More information on the "top two primary" may be found by going to our website at www.co.franklin.wa.us or www.sos.wa.gov.

This year will mark the third year of significant change to the election schedule in Washington. Beginning August of 2008 the Primary is to be held on the third Tuesday in August, the 17th this year, four weeks earlier than the traditional date. To accommodate the earlier Primary date, the time period for candidates for elective office to file their declaration has been moved earlier to the first week in June, from the 7th through the 11th.

Of major importance are the materials provided by the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the PDC forms and filing deadlines which apply to the office you are seeking. All candidates would be wise to review the filing instructions even if you have run for office before. A local voters' pamphlet, which will include candidates, will be published for the 2010 General election. Specifications for the submission of candidate statements and photographs are included.

I encourage all candidates to review the information assembled here. This Guidelines booklet should be used in conjunction with state and local laws, not in place of them. The information contained here may change due to new legislation, judicial determination or further office vacancies. If a candidate has further questions, please contact the Elections Department at (509) 545-3538.

Sincerely,



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Candidate Qualifications

Declaration of Candidacy & Filings

All candidates, except those filing for President/Vice President of the United States, are required to submit a “Declaration and Affidavit of Candidacy” when filing for public office. The form is printed by the Public Disclosure Commission (P.D.C.) as part of its candidate filing package. The P.D.C. distributes the form to the Office of the Secretary of State, County Auditors, and candidates prior to the filing period.

County Commissioner: Candidates must live within District 3 and be a registered voter in the district at the time of filing. (RCW 29A.20.021)

This position is voted on by District 3 voters in the Primary Election, and county-wide in the General Election. (RCW 36.32.040, 050)

All county partisan offices will be on the Primary Election ballot; candidate order is determined by lot drawing. The top two candidates appear on the General Election ballot in the order of most votes received. (RCW 29A.36.170)

The County Commissioner office is partisan. Candidates will be required to declare a political party preference or choose no party preference when filing for partisan offices. Political party preference will appear on the ballot below each Candidate’s name.

County Prosecuting Attorney:

A candidate must be a registered voter of the county and be admitted as an attorney and counselor of the courts of this state. (RCW 36.27.010)

All county partisan offices will be on the Primary Election ballot, candidate order is determined by lot drawing. The top two candidates appear on the General Election ballot in the order of most votes received. (RCW 29A.36.170)

The County Prosecuting Attorney office is partisan. Candidates will be required to declare a political party preference or choose no party preference when filing for partisan offices. Political party preference will appear on the ballot below each candidate’s name.

County Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Coroner, Sheriff*, and Treasure:

All candidates for all county positions must live within the county and be a registered voter at the time of filing. (RCW 29A.20.021)

All county partisan offices will be on the Primary Election ballot; candidate order is determined by lot drawing. The top two candidates appear on the General Election ballot in the order of most votes received. (RCW 29A.36.170)

The county offices are partisan. Candidates will be required to declare a political party preference or choose no party preference when filing for partisan offices. Political party preference will appear on the ballot below each candidate’s name.

*All candidates for sheriff shall, within twelve (12) months of assuming office, obtain a Certificate of completion of a basic law enforcement training program which complies with standards adopted by the criminal justice training commission. (RCW 36.28.025)

District Court Judge:

A candidate must be a registered voter in the county and a member of the Washington State Bar. (RCW 03.34.060)

The office will appear on the Primary ballot if more that two candidates file for the position. On the Primary ballot, candidate order is determined by lot drawing. (RCW 29A.36.170)

In the General Election the top two vote getters appear in the order of most votes received. If there is no Primary Election for the position the candidate will appear in lot draw order.

Public Utility District:

A candidate must live within District 1 and be a registered voter in the district at the time of filing. (RCW 29A.20.021)

A Primary will only be triggered if more than two candidates file. If a Primary is triggered, only voters within District 1 are allowed to vote for the candidates. In the General Election all voters in the county will be allowed to vote. (RCW 29A.36.170)

Precinct Committee Officer (PCO):

A candidate must be a member of a major political party and a registered voter in the precinct for which they are filing. (RCW 29A.80.051, WAC 434-262.075)

There are no PCO statements or photos presented in the Voters’ Pamphlet. The office appears only on the Primary ballot. If there are multiple candidates within the same party, the names will appear in lot drawing order. Each precinct is eligible to elect a Democratic and a Republican PCO; however, voters may vote for one candidate only.

Commonly Asked Election Questions

What are the qualifications for filing for public office?

You must, at the time of filing, be a citizen of the United States and be a registered voter in the county in which you reside. All candidates, at the time the candidate's declaration and affidavit of candidacy is filed, must be electors of the districts for the office they are filing for. (RCW29A.20.021)

When do I file for office?

By Mail:	Friday, May 21, 2010 through June 11, 2010	(RCW 29A.24.081)
In Person:	Monday, June 7, 2010 through June 11, 2010 from 8:30am-5:00pm	(RCW 29A.24.050)
Online:	Monday, June 7, 2010 through June 11, 2010 from 9:00am to 4:00pm	

Filings made by mail must be received by the filing officer not earlier than Friday, May 21, 2010 or no later than the close of business on the last day of the filing period, irrespective of postmark. All others will be considered invalid and will be returned. Candidate filings **must be notarized** if mailed into the office. Any applicable filing fee must also accompany the declaration of candidacy. (RCW 29A.24.050; 29A.24.081)

Lot drawings to determine ballot placement will begin at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of filing. All candidates and media are invited to observe.

Where do I file for office?

Declarations of Candidacy for Congressional, Legislative, and State Offices, as well as legislative, appellate court judges and superior court judge positions that concern more than one district shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State:
Elections Division
Leg. Bldg/PO Box 40231
Olympia, WA 98504-0231
(360) 9024180

Declarations of Candidacy for local jurisdictions and county offices, as well as Precinct Committee Officers, shall be filed with the County Auditor. (RCW 29A.24.070)

How much does it cost to file for office?

A filing fee for an office is 1% of an annual salary for positions paying over \$1,000.00 per year. A filing fee of \$10.00 will be charged for offices with yearly salaries **less than** \$1,000.00.

A filing fee is not charged for office without a fixed annual salary. There is no filing fee for Precinct Committee Officers.

FILING FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE! (RCW 29A.24.131)

Candidates who lack sufficient income to pay the filing fee may submit a Filing Fee Petition with their declaration of candidacy in lieu of the required filing fee. Petitions must contain valid signatures of registered voters of the district equal in number to the dollars of the required filing fee. (RCW 29A.24.091)

What are the duties of a Precinct Committee Officer (PCO.)?

Specific non-statutory duties and responsibilities of PCO's are determined by either the county or State Central Committee. The following duties are commonly assigned to Precinct Committee Officers by their party organization:

- Keep informed on current issues and candidates, study the party platform;
- Attend meetings of the county central committee and actively participate in fundraising activities;
- Obtain lists of registered voters from the County Auditor in order to canvass the precinct and become acquainted with the voters residing therein. Establish a record of eligible voters and party members with the precinct;
- Encourage voter registration within the precinct. Encourage voters to get out and vote on Election Day;
- Distribute party election materials during election campaigns;
- Recommend party workers to work as board workers/poll workers;
- Hold precinct caucuses for the purpose of adopting resolutions and selecting delegates to the county conventions.

This manual is for informational purposes only and does not take the place of local, State or Federal laws.
Reference RCW, WAC and County Code notations are offered as a Reference only for additional research.

