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# Florida Voter Guide

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## 2024 Election Cycle



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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 a current address with the office of the Supervisor of Elections.
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.

## What elections are there in Florida?

**Presidential Preference Primary Election (PPP).** The PPP is an election held every four years. It is part of the beginning process for the two major political parties in Florida to select their nominee for President and Vice-president. Only voters registered with one of the two parties vote their preference for whom they would like to appear on the General Election ballot in November. After the PPP, each respective party's delegates from Florida formally nominate the preferred presidential candidate at the respective party's national convention based on party rules. The parties typically hold these conventions in July or August.

For the 2024 election cycle, the office of President and Vice-President will be on the ballot, starting with the PPP. For more information about the election process for these offices, visit the Division of Elections' webpages on [For Voters - Quick Facts – Presidential Preference Primary Election](#) and [Presidential Electors/Electoral College](#).

**Primary Election.** The Primary Election is held 11 weeks before the General Election in every even-numbered year. In Florida, the primary election is closed. This means that a voter seeking to vote for a party's nominee must first be a registered party member of the [Florida political party](#) to vote for the respective party candidates or nominees for an office in a primary election, including a presidential preference primary election. However, all registered voters can vote for candidates in an office in the primary election if all the candidates for that office have the same party affiliation and the winner of the primary election will not face any opposition in the general election. All registered voters can also vote in races for nonpartisan judicial and school board offices, nonpartisan special districts, or local referendum questions.

**General Election.** A General Election is held in November of every even-numbered year. 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 county and local races and local public measures.

**Special Election.** The Governor calls a special election:

- 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.
- If a vacancy occurs in the office of state senator or member of the state house of representatives.
- If it is necessary to elect presidential electors, by reason of the offices of President and Vice President both having become vacant.
- If a vacancy occurs in the office of a member from Florida of the House of Representatives of Congress. (Note: A vacancy in the office of a U.S. Senate is filled by temporary appointment until the vacancy is filled at the next general election.)

For currently scheduled special elections, visit the Division of Elections' [Special Elections](#) webpage.

**Local Election.** For currently scheduled local elections such as a town, city or municipal election which may be held separately from statewide or county elections, contact or visit your [county Supervisor of Elections'](#) website for more information on local elections.

## What are the key election dates for 2024?

\*Visit the Division of Elections' publication webpage for Election Dates Activities Calendar.

<b>Presidential Preference Primary Election 2024</b>	
<b>Deadline to Send Ballots to UOCAVA Voters</b> (Absent Stateside and Overseas Uniformed and Civilian Voters) (45 days before election) for requests already on file	February 3, 2024
<b>Deadline to Send Ballots to Domestic Voters</b> (7-day window) for requests already on file	February 8 - 15, 2024
<b>Deadline to Register</b> (book closing)	February 20, 2024* (February 19 is President's Day)
<b>Early Voting - Optional Days</b> (A county may offer one or more of these early voting days)	March 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 17, 2024
<b>Early Voting - Mandatory</b> (8-day period)	March 9 - 16, 2024
<b>Deadline to Request that Ballot Be Mailed</b>	March 7, 2024
<b>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY</b>	<b>March 19, 2024</b>

<b>Candidate Qualifying Period 2024</b>	
Federal (U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress), State Attorney (Judicial Circuits 1- 19), Public Defender (Judicial Circuits 1 -19), Judicial Offices (i.e., Justice(s) of the Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal Judges, Circuit Court Judges, and County Court Judges)	Noon, April 22, 2024 - Noon, April 26, 2024 (Pre-qualifying period begins April 8, 2024)
State Senator, State Representative, County Office and Special Districts	Noon, June 10, 2024 - Noon, June 14, 2024 (Pre-qualifying period begins May 27, 2024)



## Primary Election 2024

<b>Deadline to Send Ballots to UOCAVA Voters</b> (Absent Stateside and Overseas Uniformed and Civilian Voters) (45 days before election) for requests already on file	July 6, 2024
<b>Deadline to Send Ballots to Domestic Voters</b> (7-day window) for requests already on file	July 11 - 18, 2024
<b>Deadline to Register</b> (book closing)	July 22, 2024
<b>Early Voting - Optional Days</b> (A county may offer one or more of these early voting days)	August 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 18, 2024
<b>Early Voting - Mandatory</b> (8-day period)	August 10 - 17, 2024
<b>Deadline to Request that Ballot Be Mailed</b>	August 8, 2024
<b>PRIMARY ELECTION DAY</b>	<b>August 20, 2024</b>

