

## MEET THE LEE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



Tommy Doyle is a lifelong resident of Lee County who has been successfully managing his family business for over 30 years. The reason for the business's success is their focus on excellent customer service, scrutinizing every dollar, and embracing innovation.

Tommy shares a deep-rooted passion for Lee County's history and traditions, as well as a fundamental belief in our representative form of government.

Tommy and his wife, Donna, have been married since 1987 and have three children, Ryan, Taylor, and Lauren.

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## BE A POLL WORKER

(Section 102.012, Fla. Stat.)

Poll Workers are essential in ensuring successful elections in Lee County. Help us continue to make elections a success by becoming a Poll Worker.

### Poll Worker Requirements:

- Be a registered voter in Lee County,
- Read, write, and speak the English language,
- Have an email address,
- Be able to lift 15-30 lbs.,
- Be able to sit or stand for extended periods of time,
- Attend a mandatory training class before each election,
- Have dependable transportation,
- Serve the public in a courteous, patient, and efficient manner,
- Be nonpartisan on Election Day,
- Be able to work a minimum of 14 hours,
- Abide by a no smoking policy at the polls.

After submitting your online application, a staff member from the Poll Worker Department will contact you to set up a brief interview. The interview will take approximately thirty (30) minutes. All interviews and training classes are conducted at the Lee County Elections Center.

**Visit Our Website to Complete  
and Submit an Online Application  
[www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote)**

### OUR LOCATIONS

**Main Office:**  
2480 Thompson St.  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

**Bonita Springs Branch:**  
25987 S. Tamiami Trail #105  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

**Cape Coral Branch:**  
1039 SE 9th Ave.  
Cape Coral, FL 33990

**Elections Center:**  
13180 S. Cleveland Ave.  
Fort Myers, FL 33907



**LEE COUNTY  
ELECTIONS**

# VOTER'S GUIDE



**Honorable Tommy Doyle**  
Supervisor of Elections

*"Our mission is to deliver superior election services to the voters of Lee County."*

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## WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE?

(Section 97.041, Fla. Stat.)

To register to vote in the State of Florida, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America,
- Be a Florida resident,
- Be 18 years old (*you may pre-register to vote if you are 16 years old, but you cannot vote until you are 18 years old*),
- Not be adjudicated mentally incapacitated unless your right to vote has been restored,
- Not be a convicted felon unless your right to vote has been restored.

## HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

(Section 97.041, Fla. Stat.)

You can submit an online voter registration application via the Department of the State's secure and easy to use website, [RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov](https://www.registertovote.fl.gov).

If you do not want to register to vote online, you can download the application from the website, complete it, and mail or deliver it to any one of the offices of the Supervisor of Elections.

Applications may also be obtained at any of these locations:

- Lee County Supervisor of Elections Offices
- Tax Collector's Office, DMV
- Post Office
- Public Assistance Office
- Armed Forces Recruitment Office
- Public Library
- Centers for Independent Living

*To submit an online registration, you will need a Florida driver license or Florida state identification card and must provide the last four digits of your social security number for security purposes.*

## FLORIDA IS A CLOSED PRIMARY ELECTION STATE

(Sections 100.061 and 101.021, Fla. Stat. and Article VI, Section 5(b), Florida Constitution)

By law, only voters who are registered members of a political party that will have candidates on the primary election ballot may vote for that party's candidates in the primary election. Voters without a party affiliation are not eligible to vote for party candidates in a primary election, except when:

- All candidates in the same race have the same party affiliation, and the winner will have no opposition in the general election (This is known as a Universal Primary Contest),
- Nonpartisan offices, such as judicial and school board, appear on the primary election ballot,
- Other nonpartisan local offices appear on the primary election ballot,
- Referendum questions appear on the primary election ballot.

At a general election, all registered voters may vote regardless of party affiliation.

## WHEN TO REGISTER

(Sections 97.053, 97.055 and 97.0555, Fla. Stat.)

To participate in an upcoming election, you must be registered to vote twenty-nine (29) days before the election.

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# PROVISIONAL VOTING

(Section 101.048, Fla. Stat.)

If your eligibility to vote cannot be determined for any reason at a polling place or early voting site, you are entitled to vote a provisional ballot.

If you vote a provisional ballot, you will be provided a written notice of your rights as a provisional ballot voter. You have the right to present further evidence of your eligibility up to 2 days after the election.

Depending on the reason why you voted a provisional ballot, there may be no further need to provide evidence for your ballot to count.

- If the only reason you voted a provisional ballot is that you did not bring a form of acceptable picture and signature identification to the polls, you do not need to provide any further evidence of your eligibility. The canvassing board will count your ballot if you voted in the right precinct and the signature on your provisional ballot certificate matches the signature on your voter registration record.
- If you vote a provisional ballot for any other reason, you have the opportunity to provide proof of eligibility to the Supervisor of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the second day following the election. You may submit evidence in person, by fax, or by email. The canvassing board will determine whether or not to count your ballot based on the evidence provided regarding your eligibility to vote in the election.
- Your Notice of Rights includes instructions on how to find out if your provisional ballot was counted, and if not, the reason why.