Additional Filing Information

Are candidate filings posted on the Auditor's website?

Yes, the Elections Department will post all Franklin County filings on the website (www.co.franklin.wa.us/elections/) on a daily basis.

No double filings

Excluding the office of Precinct Committee Officer, a candidate's name shall not appear more than once upon a ballot. (RCW 29A.20.021)

Withdrawal of filing

Any candidate may withdraw their candidacy in writing through Thursday, June 17, 2010. There is no withdrawal period for declarations of candidacy filed during special filing periods. **Filing fees are non refundable.** (RCW 29A.24.131)

Write in candidates

A person who desires to be a write-in candidate may file a declaration and Affidavit of Write-in Candidacy with the County Auditor or elections officer if the sought is voted upon by the voters from only one county, or with the Secretary of State if the office sought is a federal office which is voted upon by the voters from more than one (1) county. The declaration of Write-in Candidacy must be filed no later than the day before the election or Primary.

Those who wish to cast a Write-in vote for candidates who have filed a Declaration and Affidavit of Write-in Candidacy need only write the name of the candidate in the appropriate location on the ballot in order for that vote to be counted. Write-in votes cast for candidates who have not filed a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy must include the office sought and, if applicable, position number and political party in order to be counted.

A person may not file as a Write-in Candidate if any one of the following conditions exists:

- At a General Election, the person attempting to file either filed as a Write-in candidate for the same office at the proceeding Primary or the person's name appeared on the ballot for the same office at the proceeding primary;
- The person has already filed a valid Declaration of Write-in Candidacy for that Primary or General Election, unless one or the other of the two filings is for the office of Precinct Committee Officer;
- The name of the person already appears on the ballot as a candidate for another office, unless one (1) of the two (2) offices is that of Precinct Committee Officer.
(RCW 29A.24.311; 29A.24.320; 29A.60.021; and WAC 434.262.031)

Declaration and Affidavit of Write-in Candidacy forms are available from the County Auditor or election officer, or from the Office of the Secretary of State.

Vacancies

If a judicial or non-partisan position is not filed for during the normal filing period, a special three day filing period will be called by the Secretary of State or County Auditor. (RCW 29A.24.141, 29A.24.171)

If, after both the normal and special filing periods, a position is not filed for that position will not appear on either the Primary or General election ballot. The incumbent will continue to serve until the next odd year general election. (RCW 29A.24.200)

Public Disclosure Commission Information

• What Starts the Whole Process?

Becoming a candidate. According to the disclosure law, you become a candidate when you do one of these things: raise and spend money for your campaign; reserve space or purchase advertising to promote your candidacy; authorize someone else to do any of these activities for you; state publicly that you're seeking office; or file a declaration of candidacy.

• Once I Become a Candidate, Then What?

Within two weeks of the date you become a candidate, you must file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (Form F-1) and a Candidate Registration form (Form C-1) with the PDC, if required. These initial forms can be filed electronically or mailed to the PDC.

*An incumbent officeholder who has filed an F-1 earlier in the year does not need to file a second F-1 in the same year after becoming a candidate.

• Which Candidates Must File Disclosure Reports?

One of two things determines what a candidate discloses. For most candidates, it's the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction where the candidate runs for office. If you are a candidate running for office in a very small jurisdiction, the total amount of contributions you receive or expect to receive will determine whether you report contributions & expenditures.

You must file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement and campaign disclosure reports if you are:

- a state office candidate
- a county office candidate
- a local or judicial office candidate in a jurisdiction with 5,000 or more registered voters
- a candidate who receives or expects to receive contributions of \$5,000 or more in the aggregate regardless of the number of registered voters

File just a Personal Financial Affairs Statement if you are:

- a candidate for local or judicial office in a jurisdiction with 1,000 or more but less than 5,000 registered voters and you do not receive or expect to receive contributions totaling \$5,000 or more

A candidate seeking election to an office in a jurisdiction with less than 1,000 registered voters who does not receive or expect to receive contributions totaling \$5,000 or more does not file any reports with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Registered voter counts are available from the PDC or your county elections office.

• Where Do I Get Blank Forms and Instructions?

Form templates, brochures, manuals, and training videos are available online at www.pdc.wa.gov under Filer Resources. Contact the PDC at 360-753-1111 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828 if you do not have Internet access. The PDC offers free compliance training; the schedule is at www.pdc.wa.gov/filers.

STARTING OFF (& STAYING ON!)

THE RIGHT FOOT WITH THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

CANDIDATE INFO FROM THE



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• Electronic Filing

A candidate that expects to spend \$10,000 or more is required to file campaign finance reports electronically. Candidates spending less may e-file if they wish. The PDC's free software, ORCA, can be used to electronically file the required campaign disclosure reports. The PDC staff offers free ORCA training – the schedule is available at www.pdc.wa.gov/filers.

To work properly, campaign data from the start of the campaign must be entered into the system.

For assistance with electronic filing of campaign finance reports, go to the PDC web page at www.pdc.wa.gov/filers or call toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

• I Suspect There's More to Reporting . . . Right?

Probably. It depends on how much you're going to raise and spend on your campaign.

If you choose Mini Reporting (limiting what you raise or spend to \$5,000 and limiting contributions from one source other than yourself to \$500), the C-1 and the F-1 are the only PDC reports you have to file. Be sure to access and carefully review the Mini Reporting manual found at www.pdc.wa.gov/filers.

If you're going to raise and spend over \$5,000 to get elected (or less than that, but you want to accept more than \$500 from one or more donors), you must select the Full Reporting option. You'll be required to file frequent and detailed contribution and expenditure reports (Forms C-3 and C-4, respectively).

The PDC realizes that candidates are not always able to forecast campaign costs accurately, and may need to switch reporting options. Changing from mini to full reporting must be done at least 30 business days before the election and approved by the PDC staff. A candidate who wishes to change from mini to full reporting must notify all opponents in writing, amend the registration, file contribution & expenditure reports from the start of the campaign, and send a letter to the PDC confirming that these steps have been completed before exceeding the mini reporting limits. The change in reporting options will be approved only if all of these steps are completed at least 30 business days before the election.

The approval to change reporting options from mini to full reporting within 30 business days of the election is not automatic and will only be granted under circumstances outlined in WAC 390-16-125.

Public Disclosure Commission Information (continued)

• When Are Contribution and Expenditure Reports Due?

C-3 Contribution Reports: Before June 1 of the election year, candidates fill out a C-3 report for each bank deposit and file these reports with their C-4 reports. Beginning June 1, each time you make a deposit you must file a C-3 no later than the following Monday. Since contributions must be deposited within 5 business days of receipt, active campaigns will make at least one weekly deposit.

C-4 Summary Reports: This report, along with its attached schedules, summarizes the campaign's financial activity and shows itemized expenditures for a specific period. C-4s are due:

From the beginning of the campaign through May of the election year, if a campaign has over \$200 in contributions or expenditures during a month, a C-4 report is filed by the 10th of the following month. Beginning with June of the election year and continuing through the primary and general elections, C-4 reports are due 21 and 7 days *before* each election and on the 10th of the month *after* the month the election was held with the candidate's name on the ballot, even if there was little or no activity to report.

Specific filing dates are listed in the 2010 Key Reporting Dates for Candidates found under Filer Resources at www.pdc.wa.gov. All PDC reports are considered filed as of the postmark date or, if filed electronically, on the file transfer date. **C-3 and C-4 reports may not be filed by fax.**

• Where Do I File PDC Reports?

