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## Lee County Elections Center Flag Presentation and Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony

**Lee County, FL (January 22, 2018)** On Thursday, January 18, 2018, the Honorable Tommy Doyle, Lee County Supervisor of Elections, and his staff were honored to hold a Flag Presentation and Flag Pole Dedication Ceremony at the Elections Center.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #18 was selected to present colors and raise the flag.

The flag pole is dedicated to all who have served our country, our state, and our community. We are continually grateful for their service.

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**Tuesday, February 20, 2018, is the Voter Registration Deadline for the City of Bonita Springs Regular Election**

**Lee County, FL (February 16, 2018)** The last day to register to vote for the City of Bonita Springs Regular Election is Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

Eligible voters in the City of Bonita Springs who reside in City Council District 3 must be registered to vote prior to the registration deadline in order to vote in the Tuesday, March 20, 2018, Regular Election.

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## Florida Mission of Mercy Event March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

**Lee County, FL (January 30, 2018)** The Florida Mission of Mercy (FLA-MOM) is a two-day professional dental clinic that provides dental care at NO COST to the underserved and uninsured population in Florida who would otherwise go without care.

FLA-MOM will hold a two-day dental clinic on Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10 at the Lee County Civic Center, 11831 Bayshore Rd., North Fort Myers, FL 33917. This is a first-come, first-served event.

FLA-MOM seeks to have a positive impact in our community by relieving pain and infection, restoring dignity and creating smiles. The goal for this event is to provide treatment to 2,000 patients in Southwest Florida.

Dental treatments that will be offered at the event include: cleanings, fillings, extractions, limited root-canal therapy and pediatric dentistry.

FLA-MOM needs the valuable help of volunteers at this event!

Visit [www.flamom.org](http://www.flamom.org) to sign up as a volunteer today!

Volunteer registrations must be submitted by February 21, 2018. Due to liability reasons, all FLA-MOM volunteers, serving on or off the clinic floor, must be at least 18 years old. xxx



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## 2018 Annual High School Voter Registration Challenge Winners Award Ceremony, Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Lee County, FL (April 10, 2018)** The Honorable Tommy Doyle, Lee County Supervisor of Elections, will recognize winners of the 2018 Annual High School Voter Registration Challenge in a ceremony during the Lee County School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2855 Colonial Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33966.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2018 Annual High School Voter Registration Challenge!

**First Place - Lehigh Senior High School**  
**Second Place - Island Coast High School**  
**Third Place - Mariner High School**

First Place Winner, Lehigh Senior High School, who competed with 15 other High Schools had 34% (426) of their eligible students register to vote with the Community Education Services. This is a great accomplishment!

Second Place Winner, Island Coast High School, had 19% (188) of their eligible students register to vote and Third Place Winner, Mariner High School had 15% (139) of their eligible students register to vote.

The 2018 Annual High School Voter Registration Challenge was a success because of the effective team effort between Lee County Supervisor of Elections Community Education Services team and the leadership teams of each of the participating High Schools.

We are thankful for our relationships with the High Schools that help us achieve our goal to register to vote eligible students aged 16 and above, promote civic engagement and empower students with the tools and education necessary to exercise their right to vote.

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## BE AWARE OF POTENTIALLY MISLEADING MAILERS WARNS LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

**Lee County, FL (June 14, 2018)** Tommy Doyle, Lee County Supervisor of Elections, warns citizens to be aware of a potentially misleading mailer they may receive in the weeks leading up to the August 28th Primary and November 6<sup>th</sup> General Elections.

These letters originate from the Voter Participation Center (VPC) and the Center for Voter Information (CVI), two organizations that are not associated with the Florida Division of Elections or the Lee County Supervisor of Elections.

The mailers often include Florida Voter Registration Applications with information pre-filled and are addressed to informal names, children under voting age, pets, and deceased family members. The VPC and CVI generate address lists for these mailings from outdated and often incorrect data,

which can lead to confusion regarding eligibility for voting, especially among voters who are already registered to vote.

