

# Primary Election – August 5, 2014

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## Election Information and Results Schedule

### **What's on the ballot?**

#### **Federal, State and County Offices**

- Four Congressional seats (6, 8, 9 and 10) [Map](#)
- Eight State Legislative Districts (2, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31) [Map](#)
- Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney
- Three County Council Districts (1, 5 and 7) [Map](#)
- District Court – Position No. 8
- [Precinct Committee Officers](#) (contested precinct races only)

To learn more about the candidates and local measures view the [printed voters' pamphlet](#) or the [online voter guide](#). View the [complete candidate list](#) for additional contact information.

#### **Special Elections**

<b>District</b>	<b>Pass/Fail Requirements</b>
<b>Fircrest</b> – Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Care and Services	Simple Majority
<b>Peninsula School District No. 401</b> – Proposition No. 1 General Obligation Bonds - \$60,000,000	10,390 <b>Total</b> votes, plus a 60% favorable margin
<b>Peninsula School District No. 401</b> – Proposition No. 2 Capital Projects and Technology Levy	Simple Majority
<b>Fire Protection District No. 14</b> (Riverside Fire & Rescue) – Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy	Simple Majority
<b>Fire Protection District No. 21</b> (Graham Fire & Rescue) – Proposition No. 1 Property Tax Levy for Maintenance and Operation Expenses	2,592 <b>Yes</b> votes, plus a 60% favorable margin
<b>East Pierce Fire &amp; Rescue</b> – Proposition No. 1 Property Tax Levy for Maintenance and Operation Expenses	5,032 <b>Yes</b> votes, plus a 60% favorable margin

To learn more about a ballot measures view the [full text of the resolution](#) or read [Understanding Validation](#).

## **Voting - Returning Ballots**

### **By Mail**

- One first class stamp (49 cents) is required to return the ballot.
- Ballot must be postmarked on or before August 5, 2014.
- Return your ballot early. Don't wait!

### **Ballot Drop Boxes**

- Open 24/7 until 8:00 p.m. on Aug 5, 2014.
- 29 drop boxes open for this election.
- No stamp is required.
- Two new boxes installed since last year
  - Orting Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave SE., Orting
  - Graham Fire & Rescue, Station 91, 10012 187<sup>th</sup> St. E., Puyallup
- The Fife Drop Box has a new location. It is located at Fife City Hall, 5411 23<sup>rd</sup> St. E., Fife
- [Drop Box locations](#)

### **Voting Centers**

- Four voting centers are open.
  - Gig Harbor Civic Center, 3510 Grandview St., Gig Harbor
  - Pierce County Elections Center, 2501 S 35<sup>th</sup> St. Suite C, Tacoma
  - Puyallup Library, 324 South Meridian, Puyallup
  - TACID – Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities, 6315 S 19<sup>th</sup> St., Tacoma
- Open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- Services provided:
  - Accessible voting using a touch screen machine.
  - Provisional ballots.
  - Voter assistance.
- [Voting Center locations](#)

## **Key Dates and Numbers**

Ballots mailed	July 18, 2014	
Registration deadline in-person (new voters only)	July 28, 2014	
<b>Election Day</b>	<b>August 5, 2014</b>	<b>Results 8:15 p.m.</b>
Canvassing Board Meeting	August 15, 2014	10:00 a.m.
Canvassing Board Meeting – Certification	August 19, 2014	11:00 a.m.

## **General Election Dates**

Registration deadline mail and online	October 6, 2014
Registration deadline in-person (new voters only)	October 27, 2014
<b>Election Day</b>	<b>November 4, 2014</b>

## **Important Numbers**

Total registered voters	442,826
Expected Turnout	36% or approximately 159,000 ballots
2012 Primary Election turnout	36.2%
2010 Primary Election turnout	35.9%
2008 Primary Election turnout	40.6%
2006 Primary Election turnout	34.9%

## **Results Release Schedule**

Visit the Auditor's Offices [current election page](#) for the latest results.