Campaign reports (C- series) are filed with the Public Disclosure Commission in Olympia. The personal financial affairs statement (F-1) is, in most cases, filed only with PDC in Olympia. Candidates for county and city offices should check with local officials to see if the F-1 must be filed locally. By local ordinance, city office candidates may also have to file copies of "C" reports locally.

• Must I Have a Separate Campaign Account?

Candidates must open a separate campaign account in a bank, credit union or savings and loan institution if they accept monetary contributions. A candidate who personally funds his/her entire campaign and accepts no contributions does not have to open a bank account. Campaigns must open their records to the public during the last eight days before each election; candidates who do not open a bank account should be aware that their campaign records will include the personal checkbook register and bank statements if campaign expenditures are made.

• May I Be Reimbursed for the Personal Funds I Spend on My Campaign?

A candidate's contributions to his or her own campaign must first be reported as loans in order to be eligible for repayment. A candidate can be repaid up to \$4,700 for primary election loans and \$4,700 for general election loans. Reimbursements for the candidate's out-of-pocket campaign expenses must be made within three weeks or the reimbursement will count against the loan repayment limit.

• May I Serve as My Own Treasurer?

Yes. However, candidates who select Full Reporting are strongly encouraged to enlist the aid of a treasurer who has the time and energy necessary to keep detailed, accurate records and file frequent reports. Your treasurer does not need to be a professional accountant.

• From Whom May I Accept Contributions?

Generally, contributions from individuals, corporations, unions and other organizations are permitted. Candidates for legislative, state executive office, judicial, and some county offices have special contributor restrictions. By federal law, no foreign corporations or citizens (unless they have green cards), national banks and corporations organized by authority of Congress and federal government contractors may contribute to or spend funds on behalf of U.S. candidates.

A candidate may personally finance his/her entire campaign. Local restrictions may apply to candidates seeking some county and city offices. Check with your county elections office or your city clerk.

• Is There a Contribution Limit?

State law sets contribution limits on donations to candidates running for these offices: state legislator, state executive, judicial office, county office, city council,* mayor,* and port commissioner in port districts with more than 200,000 registered voters as of the last General Election [Ports of Tacoma and Seattle in 2010]. Bona fide political party and caucus political committees are also subject to contribution limits. See instruction manuals for details.

During the 21 days before the general election, no contributor, except the state committee of a bona fide political party, may give more than a total of \$50,000 to a statewide office candidate or \$5,000 to any other candidate or political committee. This restriction also applies to a candidate's personal funds.

Candidates must take care to not exceed their respective limits.

*Some cities have set their own limits – candidates running for city offices should consult with their respective city officials about local limits.

• Is There an Expenditure Limit?

Candidates who choose Mini Reporting self-impose an expenditure limit of \$5,000. There are no expenditure limits for candidates who choose Full Reporting.

• Must I Identify All Contributors?

Anyone who donates monetary and in-kind contributions totaling more than \$25 over the course of your campaign must be identified by name and full address. Plus, if an individual gives you more than \$100 in the aggregate, you must show this person's occupation and the name, city and state of his or her employer.

• Are There Laws Governing Political Ads?

Yes. Details are in the PDC's Political Advertising brochure or the Political Advertising section in the instruction manual.

Offices Open for Filing in 2010

Office	Incumbent	Term	Filing Fee
Federal-(File with Secretary of State)*			
U.S. Senator	Patty Murray (D)	6 year full	\$1740.00
U.S. Congressional District 4	Doc Hastings (Prefers Republican Party)	2 year full	\$1740.00
State Legislature-(File with Secretary of State)*			
Representative, 9 th District, Position 1	Susan Fagan (Prefers Republican Party)	2 year full	\$421.06
Representative, 9 th District, Position 2	Joe Schmick (Prefers Republican Party)	2 year full	\$421.06
Representative, 16 th District, Position 1	Maureen Walsh (Prefers Republican Party)	2 year full	\$421.06
Representative, 16 th District, Position 2	Terry R. Nealey (Prefers Republican Party)	2 year full	\$421.06
Franklin County-(File with County Auditor)			
Assessor	Steve Marks (R)	4 year full	\$837.72
Auditor	Zona G. Lenhart (D)	4 year full	\$837.72
Clerk	Michael J. Killian (D)	4 year full	\$837.72
County Commissioner, District 3	Richard Miller (R)	4 year full	\$736.35
Coroner	Dan Blasdel (R)	4 year full	\$837.72
Prosecuting Attorney	Steve M. Lowe (D)	4 year full	\$1285.44
Sheriff	Richard Lathim (R)	4 year full	\$1013.64
Treasurer	Tiffany L. Coffland (D)	4 year full	\$837.72
District Court Judge	Gerald Roach (NP)	4 year full	\$1417.10
State Judicial-(File with Secretary of State)*			
Supreme Court Justice Position 1	James M Johnson (NP)	6 year full	\$1642.21
Supreme Court Justice Position 5	Barbara Madsen (NP)	6 year full	\$1642.21
Supreme Court Justice Position 6	Richard Sanders (NP)	6 year full	\$1642.21
Court of Appeals, Division 3, District 2	Dennis J. Sweeney (NP)	6 year full	\$1563.28
Public Utility District-(File with County Auditor)			
Commissioner, District 1, Position 1	Charles D. Hall	6 year full	\$216.00
Precinct Committee Officer-(File with County Auditor)			
(1 representative per precinct for the Democratic and Republican parties)		2 year full	no fee

2010 Official Election Calendar

Date	Activity
May 21	First day for candidates filing to be accepted by mail. (RCW 29A.24.081)
May 31	Last day that a void in candidacy or vacancy in a nonpartisan office will cause filings to be reopened for a three-day filing period (The names to appear only on the primary ballot) (RCW 29A.24.171)
June 1	First day that a void in candidacy or vacancy in a nonpartisan office, other than Superintendent of Public Instruction or Judge of the Supreme Court, will cause filings to be reopened for a three-day filing period (RCW 29A.24.181)
June 7	First day for all candidates to file for office. (RCW 29A.24.050)
June 11	Last day for candidates to file for office. (RCW 29A.24.050)
June 17	Last day for candidates to withdraw. (RCW 29A.24.131)
June 19	Last day for Secretary of State to certify candidates to auditors. (RCW 29A.36.010)
July 3	Last day to file signatures for initiatives to the People. (RCW 29A.72.030)
July 4	LEGAL HOLIDAY-INDEPENDENCE DAY (RCW 1.16.050)
July 13	Last day for Auditors to publish notice of closing of registration for the Primary. (RCW 29A.08.140)
July 18	Overseas and Military ballots mailed for the August Primary. (RCW 29A.40.070)
July 19	Last day to register to vote by mail-in or online and deadline for address changes for the Primary. (RCW 29A.08.140)
July 28	Auditors to have absentee ballots available for the primary. (RCW 29A.40.070)
July 30	Auditors to have absentee ballots mailed for the primary. (RCW 29A.40.070)
August 7	First day auditors may publish notice of primary. (RCW 29A.52.311)
August 9	Last day for in-person registration at the auditor's office for the primary. (RCW 29A.08.140)
August 10	Last day for filing resolutions for special elections held in conjunction with the General. (RCW 29A.04.321)
August 14	Last day auditors may publish notice of primary. (RCW 29A.52.311)
August 16	Last day for write-in candidates to file Declaration of Candidacy for the Primary. (RCW 29A.24.311)
August 17	PRIMARY (RCW 29A.04.311)
August 18	Last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the primary. (RCW 29A.40.070)
September 1	Last day for auditors to transmit abstract of primary votes to the Secretary of State.(RCW 29A.60.190)
September 6	LEGAL HOLIDAY-LABOR DAY (RCW 1.16.050)
September 7	County canvassing boards to certify primary returns. (RCW 29A.60.240)
September 7	Last day for Secretary of State to certify Primary returns. (RCW 29A.60.240)
September 28	Last day for auditors to publish notice of closing of registration for the general election. (RCW29A.08.140)
October 3	Overseas and Military ballots mailed for the November General. (RCW 29A.40.070)
October 4	Last day to register to vote by mail-in or online and deadline for address changes for the General. (RCW 29A.08.140)
October 13	Auditors to have absentee ballots available for general election. (RCW 29A.40.070)
October 15	Auditors to have absentee ballots mailed for the General Election. (RCW 29A.40.070)
October 23	First day auditors may publish notice of general election. (RCW 29A.52.351)
October 25	Last day for in-person registration at the auditor's office for the general election. (RCW29A.08.140)
October 30	Last day auditors may publish notice of general election. (RCW 29A.52.351)
November 1	Last day for write-in candidates to file a Declaration of Candidacy. (RCW 29A.24.311)

