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Voter's Bill of Rights

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
3. Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
4. Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
5. An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Voter Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

NOTE TO VOTER:

Failure to perform any of these responsibilities
does not prohibit a voter from voting

Types of Elections

Presidential Preference Primary Election

The Presidential Preference Primary Election (PPP) is part of the nominating process in Florida for the United States presidential elections. In the PPP, voters registered with one of [Florida's major political parties](#) express their preference for the presidential candidate they would like to see representing their party on the General Election ballot in November.

After the PPP, designated political party delegates from Florida formally nominate the preferred presidential candidate at the respective party's national convention. These national conventions are typically held in July or August. Based on the party rules governing delegate voting procedures, the party decides at the convention which presidential candidate will represent the party on the General Election ballot.

Primary Election

The 2018 Primary Election is held 11 weeks before the General Election. In the Primary Election, voters registered with one of [Florida's political parties](#) express their preference for the candidates they would like to see representing their party on the General Election ballot in November. In addition, all voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in nonpartisan races on the ballot (such as school boards). The party candidates in each race who receive a plurality of votes advance to the General Election.

General Election

A General Election is held in November of every even-numbered year. In the General Election, all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation or no party affiliation, may exercise their right to vote for federal and state races, judicial retention and statewide proposed constitutional amendments and revisions on the General Election ballot. The ballot may include party candidates who advanced from the Primary Election, no party affiliation candidates, and spaces to write-in the name of write-in candidates. In addition, voters may vote in county and local races and local public measures.

Special Election

In the following circumstances, a special election will be called:

1. If no person has been elected at a general election to fill an office which was required to be filled by election at such general election.
2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of state senator or member of the state house of representatives.
3. If it is necessary to elect presidential electors, by reason of the offices of President and Vice President both having become vacant.
4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of member from Florida of the House of Representatives of Congress.

Information on currently scheduled special elections can be found on the Division of Elections' [Special Elections webpage](#).

Local Election

In Florida, a town, city or municipality may either schedule its local election to be held at the same time as a statewide or county election or held separately. For more information on local elections, contact your local [county supervisor of elections office](#).

2020 Key Election Dates

Candidate Qualifying Period	
U.S. Representative, Judicial, State Attorney (all except 20th Circuit) and Public Defender (all except 20th Circuit)	Noon, April 20 - Noon, April 4
State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special Districts	Noon, June 8 - Noon, June 12
Write-in candidates for President and Vice President	8:00 am, June 23 - Noon, June 30

Presidential Preference Primary Election	
Voter Registration Deadline (Book closing)	February 18
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline – UOCAVA Voter	February 1
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline – Domestic voter	February 6 - February 13
Early Voting Period	March 7 - March 14
Optional Additional Days of Early Voting	March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 15
Election Day	March 17

Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline (Book closing)	July 20
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline – UOCAVA Voter	July 4
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline – Domestic voter	July 9 - July 16
Early Voting Period	August 8 - August 15
Optional Additional Days of Early Voting	August 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 16
Election Day	August 18

General Election

Voter Registration Deadline (Book closing)	October 5
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline – UOCAVA Voter	September 19
Vote-by-Mail Ballot Send Deadline – Domestic voter	September 24 - October 1
Early Voting Period	October 24 - October 31
Optional Additional Days of Early Voting	October 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and November 1
Election Day	November 3

Additional information regarding election dates can be found on the Division of Elections'

[Election Dates webpage](#)

Offices Up for Election and Retention in 2020

Federal Offices

- President and Vice President
- Representative in Congress (all districts)

Multicounty and District Offices

- State Senator (only odd-numbered districts)
- State Representative (all districts)
- State Attorney (all except 20th Judicial Circuit)
- Public Defender (all except 20th Judicial Circuit)

Local Offices

- Board of County Commissioners
- School Board (nonpartisan)
- County constitutional offices
- Special districts
- Municipal races

Judicial Retention

- Justices, Supreme Court of Florida (only those whose terms expire January 2021)
- Judges, District Courts of Appeal (only those whose terms expire January 2021)

Circuit Judges

- Only those whose terms expire January 2021

County Court Judges

- Only those whose terms expire January 2021

Referenda

- Proposed amendments to Florida's Constitution
- County, municipal, and district referenda or other public measures

Contact your local [county supervisor of elections office](#) for information on the specific races that will appear on your ballot.