## General Election 2024

<b>Deadline to Send Ballots to UOCAVA Voters</b> (Absent Stateside and Overseas Uniformed and Civilian Voters) (45 days before election) for requests already on file	September 21, 2024
<b>Deadline to Send Ballots to Domestic Voters</b> (7-day window) for requests already on file	September 26, 2024 - October 3, 2024
<b>Deadline to Register</b> (book closing)	October 7, 2024
<b>Early Voting - Optional Days</b> (A county may offer one or more of these early voting days)	October 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and November 3, 2024
<b>Early Voting - Mandatory</b> (8-day period)	October 26 - November 2, 2024
<b>Deadline to Request that Ballot Be Mailed</b>	October 24, 2024
<b>GENERAL ELECTION DAY</b>	<b>November 5, 2024</b>

## What offices are up for election and retention in 2024?

### Federal Offices

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- President of the United States
- U.S. Senate (one of two seats)
- Representatives in Congress (all districts)

### Multi-County and District Offices

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- State Senator (odd-numbered districts)
- State Representative (all districts)
- State Attorney (All judicial circuits except for 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Public Defender (All judicial circuits except for 20<sup>th</sup>)

### County Offices

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- Board of County Commissioners
- School Board
- Other constitutional offices depending on county
- Special district offices

### Judicial Retention (Nonpartisan)

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- Justices, Supreme Court of Florida (only those whose terms expire January 2025)
- Judges, District Courts of Appeal (only those whose terms expire January 2025)

### Circuit and County Court Judges (Nonpartisan)

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Only those whose terms expire January 2025

## What other races/contests may appear on the ballot?

- Proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution
- Local offices - Town/City/Municipal
- County, municipal, and district referenda or other public measures (e.g., charter, tax, annexation, municipal recall, etc.)

Contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#) for other races that may appear on your ballot.

## Will I get a sample ballot?

### Sample Ballot

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Sample ballots are available before each election as follows:

- At least two sample ballots in each polling place on Election Day or during early voting period.
- Online through [county Supervisor of Elections'](#) websites.
- Through newspaper publication or by email, if email address is on file with a request to receive the sample ballot electronically.
- If no email address is available, then the Supervisor of Elections mails the sample ballot to each registered voter or to each household in which there is a registered voter.

## Voter registration

### What are the requirements to register to vote?

To register and vote, you must be:

- At least 18 years of age (you can pre-register on or after your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday),
- A citizen of the United States of America, and
- A legal resident of Florida and of the county the applicant seeks to be registered.

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 by law.
- Not a U.S. citizen (A legal permanent resident is not a U.S. citizen).

## How can I register or update my registration?

The most secure and convenient way to register or update your voter registration is through Florida's online voter registration website – [RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov](https://www.RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov). The system:

- Allows you to submit an online application or to use the system to enter your information into a form that you can then print, sign, date and submit to your county Supervisor of Elections.
- Electronically confirms while you are online if the State could verify your personal identifying information, and if so, also confirms that your county Supervisor of Elections has received your online application and how you may check your voter status thereafter.
- Is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Is ADA compliant and includes accessibility features for persons with disabilities.
- Is available in English and Spanish.

You can also submit a voter registration application as follows:

- Through the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' Online [GoRenew.com](https://www.GoRenew.com) at the same time as you update information on your Florida driver license or state identification card.
- In person or by mail to any County Supervisor of Elections' office.
- In person through an electronic intake process at any office that issues Florida driver licenses or Florida identification cards.
- In person at any designated 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).

The Statewide Voter Registration Application (DS-DE 39) is fillable and downloadable from the Division's [Forms](#) webpage. 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.