2010 Official Election Calendar

Date	Activity
November 2	STATE GENERAL ELECTION (RCW 29A.04.321)
November 3	Last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the general election. (RCW 29A.04.321)
November 11	LEGAL HOLIDAY-VETERANS DAY (RCW 1.16.050)
November 23	County canvassing board to certify general election. (RCW 29A.60.190)
November 25	LEGAL HOLIDAY-THANKSGIVING DAY (RCW 1.16.050)
November 26	STATE-OBSERVED HOLIDAY (RCW 1.16.050)
November 26	Last day for auditors to transmit abstract of general election votes to Secretary of State. (RCW 29A.60.230)
December 2	Last day for Secretary of State to certify general election returns. (RCW 29A.60.250)
December 6	State measures receiving favorable majority vote are declared law by governor unless effective date is contained within text of measure. (RCW 29A.60.260) (RCW 29A.60.250)
December 24	LEGAL HOLIDAY-CHRISTMAS DAY (RCW 1.16.050)
December 25	STATE-OBSERVED HOLIDAY (RCW 1.16.050)

District Statistics / PDC Filing Requirements

Franklin County Voter Statistics by Districts (As of 4/19/10)

Total Precincts 101

District	Registered Voters	No Forms (LESS than 1,000 Voters)	F-1 Forms Only (LESS than 5,000 Voters)	F-1 Forms + Full Reporting (OVER 5,000 Voters)
Legislative Districts				
9 th	3,626		X	
16th	20,494			X
Franklin County	24,120			X
County Commissioner Districts				
No. 1	9,285			X
No. 2	6,144			X
No. 3	8,691			X
Public Utility District				
Commissioner No. 1	8,394			X
Commissioner No. 2	9,083			X
Commissioner No. 3	6,643			X

Primary Election 2010

Partisan Offices:

A Primary will be held for each partisan office open for election in 2010. *(RCW 29A.52.111)*

Candidates who file a declaration of candidacy for a partisan office will be allowed to indicate which political party they prefer, using up to sixteen characters for the party name. The candidate's party preference will be printed on the ballot below the candidate's name. A candidate may also choose not to state a preference for a political party, which will also be indicated on the ballot below their name. *(Initiative 872, WAC 434-215-120)*

The names of the candidates for a partisan office will be grouped together and will appear on the Primary ballot regardless of party preferred. The two top vote getters in the Primary will have their names printed on the General election ballot with the candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary being listed first. A candidate must receive at least 1% of the votes cast in the Primary in order to have their name printed on the General election ballot. *(Initiative 872, WAC 434-230-045)*

The names of candidates for County Commissioner will appear only on the ballots of the voters residing within that Commissioner District in the Primary. *(RCW 36.32.040)*

Names of candidates for Precinct Committee Officer will appear only in the Primary ballot and Precinct Committee Officers will be elected at the Primary. *(RCW 29A.80.051)*

Following the close of business, at 5:00 PM, Friday, June 11, 2010, a lot drawing will be conducted to determine the order in which candidate names will appear on the official Primary ballot. This drawing will be done publicly and may be witnessed by the news media, the public and by any candidate. *(RCW 29A.36.131)*

Non-Partisan / Non-Judicial Offices (Even-year):

The Public Utility District is the only jurisdiction with nonpartisan commissioners to hold its regular election of commissioners in even-numbered years. *(RCW 54.12.010)*

If two or fewer candidates file for a nonpartisan/non-judicial office, no primary will be held for that office. If three or more candidates file for an office, a primary will be held. Candidates will be notified if no primary will be held for the office they are seeking. *(RCW 29A.52.220)*

If a Primary is required, the names of candidates for Public Utility District will appear only on the ballots of voters within PUD Commissioner District No. 1. *(RCW 54.12.010)*

A candidate must receive at least 1% of the votes cast in the Primary and be one of the two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary in order to qualify to have their name appear on the General election ballot. *(RCW 29A.36.171)*

Following the close of business, at 5:00 PM, Friday, June 11, 2010, a lot drawing will be conducted to determine the order in which candidate names will appear on the official Primary ballot. This drawing will be done publicly and may be witnessed by the news media, the public and by any candidate. *(RCW 29A.36.131)*

Primary Election 2010 (continued)

Judicial Offices:

State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals offices will appear on the Primary ballot, irrespective of the number of candidates filing. On all official ballots, candidate's names will appear in an order determined by lot drawing after the close of business on the last day for candidate filing. This lot drawing will be conducted by the Washington Secretary of State's Office. (RCW 29A.36.131, RCW 29A.52.231)

For Superior Court, if only one candidate files for an office, that candidate shall be deemed elected and shall be issued a certificate of election. Neither a Primary nor a General Election will be held for that office. If a Primary is required because two or more candidates file for the office, on all Primary ballots, candidate's names will appear in an order determined by lot drawing. (Art. IV, Sec. 29, Washington State Constitution, RCW 29A.36.131, RCW 29A.52.231)

A Primary will be held only if three or more candidates file for a District Court judge position. If two or fewer candidates file for a judge position, their names will not appear on the Primary ballot. Candidates will be notified in no Primary will be held for their position (see chart on page 15). (RCW 29A.36.371, RCW 29A.52.220, RCW 29A.52.231)

For District Court, if a Primary is required, the top two vote getters will go on to the General election ballot and be listed in the order of the number of votes received in the Primary if no candidate receives more than a majority of the votes cast in the primary. If a candidate in a contested primary receives a majority of all votes cast for that position, only the name of the candidate may be printed on the general election ballot for that office. (RCW 29A.36.171)

Candidates must receive at least 1% of the total votes cast for their position in the Primary in order to go onto the General election ballot. (RCW 29A.36.171)

General Election 2010

Partisan Offices:

The names of the two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary will appear on the General election ballot. The candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary will be listed first on the General election ballot. This is the order that will be followed for mail and sample ballots. (*Initiative 872, WAC 434-230-045*)

All candidates must receive at least 1% of the total votes cast for their office in the Primary to qualify to have their name appear on the General election ballot. (*Initiative 872, WAC 434-230-060*)