# VOTING SYSTEM

(Section 101.015, Fla. Stat.)

The Department of State is responsible for approving the voting system and equipment that may be used to conduct elections in the State of Florida.

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections uses an Optical Scan Tabulator (DS200®) to tabulate paper ballots at the polls and early voting sites.

Vote-by-Mail ballots are counted using high-speed Optical Scan Readers (DS850®) in the Tabulation Center at the Main Office of the Supervisor of Elections.

Lee County uses the certified voting system and equipment provided by Election Systems and Software, Inc.

## VOTING AT THE POLLS OR AN EARLY VOTING SITE

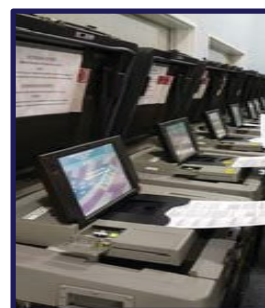
Florida law requires voters to cast a paper ballot.

**Use blue or black ink to fill in the oval as shown in this image**



Upon arriving at a polling place or early voting site, voters are asked to present picture and signature identification and sign an electronic check-in device. After signing the device, a paper ballot is issued to the voter. It is important to fill in the oval completely when marking selections on the ballot.

When the voter has finished voting, the voter proceeds to the DS200® Optical Scan Tabulator to insert his or her voted ballot for tabulation.



# POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY

(Section 101.715, Fla. Stat.)

All polling places must be accessible and usable by people with disabilities. Each polling place used for any federal, state or local election must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, ss. 553.501-553.513. It is the responsibility of the Supervisor of Elections to ensure that each polling place is in compliance or it may not be used for voting purposes.



If you are a person with a disability and need assistance at your polling place or an early voting site, notify the Deputy upon arriving at the site.

## POLL WATCHERS

(Section 101.131, Fla. Stat.)

Besides poll workers present at the polls, you may see people who have been designated as poll watchers. The following entities and persons may each have one poll watcher in each polling room or early voting area at any one time during an election:

- Each political party,
- Each political committee with issues on the ballot that they are registered to support or oppose,
- Each candidate.

Poll watchers may not interact with voters. They must be registered voters in the county in which they serve and cannot be candidates or law enforcement officers. The Supervisor of Elections provides poll watchers with an identification badge that they must wear while in the polling room or early voting site.

# EXPRESSVOTE

(Section 101.56075 Fla. Stat.)

Voters with disabilities may use a touch-screen ballot marking device (ExpressVote®) when voting at their polling place or an early voting site.

The ExpressVote® Voting System allows voters with special needs to mark and cast their vote summary cards independently.



Ballots can be provided in both audio and visual formats: touch screen, headphones, a rocker paddle, and a sip-n-puff device can be used to vote.

Voters have the ability to review their selections and make changes before printing a vote summary card. After printing the card indicating the voter's selections, the card is inserted into the DS200® Optical Scan Tabulator for tabulation.

If you are a voter with a disability and would like a demonstration or have questions regarding the ExpressVote®, please contact the Lee County Supervisor of Elections.

Election Systems and Software, Inc. is the authorized vendor of the ExpressVote® Voting System.

# VOTING RIGHTS ACT

## AND MINORITY LANGUAGE CITIZENS

In 2011, based on the results of the 2010 Census, Florida became a covered jurisdiction for the minority language of Spanish under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act. Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act is generally referred to as Minority Language Citizens.

Before 2011, some Florida counties were already long-time designated Section 203 covered jurisdictions. In 2011, Lee County became a newly designated jurisdiction subject to the requirements of Section 203 of the Act.

Section 203 of the Act covers jurisdictions with more than 10,000 citizens, or over 5 percent of the total voting age citizens, with limited English proficiency who are members of a single minority language group.

These individuals may not speak English as their primary language and may have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English and are entitled to language assistance under the Act.

The Act prohibits states and their political subdivisions from imposing voting qualifications or prerequisites to voting, standards, practices or procedures that deny or curtail the right of a United States citizen to vote because of race, color, or belonging to a minority language group.

In 1975, Congress amended the Act by adding Section 203. Congress found that through the use of various practices and procedures, citizens of language minorities had been effectively excluded from participation in the electoral process and declared that in order to enforce the guarantees of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the U.S. Constitution, it was necessary to eliminate such discrimination by prohibiting those practices.



# VOTER'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

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

## VOTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Each registered voter in this state should:

- Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues,
- Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address,
- Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation,
- Bring proper identification to the polling station.
- Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct,
- Treat precinct workers with courtesy,
- Respect the privacy of other voters,
- Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections,
- Ask questions, if needed,
- 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. (Section 101.031, Fla. Stat.)