Voter Registration

Voter Registration Requirements

To register and vote, you must be:

- At least 18 years of age (you can pre-register on or after your 16th birthday),
- A citizen of the United States of America, and
- A legal resident of Florida and of the county where you intend to vote.

You cannot register or vote if you are:

- Adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, unless that right has been restored.
- A convicted felon, unless your right to vote has been restored through clemency or by completion of all terms of the sentence, as is applicable.

How to Register to Vote

You can submit an application:

- Online at RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov or GoRenew.com
- In person or by mail at any of these offices:
 - County supervisor of elections office
 - A Florida driver's license office
 - A tax collector's office that issues driver's licenses or Florida identification cards
 - A voter registration agency (i.e., any office that provides public assistance or state funded programs for persons with disabilities, any armed recruitment office, any center for independent living, and any public library).

A fillable form is available to print through RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov, or by download from the Division's website. Forms are also available at any county Supervisor of Elections office, library, or any entity authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to issue fishing, hunting, or trapping permits.

Voter Registration Deadline

You can register or update your record any time. However, to vote in an upcoming election, the deadline to register is the 29th day before the election. A later registration deadline is available under limited circumstances for military and overseas citizens; see Page 22.

Special requirements when registering and voting for the first time in Florida

If you are registering by mail and have never been issued a Florida driver license number, Florida identification number, or a Social Security number, special provisions apply. You must provide a copy of one of the following forms of identification (ID) with your application or at any time before you vote for the first time:

Copy only of form containing your name and photo:

- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance Identification
- Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs
- Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

OR

Copy only of a current and valid:

- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check or paycheck
- Other government document containing your name and current residence address.

- If you fall within one of the following categories, you are exempt from the ID requirement when voting-by-mail, but you must swear or affirm you are eligible:
 - Are 65 years of age or older.
 - Have a temporary or permanent physical disability.
 - Are a member of the uniformed services on active duty or a spouse or dependent, thereof, who, by reason of such active duty, is absent from the county on Election Day.
 - Are a member of the Merchant Marine or a spouse or dependent thereof, who, by reason of service in the Merchant Marine, is absent from the county on Election Day.
 - Are residing outside the United States but are eligible to vote in Florida.
- Photo/signature ID is required before you vote during early voting or on Election Day.

Voter Registration Update

You can submit an update to your voter registration record in the same way you registered to vote. See Page 10.

- **Address changes.**

Once you are registered to vote in Florida, you do not need to re-register to vote every time you move within the county or to another county in Florida. However, you do need to update the address on your voter registration record. Contact the [Supervisor of Elections](#) office in your new county of residence or submit an online update or a voter registration application.

Address changes at the polls can be made at the polls only if you are moving within your county, if you are moving between precincts that use electronic poll books, or if you are an active uniformed services personnel or a family member thereof. To minimize any issues, it is best to update your address before going to the polls.

If you no longer reside in the state, contact the county supervisor of elections office for your former county of residence to ensure that your voter registration record is canceled.

- **Name changes.**

If you changed your name by marriage or other legal process, submit an updated voter registration application. Name changes are allowed at the polls.

- **Party affiliation changes.**

To change your party affiliation, submit an updated voter registration application. You cannot change your party at the polling place. To be effective for a primary election, a party change must be made at least 29 days before the election.

- **Signature (handwriting) changes.**

Signatures change over time and should be regularly updated with the Supervisor of Elections. To update your signature, submit an updated physical voter registration application. If your signature on record does not match your signature on a ballot certificate (for a vote-by-mail ballot, early voting ballot or provisional ballot), or on a candidate petition or other petition, the ballot or petition may not count.

Voter Information card

When you register to vote or update your voter registration record (e.g., change to your address, name or political party), your Supervisor of Elections' office will mail you a new or updated voter information card. Review the card to make sure all information is correct. Keep the card with you as the card includes important information about where to vote, your party affiliation, assigned precinct and polling place, and your assigned district offices (local, state, and federal).

To replace a lost card, call or email your [County Supervisor of Elections](#).

Note: The card cannot be used as a form of identification at the polls.