Lee County voters should not rely on the information printed on these mailed-out applications but confirm their voter record in the Voter Resources tab on our website [lee.vote](http://lee.vote) and click [Check my Voter Registration Status](#) or call the Supervisor of Elections Office (239) LEE-VOTE (533-8683). Questions regarding the eligibility of those who are not currently registered to vote may also be directed to these sources.

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections has four office locations to assist our constituents in person with voter registration services. Check the Community Education Services Department [Calendar of Events](#) for locations where they will be available to provide voter registration services.

The Florida Division of Elections' [Online Voter Registration](#) link is available for those who wish to register to vote or update their voter information online.

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## **MONDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> IS VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGE DEADLINE FOR AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup> PRIMARY ELECTION**

**Lee County, FL (July 12, 2018)** The deadline to register to vote or change political party affiliation for the August 28, 2018, Primary Election is Monday, July 30, 2018. If you are not already registered to vote in Lee County, you must be registered 29 days before an election to be eligible to vote in that election. If you are already registered to vote in Lee County, a political party change must be made 29 days before an election in order for the change to be effective for that election.

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**PER FLORIDA STATUTE 97.053-5A(2), VOTERS MUST REGISTER  
TO VOTE AT THEIR ADDRESS OF LEGAL RESIDENCE**

**Lee County, FL (July 13, 2018)** During a recent audit of voter records, the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office found that many voters were registered at a business or non-residence address, not their address of legal residence. In accordance with Florida Statute 97.053-5A(2), a voter must be registered at their address of legal residence.

When this situation occurs, the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office sends a certified letter to the voter that explains the voter is registered to vote at a business address and must be registered at the address of their legal residence. A Florida Voter Registration application and postage paid envelope are also included with the letter.

The certified letter additionally explains that if the voter fails to respond to the letter within 30 days it may result in the removal of the voter's name from the Florida Voter Registration System (FVRS).

If the voter does not respond to the certified letter within 30 days, a legal notice is published in the News-Press stating the voter's eligibility to vote was in question and they must contact the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office immediately.

If the voter fails to respond within 30 days of the published legal notice, per Florida Statute 98.075(7), the voter's registration status in FVRS is changed from 'active' to 'removed' for "not having a legal Florida Residence." If this change is made, the voter will have to register to vote again.

Please contact our office if you believe you may have been registered to vote at a business or non-residence address to ensure you are eligible to vote in the upcoming elections.

The deadline to register to vote or change political party affiliation for the August Primary Election is Monday, July 30, 2018.

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## FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

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Every Supervisor of Elections in the State of Florida is taking the security of our elections very seriously. No supervisor has had contact with Senator Nelson since they received a joint letter from Senator Nelson and Senator Rubio in early July. In neither that letter, nor in the referenced Senate Intelligence Report, were there any details of specific counties having Russians "in Florida's election records."

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Since being declared critical infrastructure, Florida's supervisors have worked with the Department of Homeland Security, the Center for Internet Security, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida Agency for State Technology, our vendors, and other partners to assess our risks, identify vulnerabilities, and better-secure our elections.

Money provided by the Department of State, along with the new federal money from the recent HAVA Cybersecurity Grant, is currently being used to fund important upgrades and education efforts with the common goal of securing our elections.

General Counsel

Ronald Labasky, Esq.

Much of what the new HAVA money will allow us to do must now be done while we are in the middle of conducting a statewide election—hardly the most opportune time to make sweeping changes to our operations. All we can do, with the limited resources and compressed schedule that we now find ourselves working within, is measure our security posture against established standards and take the actions our resources allow to reduce or mitigate known risks.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 9, 2018

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## **Gov. Scott: Election Security Grant Applications Approved for all 67 Counties**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Governor Rick Scott today announced that the Florida Department of State (DOS) has now approved Election Security Grant applications for all 67 Florida counties, totaling more than \$14.5 million. Since Governor Scott announced the approval of grants for the first 49 counties last month, DOS has received and approved the remaining 18 Election Security Grant applications and submitted the applications to Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis' office. At the Governor's direction, DOS drew down \$19 million in federal funding for securing Florida's elections and worked quickly to make the funding available to Supervisors of Elections. Please find a list of approved applications and funding amounts [HERE](#).