The names of candidates for county commissioner will appear on the General election ballot for all voters in the County. (*RCW 36.32.050*)

Non-Partisan / Non-Judicial offices (Even-year):

The names of the two candidates receiving the most votes in the Primary contest will go on to the General election ballot. The candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary will be listed first on the General election ballot, as well as on the sample ballot. (*RCW 29A.36.171*)

Candidates must receive at least 1% of the total votes cast for their position in the Primary in order to go onto the General election ballot. (*RCW 29A.36.171*)

All contests not appearing on the Primary ballot will appear on the General election ballot. If no Primary is required, candidate names will appear on the General election ballot in an order determined by lot drawing. (*RCW 29A.36.171, 29A.36.131*)

The names of candidates for Public Utility District commissioner will appear on the General election ballot of all voters in the County. (*RCW 54.12.010*)

Judicial Offices:

If any State Supreme Court candidate receives a majority of the votes for that office in the Primary, his/her name alone will appear on the General election ballot. If no Supreme Court candidate receives a majority of votes cast for that office in the Primary, then the top two vote getters will go on the General election ballot, with the name of the candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary being listed first on the General election ballot. (*RCW 29A.36.171*)

For Superior Court, if a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the Primary for that position, that candidate shall be deemed elected and issued a certificate of election. No General election shall be held for that office. (*Art. IV, Sec. 29, Washington State Constitution*)

For Superior Court, if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that position in the Primary, the names of the two top vote getters will be printed on the General election ballot, with the name of the candidate receiving the most votes in the Primary being listed first on the General election ballot. (*RCW 29A. 36.171, RCW 29A.36.131*)

If a Primary is required for a District Court position and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that position in the Primary, the top two vote getters will go on the General election ballot, in the order of the number of votes received in the Primary. If a District Court candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the Primary, their name alone will appear on the General election ballot. (*RCW 29A.36.171*)

Judicial Elections

Full term elections for judicial offices & the superintendent of public instruction

Number of Candidates	SJI; Supreme Court; Court of Appeals RCW 29A.36.171 RCW 29A.52.231		Superior Court Article IV, Section 29 RCW 29A.36.171 RCW 29A.52.231		District Court RCW 29A.36.171 RCW 29A.52.220 RCW 29A.52.231		Municipal Court (City Ordinance) RCW 29A.36.171 RCW 29A.52.210 RCW 29A.52.220	
	Primary	General	Primary	General	Primary	General	Primary	General
1	YES	YES	County population over 100,000: NO. Certificate of election issued immediately	County population over 100,000: NO. Certificate already issued County population under 100,000: YES.	NO	YES	NO	YES
2	YES	YES: If there is a majority, only the top vote getter advances; If no majority, both advance	YES	NO (unless there is no majority or a petition is filed within ten days after the primary indicating a write-in for the General)	NO	YES	NO	YES
3 or more	YES	YES: If there is a majority, only the top vote getter advances; If no majority, the top two advance	YES	NO (unless there is no majority or a petition is filed within ten days after the primary indicating a write-in for the General)	YES	YES: If there is a majority, only the top vote getter advances; If no majority, the top two advance	YES	YES: The top two vote getters advance; top vote getter appears first

Post Election Information

When Newly Elected Officials Assume Office

U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative	January 3, 2011 (<i>20th Amendment, U.S. Constitution</i>)
State Supreme Court Justices	January 8, 2011 (<i>RCW 2.04.071</i>)
State Legislators	January 8, 2011 (<i>RCW 44.04.021</i>)
County Officials	January 1, 2011 (<i>RCW 29A.20.040</i>)
District Court Judges	January 8, 2011 (<i>RCW 3.34.070</i>)
Public Utility District	January 1, 2011 (<i>RCW 29A.20.040</i>)
Precinct Committee Officers	Upon Certification of election (<i>RCW 29A.80.051</i>)

All candidates elected to short or unexpired terms are sworn in as soon as election is certified (up to 10 days prior to the scheduled date of assuming office; or at the last regular meeting of the governing body of the applicable county, city, town or special district held before the winner is to assume office. (*RCW 29A.04.170*)

Where Oaths of Office are Filed

U.S. Senator and Representative	Take a verbal oath on convening of U.S. Congress
State Supreme Court Justice	Secretary of State (<i>RCW 2.04.080</i>)
State Legislators	Take a verbal oath on convening of State Legislature
County Offices	County Auditor (<i>RCW 36.16.060</i>)
District Court Judges	County Auditor (<i>RCW 3.34.080</i>)
Public Utility Districts	County Auditor (<i>RCW 54.12.100</i>)
Precinct Committee Officer	Include as part of Declaration of Candidacy

Who May Administer Oaths of Office

All Judges (*RCW 2.28.010, 5.28.010*)
County Auditor (*RCW 36.22.030*)
Notary Public (*RCW 5.28.010*)
Mayors / mayors pro tempore (*RCW 35.23.191*)
School Officials (*RCW 28A.343.360*)

State Measures

State ballot measures approved by the voters become law upon proclamation by the Governor. (*RCW 29A.60.260*)

Recount of Ballots

An automatic machine recount applies to candidate races and state-wide measures and will occur if less than one-half of 1% and less than 2,000 votes cast for that race separate candidates or issues. The recount applies to candidates apparently nominated or elected and the closest defeated opponent. The automatic recount will tally only votes for the position or measure in question and will be conducted without charge to any candidate. (*RCW 29A.64.021*)

If the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than one-quarter of 1% and less than 150 (1,000 for statewide contests) votes separate candidates, a mandatory manual recount is required.

An officer of a political party or any person for whom votes were cast in an election can make written application for a requested recount. All requested recounts must be submitted no later than three (3) working days after the official election certification is completed. There will be a charge and deposit required for any requested recount. (*RCW 29A.64.011, 29A.64.021*)

Legislature Convenes

The regular sessions of the Legislature are held annually commencing on the second Monday of January. (*RCW 44.04.010*)

Future Election Dates

2010 Dates of Election

PRIMARY: August 17, 2010
GENERAL: November 2, 2010

84 Day Resolution Cutoff

May 25, 2010
August 10, 2010

2011 Dates of Election

February 8, 2011
April 26, 2011
May 17, 2011

45 Day Resolution Cutoff

December 23, 2010
March 11, 2011
April 1, 2011

PRIMARY: August 16, 2011
GENERAL: November 8, 2011

84 Day Resolution Cutoff

May 24, 2011
August 16, 2011

Local Voters' Pamphlet

Information for Candidates

2010 Edition

Franklin County provides two convenient ways for candidates to communicate to voters free of charge.

All households will receive a voters' pamphlet prior to the November 2nd General Election. Candidate information will also be posted on the Franklin County Auditor's website.

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What you can submit

- Candidate information form (page 4)
- Statement
- Photograph

New this year

Information must be received by **June 15, 2010**.

The voters' pamphlet has been updated. New fonts and layout make your information much easier to read.

Write your statement in the narrative. Bullets require too much space and are not permitted.

Your campaign email, web address, and phone number will be printed. Your mailing address will not.

Candidates in the 2010 pamphlet

Candidates for the following offices may submit their information for printing in the local voters' pamphlet and display online.

Assessor

Auditor

Clerk

County Commissioner, District 3

Coroner

Prosecuting Attorney

Sheriff

Treasure

District Court Judge

Public Utility District

If your office is not listed here, contact your county elections department for more information.

Quick and easy online submission

Submitting your information for the voters' pamphlet is easy online!