Voting-By-Mail

Note: For vote-by-mail information applicable to absent stateside and overseas uniformed services personnel and overseas civilians (UOCAVA), refer to Pages 22-24. For all other voters, read below:

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request

To vote by mail, you must first request a vote-by-mail ballot. You do not need an excuse to request a vote-by-mail ballot except on Election Day.

If you make the request from the Supervisor of Elections, you must provide:

- Your name;
- Your address; and
- Your date of birth.

If your immediate family member or legal guardian requests the ballot for you, he or she must provide the following *additional* information:

- The requester's name;
- The requester's address
- The requester's driver license number, if available;
- The requester's relationship to the voter; and,
- The requester's signature (written request only).

A request can be made either in person, by mail, by fax, by phone, by email, or online through the Supervisor of Elections' website. To receive a ballot at an address other than the address on file, you must submit a signed written request.

You can request a vote-by-mail ballot for one election, several elections, or all elections in which you are eligible to vote for two general election cycles.

Vote-by-mail mail out dates

For vote-by-mail ballot requests already on file, Supervisors of Elections will send vote-by-mail

ballots during a 7-day window between 40 and 33 days before the election. The ballots are sent by non-forwardable mail.

Alternatively, if no vote-by-mail ballot request is on file, your Supervisors of Elections will provide you a vote-by-mail ballot as soon as possible after receiving your request. The last day to ask for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to you is 5 p.m. on the tenth day before the election. The latest a vote-by-mail ballot may be mailed to you is eight days before an election.

Picking-up a vote-by-mail ballot

You may pick up your own vote-by-mail ballot at any time after the ballots are printed up through Election Day. Your designee may pick up a vote-by-mail ballot for you on Election Day or up to nine days before the day of the election. Your designee is limited to picking up two blank vote-by-mail ballots for other voters, not counting his or her own ballot or ballots for members of his or her immediate family. A designee must have written authorization from you in the form of a completed Affidavit to Pick-up a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for a Voter([English/Spanish](#)), present a picture I.D., and sign a declaration. If you do not have a vote-by-mail ballot request already on file, your written request for a vote-by-mail ballot must accompany the affidavit.

For Election Day pick-up of a vote-by-mail ballot, the voter or his or her designee must execute an Election Day Vote-by-Mail Ballot Delivery Affidavit ([English/Spanish](#)). The affidavit affirms that an emergency keeps the voter from being able to vote at his or her assigned polling place.

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Return

Once you receive your vote-by-mail ballot, carefully follow the instructions sent to you with your vote-by-mail ballot or else your ballot may not count. **Return the voted ballot so that your county Supervisor of Elections receives it no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. The ballot must be returned by mail, personal delivery, or delivery by another person.**

You can drop off a completed vote-by-mail ballot at any early voting site in your county. However, vote-by-mail ballots cannot be accepted at polling places on election day unless you wish to vote at the polls instead. The returned ballot will be cancelled and you can vote a regular ballot.

You can track the status of your vote-by-mail ballot through your [Supervisor of Elections' website](#)

or the Division of Elections' [Voter Information Lookup](#).

Missing or mismatched signature on a vote-by-mail ballot

If you forgot to sign your vote-by-mail ballot certificate or the signature did not match the signature on file in your voter registration records, you can execute a Vote-by-Mail Ballot Cure Affidavit ([English/Spanish](#)) to have your vote-by-mail ballot count. The affidavit must be received by the Supervisor of Election no later than 5 p.m. on the 2nd day after the election. Along with the affidavit you must submit a copy of one of the following forms of identification:

Copy of a current and valid photo ID:

- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance Identification
- Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs
- Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

Or

Copy of a current and valid document:

- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check or paycheck
- Other government document containing your name and current residence address (excluding your voter information card).

Instructions and the affidavit are available on your [county Supervisor of Elections' website](#) and the Division of Elections' [vote-by-mail webpage](#)..

Early Voting

What is Early Voting?

Early Voting is when a person casts a ballot prior to Election Day at a location designated by the Supervisor of Elections. The voting equipment used during early voting is the same as the equipment used on Election Day.

How to Vote Early

Voters can vote at any early voting site within the county when the site is open. Voters who want to vote early should present the following at the early voting site:

- a valid photo identification; and
- a signature identification.

See Page 18 for a list of acceptable IDs.