Governor Scott said, "As we approach the 2018 election season, there is nothing more important than ensuring the security and integrity of Florida's elections. In Florida, we are focused on 100 percent participation and zero fraud and this additional funding will help Supervisors of Elections build on their existing infrastructure and enhance security measures so that we can ensure Florida has another successful election in 2018. I greatly appreciate the hard work of Secretary Detzner and the team at the Department of State, the Florida Legislature and CFO Jimmy Patronis for their roles in expediting this funding."

Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis said, "Cybersecurity must stay a top priority, especially in our elections process. My office will continue to speed up the payment process for our local officials so that they are equipped with the resources they need to protect our elections process."

Secretary of State Ken Detzner said, "The Department of State and county Supervisors of Elections have been working diligently to strengthen protections for our elections and ensure the safety of voter information. I applaud all Supervisors of Elections for working quickly to submit their grant applications in a timely manner so that we can get the funding approved and distributed to them before the 2018 elections."

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## Early Voting Information for August 28<sup>th</sup> Primary Election

**Lee County, FL (August 10, 2018)** Early Voting for the Primary Election will begin Saturday, August 18, 2018 and continue through Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 2018. Early Voting sites will be open daily, including Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Voters may use any one of the ten sites.

- Bonita Springs - Elections Office – Bonita Commons #105, 25987 S Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, FL 34134
- Cape Coral - Elections Office – 1039 SE 9th Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33990
- Cape Coral-Lee County Library – 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33914
- East County Regional Library – 881 Gunnery Road N, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971
- Estero Recreation Center – 9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard, Estero, FL 33928
- Fort Myers Regional Library, 2450 First Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901
- Lee County Elections Center – 13180 S Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33907
- North Fort Myers Recreation Center – 2000 N Recreation Park Way, North Fort Myers, FL 33903
- Northwest Regional Library – 519 Chiquita Boulevard N, Cape Coral, FL 33993
- Veterans Park Recreation Center – 55 S Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33936



Lee County Supervisor of Elections, The Honorable Tommy Doyle, encourages you to familiarize yourself with the content of your ballot. To view your customized sample ballot for the August 28<sup>th</sup> Primary Election, [click here](#). Your customized sample ballot will contain only the contests that will appear on your specific ballot. Prepare to vote in the Primary Election ahead of time- mark your sample ballot and bring it with you when you vote.

In order to vote in person at an Early Voting site or at your polling place on Election Day, you are required to provide an acceptable form of picture and signature identification. If your picture identification does not include your signature, you may provide any form of signature identification. Signature identification does not have to be current.

Acceptable picture identifications:

- Florida Driver's 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
- Public Assistance Identification
- Veteran Health ID (issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs)
- Florida Concealed Weapon License (issued pursuant to s. 790.06 FS)
- Government Employee ID

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## **Canvassing Board Meetings and Logic and Accuracy Testing Schedule**

**Lee County, FL (August 13, 2018)** On Wednesday, August 15, 2018, Lee County Supervisor of Elections, the Honorable Tommy Doyle, will conduct the Logic and Accuracy Testing (L&A) of the voting machines to be used at Early Voting sites, the polls on Election Day, and Vote-by-Mail tabulating equipment for the August 28<sup>th</sup> Primary Election.

The L&A will begin at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at the Lee County Elections Center, 13180 S Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, and will progress to the Lee County Elections Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Fort Myers to conduct the test of the Vote-by-Mail ballot tabulating equipment and canvass the Vote-by-Mail ballots received to date for the Primary Election.

In Florida, an elections Canvassing Board is responsible for overseeing all public pretesting of a sample of the tabulation equipment used in an election, (also known as Logic and

Accuracy Testing), examining ballots or groups of ballots, determining voter intent when required by law, compiling election returns, conducting recounts when required by law, determining the official results of an election, certifying an election, and conducting post-election manual audits in order to check voting system performance.

