



# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## Referendum Instructions for Conservation District Consolidation Election Day – April 21, 2026

### A. Ballot language

Shall the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission be authorized under Arkansas Code § 14-125-401 et seq. to approve the petition by landowners in the Calhoun County Conservation District and the L'Aigle Creek Conservation District to consolidate the Calhoun County Conservation District and the L'Aigle Creek Conservation District and their respective operations?

### B. Appointed representatives

The appointed representative conducting the referendum in Calhoun County is Megan Perkins, Agriculture Division Manager at the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, and the appointed representative in Bradley County is Sandy Gavin, Secretary of the L'Aigle Creek Conservation District.

### C. Election day instructions

1. Before the referendum, each appointed representative will:
  - a. Deliver ballots to the assigned polling place; and
  - b. Furnish the assigned polling place a copy of the:
    - i. Instructions for the Polling Place;
    - ii. Form R1, Registration of Voters; and
    - iii. Form R2, Polling Place Results.
2. After the referendum, each appointed representative will:
  - a. Obtain the completed ballots from the appointed representative's assigned polling place;
  - b. Gather the following forms after the polls close:
    - i. Form R1, Registration of Voters; and
    - ii. Form R2, Polling Place Results;
  - c. Consolidate all ballots and referendum materials from the assigned polling place for delivery to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission; and
  - d. Deliver the consolidated ballots and referendum materials to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.

### D. After election

The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-125-401 et seq., will:

1. Maintain all election materials received from each of the appointed representatives;
2. Determine the results of the referendum;
3. Publish the results of the referendum; and
4. If a majority of the qualified electors voted for the consolidation of the conservation districts, consider and determine whether the petitioned consolidation is administratively practicable and feasible:
  - a. If yes, record the determination and proceed with the consolidation of the conservation districts; or
  - b. If no, deny the petition.