Early Voting Locations and Times

Early voting is required in any election that contains a state or federal office race. The early voting period must start at least on the 10th day before the election and end on the 3rd day before the election. In addition, supervisors of elections have the option to offer additional days of early voting on the 15th, 14th, 13th, 12th, 11th, or 2nd day (i.e. Sunday) before an election.

Early voting hours must be at least 8 but no more than 12 hours per day. Any voter waiting in line when a location closes will have the opportunity to cast a ballot.

Early voting is optional in elections not held in conjunction with a state or federal office.

Contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#) or view the supervisor's website to find out the specific dates, times, and locations for early voting in your county.

Voting at the Polls on Election Day

Opening and Closing of the Polls

On Election Day, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., local time. Any voter waiting in line at 7:00 p.m. will have the opportunity to cast a ballot.

Polling Place Location

On Election Day you can only vote in the polling place for your address of legal residence. To find your polling place, check your voter information card or look online on your [Supervisor of Elections' website](#) or on the Division of Elections' [Voter Information Lookup](#).

Polling Place Changes

Any time you change your address resulting in a change to your assigned polling place or your polling place is changed for other reasons:

- You will receive notice and a new voter information card at least 14 days before the election.
- Notice will also be posted at least once in the newspaper before an election.
- A polling place change will be posted on your county Supervisor of Elections' website.
- In the case of an emergency and when time does not permit to provide the notices above, the notice of the new polling place will be posted at the old polling place.

Identification Required at the Polls

You must show a photo and signature identification before you can vote. Any one of the following photos IDs will be accepted:

- Florida driver license,
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway, Safety and Motor Vehicles,
- United States passport,

- Debit or credit card,
- Military identification,
- Student identification,
- Retirement center identification,
- Neighborhood association identification,
- Public assistance identification,
- Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs,
- License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06, or
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

If your photo identification does not contain your signature, you will be required to show an additional form of identification that includes your signature.

If you do not bring proper ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. As long as you are eligible and voted in the proper precinct, your provisional ballot will count provided the signature on your provisional ballot certificate matches the signature in your registration record.

Provisional Ballots

If your eligibility to vote cannot be determined at the polls or is challenged, you are still entitled to vote a provisional ballot. You will be given a written notice of rights that states:

- You have the right to bring further evidence (if you choose) of your eligibility to the Supervisor of Elections up until 5 p.m. of the second day after election day.
- If you voted a provisional ballot solely because you did not bring in identification, you do not have to bring in further evidence of eligibility. The local canvassing board will count your ballot if you voted in the right precinct and the signature on the provisional ballot certificate matches the signature on the voter registration record.

- If you voted a provisional ballot because your personal identifying number could not be verified, you can provide in person or by copy through fax, e-mail, or mail a copy of the card with the identifying number to the Supervisor of Elections. The deadline to provide evidence is 5 p.m. of the second day after election day.
- If your signature on the provisional ballot certificate is missing or does not match your signature on record, you have the right to cure that the signature issue by submitting an affidavit to your Supervisor of Elections. Your Supervisor will attempt to contact you with the available contact information in your record. The affidavit is available online on the Supervisor of Elections' website or the Division of Elections' website. You have until 5 p.m. on the second day after election day to submit the affidavit with a copy of the required identification.
- How you can find out after the election if your provisional ballot was counted, and if not, the reason(s) why.
- If this is a primary election, you should contact the Supervisor of Elections' office immediately to confirm that you are registered and will be able to vote in the general election.

Voting Equipment

Each county purchases its own voting system. No voting system can be bought or used in an election unless it has first been tested and certified by the Florida Department of State.

All voting must be by paper ballot or by accessible equipment for use by persons with disabilities with a voter-verifiable paper option.

Instructions on how to use the voting system will be available at the polls. If you have questions about the voting system in your county and how to use it, contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#).

Assistance at the Polls

If you need help to vote due to blindness, disability, inability to read or write, or need language assistance, you have several options:

- You can vote at the polls (early voting or election day) by using equipment that meets voter accessibility requirements.
- You can bring someone to assist you at the polls, except not your employer, employer's agent, your union's officer, or union agent. You can also ask for two poll workers to assist you. at the polling place. If you did not note on your voter registration application that you would need assistance, you will have to fill out a declaration for assistance. If someone other than the poll workers assist you, the person helping you will also have to fill out a declaration.
- You can vote by mail from anywhere including your home, assisted living facility, or nursing home. You can have anyone except your employer, employer's agent, your union's officer, or union agent, help you mark your choices on the ballot. However, you must sign the voter certificate yourself.
- You can have supervised voting at an assisted living facility or nursing home, if requested by your facility and made available through your Supervisor of Elections' office.