1. Provide an email address when you file for office.
2. Gather your statement and photo. Be sure to follow all the guidelines provided in this document.
3. Check your email and follow the instructions to submit your information online for the voters' pamphlet.

Statements

The following standards ensure candidates comply with legal requirements and enhance readability.

If submitting by mail, submit a CD containing an MS Word file and a printed copy.

Space is limited. The pamphlet provides room for about 1 paragraph return per 50 words. The Voters' Pamphlet staff reserves the right to eliminate excessive paragraph returns if your statement doesn't fit in the space provided. Words will not be deleted unless the word count is exceeded.

Use italics only to emphasize specific words or statements. Bolding, underlining and all caps are not allowed.

Tables, lists, bullets, or other material requiring multiple paragraphs or formatting are not allowed.

Obscene, profane, libelous, and defamatory language will be rejected.

Incidental spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors may be corrected without altering meaning or substance.



Word limits

Statement

State law sets maximum word limits (RCW 29A.32.121).

U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative—300 words

State Senator—200 words

State Representative—100 words

County Offices—250 words

Hyphenated words count as two words unless the hyphenation is listed as one word by onelook.com.

Statements exceeding word limits are shortened by deleting full sentences from the end until the limit is reached.

Tips from voters

In a recent study, the Secretary of State's Office asked Washington voters what information they want to read in a candidate statement. This is what they said:

- Describe what sets you apart from your opponent(s).
- Edit information as carefully as you would your resume.
- What do you hope to accomplish, if elected?
- Who endorses your candidacy?
- Avoid technical terms that may not be generally understood.
- Offer your vision. Be positive.
- Avoid criticism of your opponent(s).

Statement FAQ

How should I format my statement?

Space is limited so formatting is important.

Format it as an essay (block style). To emphasize select words, use italics only.

May I use bullets?

To conserve space, text must be written in paragraph format. Bullets are not allowed.

Correct

I approve of justice for all, fairness of the law, and rehabilitation.

Incorrect

- I approve of
- Justice for all
 - Fairness of the law
 - Rehabilitation

Is my campaign contact information published?

Your campaign telephone number, email, and website are published only if provided in the lower section of your candidate information form (see page 4).

Be sure your campaign contact email and web address are functional when you submit your statement.

Will I receive a draft? If so, may I change it?

A courtesy copy of your information formatted for the voters' pamphlet will be mailed to you. Read it carefully. Please notify us if we have made an error. No other changes will be accepted.

Photographs

Each candidate may submit one self-portrait. If mailed, the photograph may be submitted digitally on a CD.

Limit photo to the head and shoulders. Use a light-colored background (not white). Color photos are preferred; black-and-white is acceptable. Photos must be no more than five years old.

Do not show the uniform or insignia of any organization that advocates or teaches racial or religious intolerance, or suggests the wearer has held public office. (RCW 29A.32.110)

Digital photos

Must be a resolution of at least 300 dpi and not digitally altered.



Photo FAQ

Professional photo or snapshot?

Professional photographs reproduce the best. If you choose to have an amateur take your photo, here are some tips.

- A neutral-colored background is best.
- Take numerous shots. Area should be softly lit to avoid facial and background shadows.
- If digital, make sure the resolution is 300 dpi or better.
- Choose the best one.

Can I submit a photo printed at home?

No. A photo printed at home will not reproduce well in the voters' pamphlet. If you have a photo on your home computer, submit the file online or burn a CD and mail it in.

How do I submit?

Information must be received by **5:00pm on June 15, 2010.**

Online

Email to: rfernandez@co.franklin.wa.us.

Mail

Elections Department
Franklin County Auditor's Office
1016 N 4th Ave
Pasco, WA 99301

Questions?

Call the Franklin Elections Department at (509) 545-3538.

Candidate Information Form

Complete this form only if submitting by mail. Information should be typewritten or neatly printed and returned with your statement and photograph.

Information in this section is for use by the voters' pamphlet staff only and will not be published.

Candidate name _____

(as it will appear on the ballot)

District, office and position number (if applicable) _____

Contact telephone number _____

(Include area code)

Email address _____

PO Box or street address _____

City or town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

The following will be published. It does not count toward word limits.

Campaign telephone number _____

(Include area code)

Campaign email address _____

Campaign website _____

Enclosure Checklist if mailing your information...

- Candidate information form, printed and on CD
- Statement, printed and on CD
- Photograph on CD

Information must be received by **5:00pm on June 15, 2010.**

Purchasing Election Data

Staff will not disperse political advice or strategy. As a candidate it is your responsibility to establish an organization and to develop strategy on your own. You may seek assistance from your respective political parties in regard to these matters.

These lists and labels are available to the public and are limited by state law to non-commercial uses only. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Voter registration lists (with or without voting history)

Registration lists can be selected by:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precinct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voting History
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precinct/group code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District

The list may include the following information:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voter name	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voter registration number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voter precinct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date Last Voted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voter address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Information

Lists can be sorted into:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alphabetical order within each precinct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walking (address) order within each precinct
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alphabetical order among all precincts	

Cost: 10.00 plus .10 cents per page basic charge for each order placed plus a cost of \$100 for a full county **paper** list of registered voters. For paper listings of less than full County a percentage calculation will be used, based on the size of the listing. Contact the elections department for more information.

Voter mailing labels

Mailing labels may be selected by the same criteria as above for voter lists. The list may include the following information:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration Number	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voter Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Precinct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Voter Address

The list is available in several sequences:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alphabetical order within each precinct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Household order
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walking (address) order within each precinct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zip code
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alphabetical order among all precincts	

The cost is \$10.00 plus .006 per label basic charge for each order placed plus a cost of \$150 for a full County set of labels. For label requests of less than Full County a percentage calculation will be used, based on the size of the listing. Contact the elections department for more information.

Purchasing Election Data (continued)

Franklin County Elections Department Computer Services Price List

Prices for Lists, Disks, Labels and Maps

Information on registered voters is available on paper printouts, formatted disks, or laser labels. When requesting information, please complete the form available from the Elections Department. All services must be paid in Advance. Lists and labels of voters obtained shall be used for political purposes, and cannot be used for commercial purposes (RCW 29A.08.720).

Printed Listings

\$0.10 per page + \$10.00 basic charge

Lists are available for voters, as well as absentees, in precincts or districts. Information may be sorted by either name, address, precinct, or district. (In estimating the cost, 12 registrant records are on each page.)

Printed Labels

\$.006 per label + \$10.00 basic charge

"Matchback" absentee labels are available beginning twenty days prior to the election and ending on Election Day.

Printed Copies

\$0.15 per page

Election results, lists, reports, etc.

Matchback Files

No Charge

"Matchback" files / labels are available beginning twenty days prior to the election and ending on Election Day.

Electronic File Transfers

No Charge

Precinct by Precinct Election Results

\$5.00 per election printed

Precinct Maps

\$10.00 per map

Formatted Disc

\$35.00 per disc

For further inquiries on pricing and information, please contact the Elections Department at (509) 545-3538.