The Canvassing Board Meetings and Logic and Accuracy Testing are open to the public. Visit <https://www.lee.vote/Election-Information/Public-Meeting-Notices> for the complete schedule.

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**Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is the Voter Registration Deadline for General Election**

**Lee County, FL (September 17, 2018)** The deadline to register to vote or change your party affiliation is Tuesday, October 9, 2018 for the November 6, 2018 General Election. Florida law requires Florida residents must be registered to vote or make a party affiliation change 29 days before an election. All registered voters may vote in a General Election regardless of party affiliation.

To register to vote you must use a Florida Voter Registration Application or use the Online Voter Registration to submit an application and update an existing registration. To submit an online application, you will need your Florida driver license (Florida DL) or Florida identification card (Florida ID card) issued by the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles. [Click here](#) to access the Florida Online Voter Registration Website. Online Voter Registration has multiple safeguards in place to verify and protect a person's identity and personal information.

If you would prefer not to utilize Online Voter Registration, you may print out a blank Florida Voter Registration Application and return it in person at one of our four office locations, or by mail. If you choose to return your Florida Voter Registration Application by mail, send to :

Supervisor of Elections  
P O Box 2545  
Fort Myers, FL 33902

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For Immediate Release  
Tuesday, September 25, 2018

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## Secretary Detzner Recognizes National Voter Registration Day in Florida

~Encourages eligible Floridians to register to vote in the upcoming General Election by the voter registration deadline on October 9~

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### TALLAHASSEE, FLA. –

Secretary of State Ken Detzner recognizes today, September 25, as National Voter Registration Day in Florida and reminds Floridians that the deadline for registering to vote in the upcoming General Election is Tuesday, October 9.

**“National Voter Registration Day is a great opportunity for eligible Floridians to register to vote or make sure their current voter registration information is up-to-date,”** said Secretary Detzner. **“The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming General Election is October 9. You can find resources and information to help you *Get Ready. Get Set. Vote!* at [YourVoteFlorida.com](http://YourVoteFlorida.com).”**

Florida residents can check their current voter registration status by using the Department’s [Voter Information Lookup](#) tool. The [Voter Information Lookup](#) tool can also be used to find your polling place, obtain your sample ballot and check your vote-by-mail ballot status.

Floridians can register to vote or update their existing registration through the Department’s online voter registration website [RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov](http://RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov). Users will need their Florida driver license or Florida identification card and the last four digits of their social security number. In order to verify a user’s identity, the information typed into the online voter registration website must exactly match the information that appears on his or her most recent Florida driver license or state identification card. Florida residents also have the option to use the website to complete, print and sign a paper application that can be mailed or hand-delivered to their local Supervisor of Elections.

In addition to [RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov](http://RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov), there are several other ways eligible Floridians can register to vote. Eligible Floridians can apply through:

- Any Supervisor of Elections office;
- Any office, including a tax collector’s office, that issues driver licenses or Florida identification cards;

- The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' online website for renewing a driver license or state identification card; and
- Any voter registration agency such as a public assistance office or public library.

In order to be able to vote in the upcoming General Election, new voter registration applications must be submitted by the October 9 voter registration deadline. Online voter registration applications must be submitted through [RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov](https://www.registertovoteflorida.gov) no later than 11:59 p.m. on October 9. Paper applications must be received by close of business at a [Supervisor of Elections' office](#) or if sent by mail, post-marked by October 9.

The deadline to update a voter's signature is no later than the start of the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots. In some counties, canvassing may start as early as October 22. A voter's current signature is used to determine whether to count a provisional or vote-by-mail ballot. For more information, please [contact](#) your local Supervisors of Elections.

The Voter Assistance Hotline is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday. The Department will extend the hours of the Voter Assistance Hotline leading up to the voter registration deadline from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT Saturday, October 6 through Monday, October 8 and from 8 a.m. to midnight on Tuesday, October 9.

