

ELECTION MYTHS VS. THE TRUTH

MYTH: If a poll worker marks anything on my ballot before giving it to me, my vote will not count.

TRUTH: Arkansas State Law § 7-5-309 states: *“Before giving a voter a preprinted paper ballot, a poll worker shall: Initial the back of the ballot”.*

MYTH: The poll worker can take my information directly from my photo ID, there is no need for me to tell them my information.

TRUTH: Arkansas State Law §7-5-305, §7-5-312, and §7-5-418 requires all voters to state their name, address and date of birth aloud when checking in to vote.

MYTH: The voting machines are connected to the internet.

TRUTH: The voting machines are not connected to the internet. Arkansas State Law §7-5-301(n) states: *“During any time a voter is eligible to cast a ballot, the electronic voting machine or the electronic vote tabulating device shall not: (1) Be connected to the internet or an external network; (2) Be capable of establishing a wireless connection; or (3) Establish a connection to an external network through: (A) A cable; (B) A wireless modem; or (C) Any other mechanism or process.”*

MYTH: As a voter, I have the right to support the candidate(s) and/or ballot issue(s) by wearing a hat, T-Shirt, pins, etc., by bringing written campaign material inside a polling location, or by talking about it in a polling location.

TRUTH: Arkansas State Law §7-1-103 and § 7-1-104 prohibits electioneering in the building or within 100 feet of the primary exterior entrance used by voters in which voting is taking place, or with people standing in line to vote. It also states that a person shall not enter or remain within the 100 feet of the primary exterior entrance except for the purpose of entering or leaving the building for lawful purposes where voting is taking place.

MYTH: A voter can walk out of the polling location with their ballot and bring it back later; a voter can take a ballot to another voter that is waiting outside.

TRUTH: Arkansas State Law § 7-5-309(f) states: *“A person shall not carry a ballot outside of the polling place.”*