If you need assistance in marking your ballot, please let a poll worker know. If you make a mistake on a paper ballot, ask for a replacement. You may receive up to two replacements, or a total of three ballots.

Uniformed Services Members and Overseas Citizens (UOCAVA)

This section applies to voters who are United States uniformed services members on active duty, Merchant Marine members, spouses or dependents thereof, or United States citizens residing outside of the United States, also known as UOCAVA voters.

Voter Registration

If you are a UOCAVA voter, you can register to vote or update your record in the same ways as any other voter. See Page 10.

In addition, as a UOCAVA voter, you can also use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). The FPCA is unique in that it can be used as a voter registration application, a request for a vote-by-mail ballot, or both. The FPCA is available on the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website at: fvap.gov, or by contacting your Voting Assistance Officer.

Voter Registration Extended Deadline

You or accompanying family members can register after the 29-day deadline if otherwise qualified and you have:

- Been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the U.S. Merchant Marine,
- Returned from a military deployment or activation, or
- Separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States.

The deadline is 5:00 p.m. local time on the Friday before the election. You will have to produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for the late registration.

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Request

If you are a UOCAVA voter, you can request a vote-by-mail ballot in the same way as any other voter. See page 14. In addition, you can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to submit a vote-by-mail ballot request. The FPCA is available online on the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website at: fvap.gov, or by contacting your Voting Assistance Officer. A request for a vote-by-mail ballot will be effective as a "standing" request to receive a vote-by-

mail ballot for all elections in which you are eligible to participate for two general election cycles.

Vote-by-Mail Send out Dates

For UOCAVA voters, vote-by-mail ballots for requests already on file must be transmitted at least 45 days before an election. The ballots will be sent *by forwardable mail, fax, or email* as specified by the voter in the request.

You can track the status of your vote-by-mail ballot through your [Supervisor of Elections' website](#) or the Division of Elections' [Voter Information Lookup](#).

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Return

Once you receive your vote-by-mail ballot, carefully follow the instructions sent to you with your vote-by-mail ballot or else your ballot may not count. **Return the voted ballot so that your county Supervisor of Elections receives it no later than 7 p.m. local time on Election Day in your county of residence.**

Only **overseas** voters can return their voted ballot by fax; otherwise, the voter must return the ballot by mail, personal delivery, or delivery by another person.

A 10-day extension exists for **overseas** voters in a presidential preference primary or general election. The ballot will be counted, provided the ballot is:

- Postmarked or dated no later than the date of the election,
- Received by the supervisor of elections of the county in which you are registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the election, and
- Proper (you are otherwise eligible and the signature matches the signature on record).

If your signature on the vote-by-mail ballot is missing or does not match your signature on record, your Supervisor of Elections will attempt to contact you with the available contact information in your record. You can cure the missing or mismatched signature by submitting an affidavit. The affidavit is available online on the Supervisor of Elections' website or the Division of Elections' website. You have until 5 p.m. local time on the second day after election day to submit the affidavit with a copy of an identification form.

You can track the status of your vote-by-mail ballot through your [Supervisor of Elections' website](#) or the Division of Elections' [Voter Information Lookup](#).

Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

The federal write-in absentee ballot (FWAB) is an emergency back-up vote-by-mail ballot that can be used by UOCAVA voters. If it is getting close to Election Day and you still have not received your vote-by-mail ballot, use the FWAB. The FWAB is available online at: fvap.gov as an [online assisted request](#) or a [document download](#).

To use a FWAB, you must first be a registered voter and have already submitted a request for a regular vote-by-mail ballot. The FWAB ballot can be used to vote in any federal, state, or local races. Carefully follow the instructions on the FWAB.

State Write-in Vote-by-Mail Ballot

If you are an overseas voter and a military or other contingency will keep you from being able to get the official vote-by-mail ballot during the normal delivery period, you can request a State Write-in Vote-by-Mail Ballot from your Supervisor of Elections.