Keep these key things in mind for updating your record:

- If your address changes, it is best to update your record as soon as possible to avoid any issues before you vote.
- If you changed your name by marriage or other legal process since the last time you registered or updated your record, provide your former name. This helps to find your record if already registered so the Supervisor of Elections can update your record to reflect your new name. You can make a name change at the polls.
- To choose or change your party affiliation, submit an updated voter registration application online or by paper. You must select or change your party at least 29 days before an election for the selection or change to be effective for a primary election. You cannot change your party at the polling place for a primary election.
- Signatures change over time. If your signature on record does not match your current 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 because the signatures could not be matched. It is recommended that you regularly update your signature. You must use a paper voter registration application to submit a signature update.

### **When can I register to vote?**

You can apply to register or update your voter registration record any time. However, to vote in an upcoming election, the deadline to register is the 29th day before the election. Under limited circumstances, military and overseas citizens may register up to 5 days before an election. Please visit the Division of Elections' webpage [Military and Overseas Citizens Voting](#) for more information or contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#).

## **Are there special requirements for registering for the first time in Florida?**

If you are registering by mail for the first time and you **have never been issued** a Florida driver license number, Florida identification card number, or a Social Security number, you will have to swear or affirm that you have never been issued one under oath on your application. You will need to provide a copy of one of the following identifications either with the application or at some point before you vote for the first time unless you are exempt under specific classes of persons:

- 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, if you have not been issued one of the identifications above, you must provide a copy of these documents:

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

Please contact your Supervisor of Elections for further information.

## **When will I get my voter information card?**

A voter information card must be sent within 5 business days after your application for new registration or update is processed. A voter information card includes important information about your current registration record. The card also includes your address of legal residence, date of registration, party affiliation, assigned precinct, polling place for Election Day, and district offices (local, state, and federal) for which you can vote. Once you receive a card, review the information to ensure it is accurate. If not, contact your Supervisor of Elections immediately.

To replace a lost or damaged card, contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#).

**Note:** A voter information card is for information purposes only. It is proof of your registration but not legal verification of your eligibility to vote. It is your responsibility to keep his or her eligibility status current. A voter may confirm his or her eligibility to vote with the Department of State.

## Voting by mail

### How do I request a vote-by-mail ballot?

You must submit a request for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot to your county Supervisor of Elections' office.

A request can be:

- By signed writing (e.g., mail, fax, or scanned attachment to an email) to your Supervisor of Elections using the statewide vote-by-mail request form (visit the Division of Elections' [Forms](#) webpage). If the request is online, a signature may be indicated by checking a box affirming the voter's request or accompanied by a digital or electronic signature or attaching a scanned image of an original signature with an email. However, if the ballot is to be mailed to an address other than the one on record, the request must be a signed writing.
- In person.
- By phone.

A verified /verifiable Florida driver license number, Florida identification card number or the last four digits of the voter's social security number is needed to process a request for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot.

A voter's immediate family (spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the designee or of the designee's spouse) or the voter's legal guardian may request the ballot on the voter's behalf. The requestor also must provide this information if asking for a ballot on behalf of a voter:

- The requestor's address.
- The requestor's driver license number, state identification card, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number (if available).
- The requestor's relationship to the voter.
- The requestor's signature (if the request is written).

Please visit the Division of Elections' [Vote-by-Mail](#) webpage for all the information that is required to submit a request.

### **When do I get my requested ballot?**

If a request is on file by the time Vote-by-Mail Ballots are mailed for an upcoming election, you will be mailed a ballot during the designated periods for delivery. All other requests are filled within 2 days of the request. No ballot may be mailed out later than 10 days before an election. Please see key election dates on pages 8 and 9 for when ballots are sent.

You or your designee may pick up a Vote-by-Mail Ballot at any time once they become available up through Election Day.

A designee is limited to picking up two blank Vote-by-Mail Ballots for other voters other than themselves and members of their immediate family. An immediate family member refers to the designee's spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or the designee's spouse's parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling. 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, 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. Form DS-DE 162 is a combination form that includes the affidavit for ballot pick-up, the voter's written authorization for the designee and if a request is not already on record, the voter's request for a vote-by-mail ballot. Visit Division of Elections' [Forms](#) webpage for DS-DE 162.