Policy Statement

Each request will be timed in and processed in that order. You can expect to receive your data no later than 48 hours after request. Time may vary depending on office work load. The Elections Department will take orders over the telephone. However, we will assume no responsibility for printouts which are not what the purchaser intended to request. All printouts must be picked up and paid for in person by the candidate or their representative. No invoices will be mailed for materials ordered. An affidavit of proposed use of the list must be signed. All lists and labels are available approximately 2 weeks prior to Election Day. Please make checks payable to FRANKLIN COUNTY ELECTIONS. **Fees are non-refundable.**

Registration and Voting Information

To be eligible to vote in Washington State you must:

- Be a United States citizen;
- Be at least 18 years of age on or before Election Day;
- Have lived in Washington State for 30 days prior to the election (exceptions apply to military and overseas voters);
- Not maintain a registration in two or more counties or states or with two or more names;
- Not be denied voting rights for being subject to guardianship; and
- Not be a convicted felon without restored civil rights.

When can I register?

Anytime. Washington State does not have a residency requirement although you must be registered 30 days prior to an election to be qualified to vote. A special registration period between the 8th and 29th day prior to the election is available if the voter resides in the county on or before the 30th day before the election and appears in person to register at the Franklin County Auditor's Office or a site designated by the Auditor. The dates are:

	<u>29-DAY CUTOFF</u>	<u>8-DAY IN PERSON CUTOFF</u>
PRIMARY	July 19	August 9
GENERAL	October 4	October 25

Where can I register?

Citizens may register to vote in person at the Auditor's office or obtain a form to register by mail at any of the following locations:

- Web site (www.vote.wa.gov)
- Public Libraries
- Public Schools
- Most State offices (& Department of Licensing)
- Request a registration form by calling the Election Department at 545-3538.

New residents to Franklin County:

If you have moved from any other county or state you will need to register at any of the locations indicated above or by utilizing a Mail-In Registration form. Your previous registration, if any, will be cancelled at that time.

What if I move within the same county?

You must change your voter's registration. The change of address must be received by the Auditor at least 30 days prior to an election to be valid for that election. A transfer of address can be done at any of the locations listed above OR by phoning the Election Department at 545-3538.

Changed your name?

If you are currently registered, you may change your name by phoning the Franklin County Elections Department. A change of name form will be sent to you. Name changes must be completed at least 29 days prior to an election to be valid for that election.

What does it mean when a voter is listed as Inactive?

If a voter registration card, vote-by-mail ballot, jury notification, or any mandated mail from the Franklin County Election Department is returned as "Undeliverable" from the U.S. Post Office, the voter is sent an Address Confirmation Final Notice and placed in the "Inactive" file. The voter is "reactivated" if he/she attempts to vote or notifies the Election Department of a current address within Franklin County.

Registration and Voting Information (continued)

Can my voter registration be canceled for failure to vote?

Federal and state laws dictate that a voter registration cannot be canceled until a voter has been designated inactive due to mailed documents being returned as undeliverable by the postal service and the voter has remained inactive for two federal elections.

Where to vote?

Franklin County is an all mail ballot county. The Election Department automatically sends a ballot to all voters for each election in which the voter is eligible to vote. If you need more information, call 545-3538.

When to vote?

You may vote and return your ballot immediately after you receive it. To be valid for counting, all returned voted ballot envelopes must be signed by the voter and postmarked **no later** than day of the election.

As an alternative to mailing, voters may deposit ballots at the auditor's office any time, during normal business hours, before the day of the election AND from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM on Election Day. The Franklin County Auditor's office may also designate other locations throughout the county where ballots may be deposited between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM on the day of the election only. Please call the election department at 545-3538 for more information.

The auditor's office is the single location where voters may obtain replacement ballots if his or her ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received by the voter. An affidavit must be signed by the voter.

If a person is disabled and cannot write his or her signature, an "X" mark on a voted ballot envelope is legal, provided that it is witnessed and signed by two. **A power of attorney is not provided for by law and cannot be honored.**

Are there accommodations for disabled voters?

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant and language assistance voting devices are available for use at the Franklin County Auditor's Office located at 1016 N. 4th Ave in Pasco, during regular business hours 8:30-5:00PM, Monday through Friday, 28 days prior to any election and on election day from 7:00AM-8:00PM.



Your personalized
voting information

Get your personalized voter information, like your Voters' Pamphlet, contact information for your elected officials, your ballot drop box locations, and much, much more at (www.vote.wa.gov)

Election Night Procedure

The ballot drop-off sites officially close at 8:00 p.m. Election activity then changes from what was primarily voter participation at the drop off sites to the ballot counting center at the Franklin County Courthouse and the accumulation of unofficial election returns.

After the drop-off sites close each election board (the Inspector and the democratic judge) transports their ballots to the ballot counting center or designated depot site. The election board checks the ballots with the COLLECTION BOARD, which is a bi-partisan processing board. These ballots will be sealed into containers and locked in a secure room.

Ballots delivered to the counting center from the drop-off sites on election night will not be counted that night. Only ballots received prior to Election Day and properly verified and prepared will be counted election night. The remainder will be counted in the days immediately following the election.

Unofficial election returns are available at approximately 8:15 p.m. on the night of the election at the Franklin County Election Center located at 116 N 3rd Avenue in Pasco. Results are also posted online at www.co.franklin.wa.us. The site will be updated with each new release of results. Other important information will be added as it becomes available.

After Election Day, staff and bi-partisan election workers will continue to verify, open and tabulate ballots until certification. Updated results will be released as each tally is completed (approximately every 3 days). The public, candidates, and media can observe the processing of ballots if they so choose at anytime providing space allows.

Official, certified results are available 15 days after a special election or primary and 21 days after a General Election. Election precinct by precinct totals will be available at that time.

Jurisdiction & Voter Registration Count

Jurisdiction	Precincts	No. Of Voters	% Of Reg. Voters
Legislative Districts	101	24,470	100.00%
9 th	26	3,654	14.93%
16 th	75	20,816	85.06%
Franklin County			
Franklin County Commissioner District			
Commissioner No. 1	37	9423	38.50%
Commissioner No. 2	29	6212	25.38%
Commissioner No. 3	35	8835	36.10%
Public Utility District			
Commissioner No. 1	28	8,597	35.13%
Commissioner No. 2	46	9,183	37.52%
Commissioner No. 3	27	6,690	27.33%

Franklin County Voting Precincts

Precinct	Legislative	Commissioner District	Public Utility District	No. of Reg. Voters (03/10)
1	16	Pasco/2	2	432
2	16	Pasco/2	2	587
3	16	Pasco/2	3	246
4.0	16	Pasco/2	3	252
4.1	16	Pasco/2	3	100
5	16	Pasco/2	3	247
6.0	16	Pasco/2	3	131
6.1	16	Pasco/2	3	203
7	16	Pasco/2	3	324
8	16	Pasco/2	2	293
9	16	Pasco/2	3	251
10	16	Pasco/2	3	315
11	16	Pasco/1	3	321
12	16	Pasco/1	3	263
13	16	Pasco/2	3	246
14.0	16	Pasco/2	3	108
14.1	16	Pasco/2	3	159
15	16	Pasco/1	3	241
16	16	Pasco/1	3	61
17	16	Pasco/1	3	319
18	16	Pasco/1	3	220
19	16	Pasco/1	3	394
20	16	Pasco/1	3	177
21	16	Pasco/1	3	82
22	16	Pasco/2	2	238
23	16	Pasco/3	2	370
24	16	Pasco/3	2	358
25	16	Pasco/1	3	122
26	16	Pasco/1	3	231
27	16	Pasco/1	3	150
28	16	Pasco/1	3	155
29	16	Pasco/1	3	193
30	16	Pasco/1	3	125
31	16	Pasco/1	3	112
32	16	Pasco/3	2	376
33	16	Pasco/3	2	291
34	16	Pasco/3	2	447
35	16	Pasco/3	2	16
36	16	Pasco/1	3	557
37	16	Pasco/3	2	226
38	16	Pasco/3	2	219
39	16	Pasco/1	1	134
40	16	Pasco/1	1	294
41	16	Pasco/1	1	167
42	16	Pasco/3	2	299
43	16	Pasco/3	1	404
44	16	Pasco/3	1	398

