

2026 ASMBC Elections Commission and Grievance Committee

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF ELECTION ELIGIBILITY

Alabama Baptist State Convention – Election Governance

To preserve integrity, transparency, uniformity, and biblical order in the electoral process, the following eligibility requirements are affirmed by the Elections Commission and Grievance Committee, hereinafter, referred to as the Election Strategy Team. These requirements apply to ALL State Elections – including each of the four Wings - Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, and Southwest.

I. Church Financial Eligibility

A church must have registered with a minimum of \$200 in each year before an election year. This amount may be paid in the board meeting, annual session or a combination of both. Furthermore, the \$200 per year must be satisfied by December 31st of each year. In addition, a church **MUST** register with a **minimum of \$200 in the annual session of the election year**. Any amount paid in the board meeting of an election year, does NOT count toward the required \$200 in the election year.

This equals a total minimum contribution of \$800 over the **four-year period**, which includes the current election year of that election cycle.

Only churches that satisfy the full four-year contribution requirement shall be certified as eligible voting churches.

II. Delegate Voting Structure

Each eligible church shall be entitled to three (3) registered voting delegates.

Delegates must be properly credentialed before voting.

NO proxy voting shall be permitted.

Delegates must be present in person within the official voting window.

III. Voting Window Policy

Voting shall open promptly at 9:00 AM.

Voting shall close promptly at 2:00 PM.

No ballot shall be issued before 9:00 AM.

No ballot shall be issued after 2:00 PM.

Any registered delegate physically in line at 2:01 pm shall be allowed to vote.

This five-hour voting window shall be strictly enforced without exception.

V. Credentials & Verification

All churches and delegates must be verified by the Elections Commission.

Financial records shall serve as the final authority in determining eligibility.

Each voter **MUST** be a registered delegate for the annual session.

Each voter's name **MUST** appear on the church's registration form.

Each voter must present a valid picture ID.

VI. Grievances

Please see the Official Grievance Procedure

Official Declaration

These standards do not constitute new information but reflect established governance and long-standing contribution expectations. They are implemented to ensure fairness, uniformity, and orderly conduct.

“All things should be done decently and in order.” — 1 Corinthians 14:40