Voters who have questions about how to register to vote or who need assistance using [RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov](https://www.registertovoteflorida.gov) can contact the Voter Assistance Hotline at 1-866-308-6739 or [OVRsupport@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:OVRsupport@dos.myflorida.com).

All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation or no party affiliation, may exercise their right to vote for candidates and public measures on the General Election ballot. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

For more information, please visit the Division of Elections' website at [dos.myflorida.com/elections](https://dos.myflorida.com/elections).

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### **Allen Ellison is the Designee to Fill Vacancy in Congressional District 17**

**Lee County, FL (October 3, 2018)** Qualified party candidate April Freeman passed away and on October 1, 2018, the Florida Democratic Party selected Allen Ellison as their designee to fill the vacancy in nomination, as permitted by law.

Because it is too late to change the General Election ballot, the ballot will not reflect the replacement candidate's name.

Voters in Congressional District 17 only, please be advised that:

- A vote cast for Greg Steube will count for Greg Steube.
- A vote cast for April Freeman will count for Allen Ellison.

Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Tommy Doyle, and his staff are here to serve the citizens of Lee County, where our mission is to deliver superior election services to the voters.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Friday, October 5, 2018

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## **Secretary Detzner Reminds Floridians of October 9 Voter Registration Deadline for General Election**

*~Extended hours for the Voter Assistance Hotline available leading up to deadline~*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.**— Secretary of State Ken Detzner reminds Floridians that the deadline for registering to vote in the upcoming General Election is this Tuesday, October 9. Voters can find resources and information to *Get Ready. Get Set. Vote!* at [YourVoteFlorida.com](http://YourVoteFlorida.com).

**“There are only a few days left to register to vote in the General Election so I encourage all eligible Floridians who still need to submit a voter registration application to do so by the October 9 deadline,”** said Secretary Detzner. **“You can register to vote online through the Department’s secure, convenient and easy-to-use website [RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov](http://RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov). Additionally, the Department is extending the hours of operation of the Voter Assistance Hotline leading up to the deadline to ensure we are providing any needed assistance to Florida voters.”**

The Voter Assistance Hotline will be available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT on Saturday, October 6 to Monday, October 8 and from 8 a.m. to midnight on Tuesday, October 9. Voters who have questions about how to register to vote or who need assistance using [RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov](http://RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov) can contact the Voter Assistance Hotline at 1-866-308-6739 or [OVRsupport@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:OVRsupport@dos.myflorida.com).

Floridians can register to vote or update their existing registration through the Department’s online voter registration website [RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov](http://RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov). Users will need their Florida driver license or Florida identification card and the last four digits of their social security number. In order to verify a user’s identity, the information typed into the online voter registration website must exactly match the information that appears on his or her most recent Florida driver license or state identification card. Florida residents also have the option to use the website to complete, print and sign a paper application that can be mailed or hand-delivered to their local Supervisor of Elections.

In addition to [RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov](https://www.floridastateelections.com/register-to-vote), there are several other ways eligible Floridians can register to vote. Eligible Floridians can apply through:

- Any Supervisor of Elections office;
- Any office, including a tax collector's office, that issues driver licenses or Florida identification cards;
- The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' online website for renewing a driver license or state identification card; and
- Any voter registration agency such as a public assistance office or public library.

In order to be able to vote in the upcoming General Election, new voter registration applications must be submitted by the October 9 voter registration deadline. Online voter registration applications must be submitted through [RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov](https://www.floridastateelections.com/register-to-vote) no later than 11:59 p.m. on October 9. Paper applications must be received by close of business at a [Supervisor of Elections' office](#) or if sent by mail, post-marked by October 9.

The deadline to update a voter's signature is no later than the start of the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots. In some counties, canvassing may start as early as October 22. A voter's current signature is used to determine whether to count a provisional or vote-by-mail ballot. For more information, please [contact](#) your local Supervisors of Elections.