Franklin County Voting Precincts

Precinct	Legislative	Commissioner District	Public Utility District	No. of Reg. Voters (03/10)
45	16	Pasco/3	1	414
46	16	Pasco/3	1	726
47	16	Pasco/1	1	43
48	16	Pasco/1	1	326
49	16	Pasco/1	1	381
50	16	Pasco/3	1	343
51	16	Pasco/3	1	514
52	16	Pasco/1	1	233
53	16	Pasco/1	1	389
54	16	Pasco/1	1	229
55	16	Pasco/3	1	427
56	16	Pasco/1	1	374
57	16	Pasco/1	1	311
58	16	Pasco/3	1	43
59	16	Pasco/1	1	425
60	16	Pasco/1	1	151
61	16	Pasco/1	3	385
62	16	Pasco/1	1	565
63	16	Pasco/1	1	351
64	16	Pasco/1	1	157
65	16	Pasco/1	1	139
66	16	Pasco/1	1	319
67	16	Pasco/1	1	327
68	16	Pasco/3	1	13
69	16	Pasco/3	2	47
70	16	Pasco/3	2	99
71	16	Pasco/3	2	252
72	16	Pasco/3	2	282
73	16	Pasco/3	2	323
74	9	Pasco/3	2	331
75.0	9	Pasco/3	2	53
75.1	9	Pasco/3	2	10
76	9	Pasco/3	2	128
77	9	Pasco/3	2	123
78	9	Pasco/3	2	149
79.0	9	Pasco/3	2	110
79.1	9	Pasco/3	2	37
80.0	9	Pasco/3	2	187

Franklin County Voting Precincts

Precinct	Legislative	Commissioner District	Public Utility District	No. of Reg. Voters (03/10)
80.1	9	Pasco/3	2	151
80.2	9	Pasco/3	2	9
80.3	9	Pasco/3	2	1
81	9	Pasco/3	2	98
82.0	9	Pasco/3	2	168
82.1	9	Pasco/3	2	21
83.0	9	Pasco/3	2	76
83.1	9	Pasco/3	2	57
84	9	Pasco/3	2	95
85	9	Pasco/3	2	120
86	9	Pasco/3	2	140
87	9	Pasco/3	2	112
88.0	9	Pasco/3	2	70
88.1	9	Pasco/3	2	6
89	9	Pasco/3	2	167
90	9	Pasco/3	2	285
91	9	Pasco/3	2	32
92	9	Pasco/3	2	226
93	9	Pasco/3	2	273
94	9	Pasco/3	2	2
95.0	9	Pasco/3	2	83
95.1	9	Pasco/3	2	7
95.2	9	Pasco/3	2	0
95.3	9	Pasco/3	2	0
96.0	9	Pasco/3	2	109
96.1	9	Pasco/3	2	11
96.2	9	Pasco/3	2	4
96.3	9	Pasco/3	2	1
96.4	9	Pasco/3	2	2
96.5	9	Pasco/3	2	4
96.6	9	Pasco/3	2	0
96.7	9	Pasco/3	2	0
97	9	Pasco/3	2	93
98.0	9	Pasco/3	2	2
98.1	9	Pasco/3	2	10
98.2	9	Pasco/3	2	39
98.3	9	Pasco/3	2	0
99.0	9	Pasco/3	2	34
99.1	9	Pasco/3	2	8
99.2	9	Pasco/3	2	7
99.3	9	Pasco/3	2	3
100.0	9	Pasco/3	2	138
100.1	9	Pasco/3	2	15
101.0	9	Pasco/3	2	169
101.1	9	Pasco/3	2	52

Franklin County Voting Statistics

Even Year Statistics

Year	Election	Registered Voters	Absentees Votes Cast*	Total Votes Cast	% Turnout
2008	Pres. Primary	20,484	All Mail	11,892	58.00
	Primary	21,709	All Mail	11,638	53.61
	General	23,530	All Mail	20,001	85.00
2006	Primary	20,334	All Mail	8,497	41.7
	General	20,110	All Mail	13,256	65.9
2004	Primary	19,931	3,330	7,974	40.0
	General	21,235	6,665	16,428	77.4
2002	Primary	18,287	2,933	8,103	44.3
	General	18,100	3,604	10,228	56.5
2000	Primary	16,875	1,703	8,086	47.9
	General	17,805	2,833	14,305	80.3
1998	Primary	17,254	4,524	5,856	33.9
	General	17,439	6,607	10,823	62.1
1996	Primary	17,611	1,398	7,064	40.1
	General	17,401	2,593	12,654	72.7
1994	Primary	15,928	4,412	6,629	41.6
	General	16,224	5,446	10,652	65.7

Odd-Year Statistics

Year	Election	Registered Voters	Absentees Votes Cast*	Total Votes Cast	% Turnout
2009	Primary	24,277	All Mail	7,462	30.74
	General	23,903	All Mail	11,510	48.15
2007	Primary	18,588	All Mail	5027	36.9
	General	20,371	All Mail	10,239	50.2
2005	Primary	20,389	All Mail	9,217	45.2
	General	19,916	All Mail	11,945	60.0
2003	Primary	18,933	All Mail	7,080	39.3
	General	19,312	All Mail	7,288	39.7
2001	Primary	13,226	1,113	4,454	33.7
	General	17,864	All Mail	8,904	49.8
1999	Primary	9,626	All Mail	3,352	34.8
	General	16,321	1,504	10,328	63.3
1997	No Primary	--	--	--	--
	General	16,539	7,000	9,553	57.7

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Dear Candidate:

The Washington State Department of Transportation wishes to take this opportunity to advise political candidates about the placement of campaign signs and placards along state highways.

Revised code of Washington (RCW) 47.42, the Highway Advertising Control Act, regulates signing on Interstate highways, primary highways, and highways that are part of the Scenic and Recreational system. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Highway Advertising Control Act, rules contained in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66, and applicable local agency sign codes.

In accordance with WAC 468-66-050, **Sign Classifications**, political campaign signs are considered a Type 3(d) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political campaign signs are signs which express the property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or ballot issue, with the following restrictions:

- 1) Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet
- 2) Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days following the election
- 3) Sign installers must have permission of the underlying property owner prior to placing signs
- 4) Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of RCW47.42 and WAC 468-66 that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs

In addition to the above restrictions, **the erection of temporary political campaign signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is prohibited. Accordingly, signs placed within the right-of-way of any state highway are subject to removal by the Department of Transportation.**

Also, RCW 47.36.180(1) states in part that it is unlawful to erect any structure, sign, or device visible from a city street, county road, or state highway that simulates any directional, warning, or danger sign likely to be mistaken for such a sign. Therefore, a campaign sign cannot be designed in a manner that resembles an official traffic control sign.

If you should have any questions about the placement of campaign signs along state highways, please contact Pat O'Leary at (360) 705-7296 or olearyp@wsdot.wa.gov.

We sincerely hope that candidates for public office will observe the laws and regulations enacted to limit driver distraction and protect and preserve the roadside beauty of our state. Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter,

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