### **Is there an emergency affidavit for pick-up during mandatory early voting period up through Election Day?**

Yes. If a voter or designee picks up a vote-by-mail at any time during the start of mandatory early voting period up through Election Day, a special emergency affidavit must be completed. The voter or designee on behalf of the voter must affirm that an emergency exists that keeps the voter from being able to vote at a designated early voting site in his or her county or at his or her assigned polling place on Election Day, whichever is applicable. Visit Division of Elections' [Forms](#) webpage for DS-DE 162.



## How and when do I return my voted ballot?

The county Supervisor of Elections must receive your voted ballot no later than 7 p.m. (local time) on Election Day. You may return the ballot by mail or in person to the Supervisor of Elections or by dropping off at any designated secure ballot intake station (See Can I drop off my Vote-by-Mail Ballot at an early voting site).

For timely return of ballots by domestic voters, the United States Postal Service (USPS) recommends that ballots be mailed back at least one (1) week before the Election Day deadline. This helps to account for any unforeseen events or weather issues. For more information about election mail and the USPS, visit [election-mail](#).

For timely return of ballots by absent stateside and overseas military and overseas civilians, the U.S. Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) recommends earlier return timelines between 11 and 35 days before Election Day depending on location.

The following only applies to overseas (military and civilian) voters:

- Only an overseas voter has the option to return the ballot and signed Voter's Certificate by fax. The ballot and certificate must be faxed directly to the number provided by the Supervisor of Elections or to a fax number provided by FVAP. For further information, please contact your [county Supervisor of Elections Office](#).
- Only an overseas voter has 10 extra days from Election Day for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot to be received by the county Supervisor of Elections. This 10-day extension only applies in presidential preference primary elections, general elections, and special elections and special primary elections. The overseas voter's ballot must be postmarked or dated by Election Day and received within 10 days of the election to be counted, provided the ballot is otherwise proper.
- The Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is an emergency back-up Vote-by-Mail Ballot that can be used only by absent stateside and overseas military and overseas civilians. 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 in Florida, 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 race.

- Only an overseas voter can request a state-write in vote-by-mail ballot if there are military or other contingencies that affect normal mail delivery. 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 up to 3 - 6 months before the general election.

### **Can I drop my voted ballot off at an early voting site?**

In addition to returning a ballot by mail or in-person, you can also choose to drop off a completed Vote-by-Mail Ballot at any secure ballot intake station. These stations are located at:

- Any main and/or permanent branch office for the county Supervisor of Elections
- Any designated early voting site
- Any other site that the county may choose to designate, provided the site could have otherwise been designated as an early voting site.

Visit your [county Supervisor of Elections'](#) website for information about the available sites and hours of operation.

A voted Vote-by-Mail Ballot cannot be dropped off at polling places on Election Day unless you are choosing to vote instead at the polls. If you wish to vote at the polls, bring the ballot (voted or not) with you and it will be cancelled, and you can still vote a regular ballot.

### **Can I track the status of my request or ballot?**

You can track the status of your Vote-by-Mail Ballot through your [county Supervisor of Elections'](#) [website](#). Contact your county Supervisor of Elections for other ballot tracking services that the office may make available.

County-by-county webpage links are also available on the Division of Elections' [Vote-by-Mail Information and Status Lookup](#).

You can also subscribe for free with the U.S. Postal Service's '[Informed Delivery®](#)' by USPS. This general free service allows you to receive daily notice with a digital preview of all mail to be delivered to your address including your ballot if you have requested one.

## **How do I cure a missing or mismatched signature on a Vote-by-Mail Ballot?**

If you forget to sign your Vote-by-Mail Ballot certificate or your signature on the certificate does not match your signature on file, you have the right to cure this defect. Your county Supervisor of Elections will attempt to contact you with the available contact information in your record or you can contact your Supervisor of Elections.

The Vote-by-Mail Ballot Cure Affidavit with instructions (Form DS-DE139) is available on your [county Supervisor of Elections'](#) website. It is also available on the Division of Elections' [Forms](#) webpage. The deadline to submit a cure affidavit is 5 PM (local time) on the second day after Election Day.

## **When does a vote-by-mail ballot request expire?**

A ballot request, once made, is effective for all elections held after the date of the request through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election. A voter wishing to continue to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the next election cycles thereafter would have to renew their request.

## **Early voting**

### **When and where can I vote early?**

Early voting is a period before Election Day in which a voter can vote in person at any designated early voting site in his or her county. Early voting is required in any election that contains a state or federal office race. Early voting is optional in elections not held in conjunction with a state or federal office.