Florida residents can check their current voter registration status by using the Department's [Voter Information Lookup](#) tool. The [Voter Information Lookup](#) tool can also be used to find your polling place, obtain your sample ballot and check your vote-by-mail ballot status.

All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation or no party affiliation, may exercise their right to vote for candidates and public measures on the General Election ballot. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

For more information, please visit the Division of Elections' website at [dos.myflorida.com/elections](https://dos.myflorida.com/elections).

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## **November 6, General Election Logic and Accuracy Testing and Canvassing Board Schedule**

**Lee County, FL (October 15, 2018)** On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, Lee County Supervisor of Elections, the Honorable Tommy Doyle, will conduct the Logic and Accuracy Testing (L&A) of the voting machines to be used at Early Voting sites, the polls on Election Day, and Vote-by-Mail tabulating equipment for the November 6 General Election.

The L&A will begin at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at the Lee County Elections Center, 13180 S Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, and will progress to the Lee County Elections Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Fort Myers to conduct the test of the Vote-by-Mail ballot tabulating equipment.

The Canvassing Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Lee County Elections Office, Melvin Morgan Constitutional Complex, 2480 Thompson St, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Fort Myers, on Monday, October 22,

2018, to canvass the vote-by-mail ballots received to date for the November 6, 2018, General Election.

In Florida, an elections Canvassing Board is responsible for overseeing all public pretesting of a sample of the tabulation equipment used in an election, (also known as Logic and Accuracy Testing), examining ballots or groups of ballots, determining voter intent when required by law, compiling election returns, conducting recounts when required by law, determining the official results of an election, certifying an election, and conducting post-election manual audits in order to check voting system performance.

The Canvassing Board Meetings and Logic and Accuracy Testing are open to the public. Visit <https://www.lee.vote/Election-Information/Public-Meeting-Notices> for the complete schedule.

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections mission is to deliver superior election services to the voters of Lee County.

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## **Secretary Detzner Outlines Plan for Voters in Counties Severely Impacted by Hurricane Michael & Vote-By-Mail Options for Hurricane Survivors while Protecting Election Integrity**

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### **TALLAHASSEE, FLA. –**

Last week, Hurricane Michael made landfall as a powerful Category 4 storm in Florida's Panhandle. It devastated homes, businesses, infrastructure and left 400,000 people without power. With the General Election less than three weeks away, this unprecedented storm has impacted the normal operations of administering an election in counties that were hit hardest. Before and after Hurricane Michael's landfall, the Department began reaching out to counties affected by the storm to determine any potential impacts to voting sites and the administration of the upcoming General Election. Today's plan is based on feedback received from the locally-elected Supervisors of Elections. The Florida Department of State's top priority is ensuring that there are ample opportunities for Floridians impacted by Hurricane Michael, many of whom lost their homes, to be able to cast ballots while protecting the integrity of the 2018 General Election.

Secretary of State Ken Detzner said, "The Department shares the Governor's commitment to ensuring that all registered voters from counties devastated by Hurricane Michael are able to exercise their right to vote safely and securely in the upcoming General Election. With the input from local Supervisors of Elections, we put forth recommendations to Governor Scott and we greatly appreciate the Governor's support of our requests."

Today, the Governor issued [Executive Order 18-283](#) which gives Supervisors of Elections in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington counties the authority to extend and enhance voting options based on needs and challenges they have identified, including:

- Locally-elected supervisors of elections in the impacted counties are now able to extend the amount of days of early voting, designate additional early voting locations and

expedite the delivery and acceptance of vote-by-mail ballots. Each of these locally-elected supervisors of elections have reported significant obstacles created by Hurricane Michael preventing them from administering an election without these accommodations. These obstacles include, but are not limited to, damage to polling locations, extended telecommunications service disruptions, and large percentages of the counties' population without power. Supervisors of Elections have not reported any damage to voting machines and all election-related equipment, including ballots, are secure.