Tuesday, August 5 Election Day*	8:15 p.m. (includes ballots processed through Election Day)
Wednesday, August 6	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 7	4:30 p.m.
Friday, August 8	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 12	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 14	4:00 p.m.
Friday, August 15	4:00 p.m.
Monday, August 18	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 19	12:00 p.m. (final results)

\* Results from Voting Centers will be added in at approximately 9:30 p.m. Historically, votes cast on touchscreens have been very small. The turnout percentage typically increases by .01 to .06.

Results are unofficial until election certification.

Schedule is subject to change dependent on volume of ballots. Times are approximate.

Watch for updates on Facebook and Twitter as well.

[www.facebook.com/PierceCoAuditor](http://www.facebook.com/PierceCoAuditor)

[www.twitter.com/PierceCountyAud](http://www.twitter.com/PierceCountyAud)

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Here are some of the most common questions about the primary ballot.**

### **Q: What is a Top 2 Primary?**

A: The purpose of the primary election is to determine which candidates appear on the general election ballot. Washington's Top 2 Primary allows you to vote for whoever you want in the primary election, regardless of their party affiliation. In contested races, your votes send the top two vote-getters in each office to the general election, regardless of their party affiliation. There may be two candidates from the same party on the general election ballot.

### **Q: What does the candidate's "party preference" mean in a Top 2 Primary?**

A: Each candidate for partisan office can state a political party that he or she prefers. But, that candidate's preference does not mean that the candidate was nominated or endorsed by the party.

### **Q: Why do races with only one or two candidates appear on my primary ballot?**

A: For a partisan office, state law requires the race to be on the ballot even though only one or two candidates filed. No one wins in the primary election; the same candidates will appear again on the general election ballot.

### **Q: Where is the Pierce County Auditor's race? Why isn't that race on my primary ballot?**

A: The Auditor is a nonpartisan position. Partisan and nonpartisan offices are treated differently. Only one candidate filed, so this office will appear on the general election ballot. Nonpartisan offices appear on the primary ballot when three or more candidates file for the office.

### **Q: Why is there only one judicial race on the primary ballot?**

A: Only District Court, Position No. 8 appears on the primary ballot. Three candidates filed for this office. There are [different rules](#) for different levels of the judiciary. These rules can be confusing. Judicial offices are also nonpartisan positions. In the other Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District Court and Municipal Court positions only one or two candidates filed. These offices will appear on the general election ballot.

### **Q: What are the top three messages for voters?**

- A:
1. Return your ballot early.
  2. Be sure to sign your ballot and provide your phone number.
  3. The general election is right around the corner – get registered or update your registration now.

**Q: Why do some of the Pierce County candidates have a QR code in the voters' pamphlet?**

A: This year the Auditor's Office partnered with Pierce County Television (PCTV) to pilot a new video voters' guide for county offices (Auditor, Prosecuting Attorney and County Council). Participation was optional and candidates paid a videotaping fee.

Look for the QR code at the bottom of the candidate's statement. Scan the code with your smartphone and a short YouTube video will play, giving the voter a face-to-face with the candidate.

Mark Lindquist

Derek M. Young

Stan Flemming



**Q: Is it too late to register to vote?**

A: No, the **in-person** deadline (new voters only) is July 28.

The deadline to register or change your address for the general election is Oct. 6, 2014. New voters can register in person for the general election through Oct. 27, 2014. But, don't wait until the last minute. Register for the general election online now at [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov).

**Q: Why do only certain precincts have Precinct Committee Officer (PCO) elections?**

A: Only contested PCO races appear on the ballot. If there isn't a Democratic or Republican Precinct Committee Officer position on your ballot then only one or no candidates filed for the office.

Precinct Committee Officers will be elected at the August 5<sup>th</sup> primary election. They will not appear on the general election ballot.

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