The photo and signature requirements for voting on Election Day also apply to voting during early voting.

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, a county Supervisor of Elections within a county has the option to offer additional days of early voting on the 15th, 14th, 13th, 12th, 11th, or 2<sup>nd</sup> day (i.e., Sunday) before an election.

Early voting hours must be at least 8 hours but no more than 12 hours per day.

Any voter in line at the time of official closing of early voting will have the opportunity to cast a ballot, just as on Election Day.

Visit your [county Supervisor of Elections'](#) website to find out the specific dates, times, and locations for early voting in your county for upcoming elections.

For more information about Early Voting, visit the Division of Elections' webpage on [Early Voting and Secure Ballot Intake Stations](#).

## **Voting on Election Day**

### **When and where can I vote on Election Day?**

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. (local time) will have the opportunity to cast a ballot. You can only vote in the polling place for your address of legal residence. To find your polling place or changes to your polling location, visit 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. Visit also the Division of Elections' [Voter Precinct Lookup](#) webpage for county-by-county webpage links for precinct lookup.

### **What do I need to bring to vote?**

You must show a photo and signature identification before you can vote. Any one of the following photo IDs are acceptable:

- 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 section 790.06, Florida Statutes, 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 include your signature, you must show an additional form of identification that includes your signature.

If you do not bring a current and valid I.D., you can still vote a provisional ballot. If eligible to vote, having voted in the proper precinct, and the signature on your provision ballot certificate matches the signature on record, your provisional ballot will count.

### **Can I vote provisionally?**

If your eligibility to vote cannot be determined at the polls, an election official asserts that you are not eligible including, but not limited to, that you have been sent notice of potential ineligibility pursuant to s. 98.075(7), but a final determination of eligibility has not yet been made, you did not provide a current and valid photo ID, your right to vote is challenged, or some other basis, you are still entitled to vote a provisional ballot. The clerk at the polling location or early voting site will give you a written notice of rights that will provide the following information:

- You have the right to bring further evidence (if you choose) of your eligibility to the county Supervisor of Elections up until 5 PM (local time) 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, provided your eligibility is established based on prior identifying information having been provided and verified.
- If you voted a provisional ballot because your personal identifying number has not yet been verified by the time you went to vote, you can provide in person or by copy through fax, e-mail, or mail a copy of your Florida driver license/state identification card or your social security card to the county Supervisor of Elections. The deadline to provide evidence is 5 PM (local time) on 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 the signature issue by submitting an affidavit to your county Supervisor of Elections. Your Supervisor will attempt to contact you with the available contact information in your record. .The Provisional Ballot Cure

Affidavit – Instructions and Form (DS-DE 210) is available online on your [county Supervisor of Elections](#)' website or the Division of Elections' [Forms](#) webpage. The deadline to submit a cure affidavit with the required identification is 5 PM (local time) on the second day after Election Day. It is also available on the Division of Elections' Forms webpage.

- You have the right to find out after the election if your provisional ballot was counted, and if not counted, the specific reason.
- If this is a primary election, you contact your county Supervisor of Elections' office immediately to confirm that you are registered, and that you will be able to vote in the general election.

## **Voting equipment**

### **Which voting equipment is used in my county?**

Each county purchases its own voting system. A county cannot buy or use any voting system in an election unless it has first been tested and certified by the Florida Department of State.

Each county must test the voting equipment before each election to confirm that it is counting ballots correctly. These testing events (i.e., logic and accuracy tests). The county canvassing board must publicly notice the event. The event is open to the public.

Further, after every election, each county must perform a post-election audit on the voting system unless there has been a manual recount conducted in that election. The county canvassing board must publicly notice the audit. The audit is open to the public.

All voting must be by marksense ballot, using a marking device or a voter interface device that produces a voter-verifiable paper output and meets the state and federal voter accessibility requirements for individuals with disabilities.

Instructions on how to use the voting system will be available on your [county Supervisor of Elections](#)' website and posted at the polling locations during early voting and on Election Day. If you have questions about the voting system in your county and how to use it, contact your county Supervisor of Elections.