- The locally-elected Supervisors of Elections in the eight affected counties will be able to determine if additional early voting sites and days are necessary. The early voting period in the affected counties can begin as early as Monday, October 22, 2018, and can extend through election day November 6, 2018.
- The Executive Order extends the registration date for poll watchers to noon on October 26, 2018.
- Executive Order 18-283 directs Secretary Detzner to coordinate with each supervisor of elections in Florida to ensure that Florida National Guard troops, first responders, law enforcement, volunteers, and utility power restoration workers engaged in the recovery efforts in the Panhandle and anyone who evacuated from the storm can cast a ballot.
- The restriction on vote-by-mail ballots being forwarded to a different address has been waived. This will help displaced voters to cast a ballot. The Executive Order also waives provisions so voters in the affected counties can more easily obtain vote-by-mail ballots.

Voting by fax or email is not an option under the Executive Order. In the hardest hit areas, communication via phone, fax and email remains challenging and would be an unreliable method for returning ballots. Additionally, past attempts by other states to allow voters impacted by natural disasters to fax or email ballots have been rife with issues. The Department is actively reviewing ways to provide more absentee ballots to those voters in the counties severely impacted by Hurricane Michael.

Before the storm hit and at Governor Scott's direction, Secretary of State Ken Detzner extended the voter registration deadline in counties whose offices were closed on the day of the registration deadline due to Hurricane Michael to allow for paper applications to be accepted the day their offices reopened.

The Department is also in contact with the United States Postal Service (USPS) regarding potential impacts to the delivery and receipt of vote-by-mail ballots in affected counties. USPS has already resumed service in many counties and is working to resume service in all affected areas as quickly as possible. The Department will continue to work closely with Supervisors of Elections and provide any needed assistance leading up to the General Election.

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## Secretary Detzner Issues Election Readiness Update for General Election on November 6

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### TALLAHASSEE, FLA. –

Florida's General Election is on Tuesday, November 6 and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time. Early voting is available in all counties through Saturday, November 3 and some counties may also offer early voting on Sunday, November 4. Voters in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty and Washington counties may have additional early voting options through Election Day due to Hurricane Michael.

**"I encourage all Florida voters to get to the polls and exercise their right to vote,"** said Secretary of State Ken Detzner. **"This year's ballot is long and includes many constitutional amendments so it is critically important that voters review their sample ballot ahead of time. Voters can even fill out their sample ballot and bring it with them into the polling place to make casting their official ballot quick and easy. I also encourage eligible voters to take advantage of early voting in their county to avoid the potential for long lines on Election Day."**

The Department has information and resources available to help all Florida voters *Get Ready. Get Set. Vote!* at [YourVoteFlorida.com](http://YourVoteFlorida.com).

### **Key Information for Florida Voters in Counties Severely Impacted by Hurricane Michael**

Under [Executive Order 18-283](#), voters in counties severely impacted by Hurricane Michael in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty and Washington counties have additional early voting and vote-by-mail options, as well as the option to vote on Election Day. A list of early voting locations, dates and times in these counties, a list of election day voting locations, and contact information for county Supervisors of Elections is available at the Florida Department of State's Hurricane Michael Election Resources [webpage](#).

### **Key Information for Florida Voters**

**Early Voting:** Early voting is currently being offered in all Florida counties through Saturday, November 3. Some counties may also offer early voting on Sunday, November 4. Contact the local [Supervisor of Elections](#) office for early voting days, hours and locations in each county or visit the Division of Elections' [website](#). Voters can vote at any early voting location in their county.

**Vote-by-Mail:** The last day to request that a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed was Wednesday, October 31. Voters can still pick up a vote-by-mail ballot through Monday, November 5 from their local Supervisor of Elections office or, if an emergency exists, on Election Day. Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Additional information for military and overseas voters is available on the Division of Elections [website](#).

**Vote-by-Mail Requests on Election Day:** If a voter or designee waits until Election Day to pick up a vote-by-mail ballot, the voter must also complete the Election Day Vote-by-Mail Ballot Delivery Affidavit (DS-DE 136 – [English PDF](#) / [Spanish PDF](#)). The voter must affirm that he or she has an emergency that keeps the voter from voting at his or her assigned polling place.

