



Governor DeSantis signed Election Reform Bill SB 90 into law on May 6, 2021, effective immediately. The new law addresses, among other things, voter registration, Vote-by-Mail Ballots, and the use of Secure Ballot Intake Stations for Vote-by-Mail Ballots. (The Florida Legislature changed the name Drop Box to Secure Ballot Intake Station in 2022's Senate Bill 524).

Voter Registration

Senate Bill 90 does not change the process for new voter registration applications. However, additional information will be required to establish an applicant's identity and eligibility when updating an existing voter registration record.

Specifically, only a Florida Voter Registration Application must be used when changing a name or party affiliation. The voter must provide their Florida driver's license number or Florida ID card number, or the last four digits of their social security number.

Voters can submit an address change within the state to the Supervisor of Elections of the county where they moved by phone, fax, or email. The voter must provide their date of birth and last four digits of their social security number or Florida driver's license number, or Florida ID card number for verification in the Supervisor's records.

They can also submit an address change on a voter registration application or other written notice. The notice must contain their date of birth and one of the following: the last four digits of their social security number, Florida driver's license number, or Florida ID card number. The notice can be returned to the Elections Office by mail, email, fax, or in-person to any branch office.

Vote-By-Mail Ballots

One request for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot will cover all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next scheduled general election. All requests currently on file for Vote-by-Mail Ballots are valid through the end of 2022.

- ***NOTE: Lee Elections will continue to notify all voters who have standing requests on file when their requests will expire and when they need to renew their requests.***

A person requesting a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for themselves to an address on file must disclose their name, address, date of birth and Florida driver's license number or Florida ID card number, or the last four digits of their social security number. A written request (paper, fax, or email) must also include the voter's signature. A request for a ballot to be mailed to an address that is not on file can only be made in writing by the voter and must be signed by the voter.

A person requesting a Vote-by-Mail Ballot on behalf of an immediate family member, whether by phone, in-person, or on our website, must disclose: the voter's name, address, date of birth, and a Florida driver's license number, or Florida ID card number, or the last four digits of the voter's social security number, whichever may be verified in the voter's record, as well as their name, address, relationship to the voter, and their driver's license number, or ID card number, or the last four of their social security number, if available.

- ***NOTE: Only an immediate family member or legal guardian can request a ballot on behalf of another. Immediate family members include spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the designee or designee's spouse.***

Any written Vote-by-Mail request must be signed by the voter for whom the ballot is for.

A designee who is picking up or returning Vote-by-Mail Ballots for another voter now may lawfully possess only their own ballot and those of immediate family members, in addition to two other ballots.

Return of Vote-by-Mail Ballots

Secure Ballot Intake Stations will be provided and monitored by election personnel at all four Lee Elections Branch Offices and all Early Voting sites when Early Voting is available. The location of Secure Ballot Intake Stations will be published on our website, www.lee.vote, at least 30 days prior to each election.