Visit the Division of Elections' [Certified Voting Systems and Vendors](#)' webpage for a listing of tested and approved voting systems used in all counties.

## **Voting assistance /accessible voting**

### **Can I get help to vote?**

If you need help voting due to blindness, disability, inability to read or write, or language assistance, you have several options. You can:

- Vote on an accessible marking device at accessible polling places during early voting or on Election Day.
- Receive personal help at the polls during early voting or on Election Day. 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 will have to fill out a declaration for assistance unless you already noted on your voter registration application that you would need help at the polls. If someone other than poll workers assist you, the person helping you will also have to fill out a declaration.
- Vote an accessible vote-by-mail ballot from anywhere. Accessible ballot services or electronic ballot delivery and marking systems allow a person with disabilities to receive a ballot electronically upon request. Depending on the system available in the county, the voter has the option to mark the ballot, with or without compatible assistive devices or software that are part of the program or external to the program.
- Receive assistance in voting your vote-by-mail ballot. If you receive a vote-by-mail ballot and are unable to personally mark or select your choices, you still can have anyone, other than your employer, agent of your employer or an officer or agent of your union, mark the choices for you or have the person assist you in marking your choices on the ballot. See [section 101.661](#), Florida Statutes.
- Participate in supervised voting if you reside at an assisted living facility or nursing home.

Contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#) for more information about the accessible vote-by-mail system or services used in your county. Visit the Division of Elections' webpage on [Accessible Voting for Persons with Disabilities](#).

## Public records

### Is voter registration information public?

Under Florida's broad public record laws, most of your voter registration information is available to the public including your voting history and party affiliation. However, the following information is exempt from public disclosure:

- Social Security number
- Driver license number
- Florida identification card number
- Location of voter's place of registration or voter registration update
- The voter registration record of pre-registered voters
- A voter's signature may be viewed but cannot be copied.

You can seek to protect your voter registration information from public disclosure in the following ways:

1. If you are a victim of domestic violence and stalking, you can become a participant in the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) for such victims. Contact the Attorney General Office's Bureau of Advocacy and Grants Management at 850.414.3300.
2. If you are a high-risk professional such as a judge, prosecutor, firefighter, human resource officer, etc., you can ask to protect your information once you are registered to vote. Submit a written request to your county Supervisor of Elections or the Florida Division of Elections using the [Public Records Exemption Request form](#). For more information, please visit the Division of Elections' webpage [Voter Information as a Public Record](#).

## Poll worker

### How can I serve as a poll worker?

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.

## Elections Fraud

### How do I report fraud?

- 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. Visit the Division of Elections' [Complaint Forms](#) webpage for applicable form.
- For a violation involving campaign financing, candidates, committees, or other political activities and other activities prohibited under chapters [104](#) and [106](#), and section [105.071](#), Florida Statutes, please contact the Florida Elections Commission or visit [fec.state.fl.us](http://fec.state.fl.us) or email your inquiries to [fec@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:fec@myfloridalegal.com), or contact the office at (850) 922-4539. Note: The Florida Elections Commission is an independent entity from the Department of State, Division of Elections.
- For election or voter fraud, you can contact the Voter Fraud Hotline
  - Phone Number: 1.877.868.3737
  - Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. (EST)  
[Florida Relay Service](#) (TDD or voice) is available to persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or speech disabled. Dial 7-1-1.
  - Report potential election fraud to Office of Elections Crimes and Security ([oeecs@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:oeecs@dos.myflorida.com)) at the Florida Department of State and/or the local state attorney.

## Voter assistance

### What is the contact information for voter assistance with registration or voting?

- Voter Assistance Hotline Phone Number 1.866.308.6739
  - Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (EST) with extended hours during statewide elections.
  - Florida Relay Service (TDD or voice) is available to persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or speech disabled. Dial 7-1-1.
- Email:
  - BVRShelp@dos.myflorida.com (voting and voter registration inquiries)
  - DivElections@dos.myflorida.com (all other inquiries)

Counties also have their own voter assistance hotline. For questions directly related to the election process in your county, contact your [county Supervisor of Elections](#).

## Supervisor of Elections' Contact Information

The most current contact information for Supervisors of Elections and their offices including phone numbers and addresses for email, website, and mailing can be found [online](#).



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