**Voting at the Polls on Election Day:** The polls are open on Election Day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Any voters waiting in line at 7 p.m. will have the opportunity to cast a ballot. On Election Day, voters must vote at their assigned polling place. Voters can find their assigned polling place by looking at their voter information card, contacting their county Supervisor of Elections or using the Division's [Voter Information Lookup](#) webpage.

**ID Requirements at the Polls:** By law, all voters must provide a current and valid photo ID at the polls during early voting or on Election Day. Any one of the following 12 IDs is acceptable:

- Florida driver's license
- Florida identification card issued by the Florida 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 pursuant to s. 790.06 F.S.
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the federal government, the state, a county or a municipality.

If the voter's photo ID does not include a signature, the voter will be asked to provide another ID with a signature. If the voter does not bring a proper ID, he or she can still vote a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will count, provided the voter is eligible,



voted in the proper precinct, and the signature on the provisional ballot certificate matches the signature in the voter's registration record

### **Election Results & Statistics**

**Election Results:** On Tuesday, November 6, preliminary unofficial election results for Florida's General Election will be available on the Florida Election Watch website at <https://floridaelectionwatch.gov>. Although polls close at 7 p.m. local time, Florida has two time zones (Central and Eastern) and results will not be posted to the Florida Election Watch website until 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

**Early Voting and Vote-by-Mail Ballot Statistics:** The Division of Elections is providing daily early voting and vote-by-mail ballot statistics. These statistics are compiled from reports last filed by the Supervisor of Elections for each county. To access these statistics, please visit the Division of Elections [Vote-by-Mail Request & Early Voting Statistics webpage](#).

**Bookclosing (Registration Deadline) Reports:** On October 9, voter registration books closed for the General Election. The Division of Elections prepares detailed statistical reports on the number of active registered voters as of the day of bookclosing. The reports are available in Excel and PDF format. To access the current and archived bookclosing reports, please visit the Division of Elections [website](#).

### **Timeline for Reporting and Certification of Election Results**

In Florida, the timeline and procedures by which county canvassing boards report results to the Department of State, and the process by which results are certified, are determined by several provisions in state law. On Election Night, preliminary returns are reported to the Department after polls close and will be available beginning at 8 p.m. Eastern Time on the [Florida Election Watch](#) website. Preliminary returns reported to the state on Election Night are not the official election results.

The first unofficial set of returns are due by Noon on Saturday, November 10. If the first unofficial set of returns indicates that a recount is triggered, the Secretary of State will order a machine recount and an announcement will be sent to the media and the public.

Official returns are due to the Department of State from county canvassing boards no later than noon on November 18. The official results will be certified at a meeting of the Florida Elections Canvassing Commission at 9 a.m. on November 20 at the Florida Capitol in Tallahassee.

Florida's timeline for the reporting and certification of election results, which includes the process for possible recounts for any races on the ballot is available in detail on the Division of Elections [website](#).

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## Secretary Detzner Issues Updates on General Election Day

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.**— This morning, Secretary of State Ken Detzner issued the following statement on the start of General Election Day in Florida:

**“I am pleased to report that all polls opened statewide on time and voters are casting ballots in all precincts. Polls are open until 7 p.m. and any voters waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be able to cast a ballot. Division of Elections staff is communicating with each county Supervisor of Elections throughout the day and we stand ready to provide any needed assistance.**

**“I encourage all Florida voters who did not take advantage of early voting or vote-by-mail to find your precinct and exercise your right to vote. The Department has information and resources available to help all Florida voters *Get Ready. Get Set. Vote!* at [YourVoteFlorida.com](http://YourVoteFlorida.com).”**

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**Turnout:** For Election Day turnout numbers, please contact the respective county [Supervisor of Elections](#) offices. For early voting and vote-by-mail statistics, please visit the Division of Elections [Vote-by-Mail Request and Early Voting Reports](#) website.

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