The State Write-in Vote-by-mail ballot can only be used for a general election. You must request the ballot from your Supervisor of Elections between 180 days (6 months) and 90 days (3 months) before the general election (The earliest date to request a State Write-in Ballot for the 2020 General Election is May 7, 2020).

To mark your choices on the ballot, write in the candidate's name or the name of a political party. In the latter case, the ballot will be counted for the candidate of that political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot.

Miscellaneous

Sample Ballots

Sample ballots are available:

- Each polling place will have at least two sample ballots.
- Sample ballots are regularly available on supervisor of elections' websites.
- The Supervisor of Elections may publish a sample ballot in a newspaper in the county before the election. Alternatively, if a registered voter requested the sample ballot be emailed, it will be emailed. If not requested, or an email address is not available, then the sample ballot can be mailed to each registered voter or household in which there is a registered voter.

If you have questions regarding sample ballots, contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#).

Closed Primary Election

Florida is a closed primary election state. Only voters who are registered with a [political party](#) may vote for respective party candidates or nominees for an office in a primary election, including a presidential preference primary election.

However, there are times when all registered voters can vote in a primary election, regardless of which major or minor [political party](#) they are registered or even if they are registered without party affiliation:

- If all the candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner of the primary election will not face any opposition in the general election, then all registered voters can vote for any of the candidates for that office in the primary election.
- If races for nonpartisan judicial and school board offices, nonpartisan special districts or local referendum questions are on the primary election ballot, then all registered voters, including those without party affiliation are entitled to vote those races on the ballot.

At a general election, all voters receive the same ballot and may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot regardless of party affiliation.

Voter Registration Information and Public Records

Most voter registration information and voting history is a public record. However, the following information is exempt from public disclosure:

- Social Security number
- Driver's license number
- Florida identification number
- Location of voter's place of registration or voter registration update
- Prior felony conviction status,
- The voter registration record of pre-registered voters

A voter's signature may be viewed but may not be copied.

Your voter registration information may also be exempt from public disclosure, if:

- You are or become a participant in the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program for victims of domestic violence and stalking. Contact the Attorney General's Office's Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management at 850.414.3300 to learn how to become a participant. Once you are a participant, contact your county Supervisor of Elections for how to register to vote or if already registered, to get your information protected as a participant.
- You fall within one of the statutorily designated classes of high-risk professions (e.g., judge, prosecutor, firefighter, human resource officer, etc.). You must first submit a written request to your county Supervisor of Elections or the Florida Division of Elections You may use the [Public Records Exemption Request form](#). This will protect address and other identifying information from future public disclosure.

Poll Workers

If you are interested in serving as a poll worker, contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#). You must be a registered or pre-registered voter in the county in which you want to serve. You will receive training necessary to perform your duty as a poll worker before every election.

Report Voter or Election Fraud

You may report voter fraud or other violations in the following ways:

- For a violation of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, or an irregularity or fraud involving voter registration, voting, petitions, or removal procedures, submit a written complaint to the Florida Division of Elections, Room 316, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, 850-245-6200. Complaint forms are available on the Division of Elections' [Election Fraud Complaint webpage](#).
- The Division of Elections provides a Voter Fraud Hotline:
 - Phone Number: 1-866-308-6739
 - Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Eastern Time)
 - If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Division using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800.955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800.955-8770 (Voice). For more information visit the [Florida Relay Service](#).
- For a violation involving campaign financing, candidates, committees, or other political activities under chapters [104](#) and [106](#), and section [105.071](#), Florida Statutes, submit a sworn written complaint to the Florida Elections Commission, Suite 224 Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, 850-922-4539.
 - Note: The Florida Elections Commission is a separate entity from the Department of State, Division of Elections.
- All other violations should be reported to the local state attorney. ([Chapter 104](#), Florida Statutes, contains criminal violations within Florida's Election Code.)
 - Violations of Chapter 104 may be reported to the Florida Elections Commission, the state attorney, or both.

Additional Questions and Contact Information

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The Division of Elections provides a Voter Assistance Hotline to assist questions about voter registration and voting:

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- If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Division using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800.955.8771 (TDD) or 1.800.955-8770 (Voice). For more information visit the [Florida Relay Service](#).

For questions directly related to the election process in your county, contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#). Contact information and website addresses are located on the following pages.

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