# UNIFORMED SERVICES MEMBER

## REGISTER TO VOTE AS A UNIFORMED SERVICES MEMBER OR A U.S. CITIZEN RESIDING OVERSEAS

(Sections 101.6952 and 101.697, Fla. Stat.;  
Rule 1S-2.030, Fla. Admin Code)

If you are a United States uniformed services member on active duty, a Merchant Marine member, spouse or dependent thereof, or a United States citizen residing outside of the United States, you can register to vote by using:

- The statewide voter registration application,
- The national mail-in application, or
- The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).
  - The FPCA may be used as a voter registration application, a request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot, or both.
  - The FPCA request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot entitles you to receive a ballot for all elections you are eligible to participate in occurring from the date you submit your initial request through the end of the calendar year of the second ensuing regularly scheduled general election.
  - The FPCA is available online on the Federal Voting Assistance Program's website, [fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov), or by contacting your Voting Assistance Officer.

**You may obtain a Voter Registration Application online, or by contacting the Lee County Supervisor of Elections**

Vote-by-Mail ballots can be sent by mail, fax, phone or email to a voter who is a United States uniformed service member on active duty, a Merchant Marine member, spouse or dependent thereof, or a United States citizen residing outside of the United States.

### WHEN TO EXPECT THE VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

(Sections 101.62, 101.6952, Fla. Stat.; Rule 1S-2.030, Fla. Admin. Code)

A request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot on file with the Supervisor of Elections for any State or Federal election is transmitted to absent stateside and overseas uniformed services personnel and citizens at least 45 days before each election.

If you do not receive your ballot two weeks before an election, you must contact the Supervisor of Elections. If you want your ballot mailed, you must request it no later than six days before the election. Otherwise, the Vote-by-Mail ballot can be faxed or emailed to you at any time up through Election Day.

# VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

## REQUEST A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

(Section 101.62, Fla. Stat.)

A Vote-by-Mail ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections through the next two regularly scheduled General Elections. The request can be made in person, by mail, by email or by telephone. Only the voter, a legal guardian, or designated member of his or her immediate family may request a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the voter.

Immediate family means the voter's: child, grandparent, parent, sibling, spouse, spouse's grandparent, spouse's parent, spouse's child, spouse's sibling.

A request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth day before an election. Therefore, you must make your request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot no later than the Wednesday before Election Day.



(Section 101.62, Fla. Stat.)

Beginning on the Thursday before Election Day, a voter may authorize in writing an immediate family member to pick up a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the voter at the Main Office of the Supervisor of Elections. The designee may only pick up two (2) ballots per election for the voter. The designee must provide his or her picture identification, the written authorization from the voter, and complete an affidavit when picking up the ballot.

(Section 101.69, Fla. Stat.)

Vote-by-Mail ballots must be returned to the Main Office of the Supervisor of Elections no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Vote-by-Mail ballots cannot be turned in at your polling place or an early voting site instead of voting in person. However, you may surrender your Vote-by-Mail ballot at your polling place or an early voting site, and you will be permitted to vote in person.

# LEGAL RESIDENCE IN FLORIDA

(Sections 101.045, Fla. Stat.)

A person is not permitted to vote in any election precinct or district other than the one in which the person has his or her legal residence and in which the person is registered to vote.

## LEGAL RESIDENCE-PERMANENT

The law does not define legal residency. However, over the years, the courts and the Florida Department of State/ Division of Elections have described legal residency to be where a person declares his or her permanent residence for purposes of registration.

Evidence of permanent residency can come from obtaining a Florida driver license, property tax receipts, household bills (electric, water, garbage service) and receiving mail at the address you claim as your legal residence.

## LEGAL RESIDENCE-TEMPORARY OUT-OF-COUNTY

If you do not have a permanent address in Lee County but plan to reside in the county, you must use the address of the Main Office of the Supervisor of Elections for your legal residence. (Section 101.045, Fla. Stat.) However, you will not be eligible to vote in municipal elections.

## LEGAL RESIDENCE- MOBILE

If you live in a nontraditional residence such as a boat or motor home and plan to reside in the county, you may use the following addresses for registration purposes:

- A place where messages are regularly received,
- A general delivery address at a particular post office,
- Address for a campground or docking site (if mail is received there).

Note: If you are not living in the State of Florida and declare your permanent residence in Lee County, you are considered a temporary out-of-county resident.

## LEGAL RESIDENCE-HOMELESS

It is against the law to discriminate against a homeless person. If you are homeless, you may register to vote and provide an address where you can receive mail or messages (e.g., shelter, church) or any other place that you consider your "home-base."

# OPENING & CLOSING OF POLLS

## EARLY VOTING

(Section 101.657, Fla. Stat.)

If there is an election that contains a state or federal race, early voting must begin ten days before the election and end on the 3rd day before the election. Early voting must be at least 8, but not more than 12, hours per day. Early voting is optional in elections not held in conjunction with a state or federal office.

## ELECTION DAY

(Section 101.011, Fla. Stat.)

The polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Election Day. Florida law requires you to vote in the precinct that corresponds to your address of legal residence.

To determine your precinct and the location of your polling place, check your Voter Information Card. You may also visit our website or contact the Lee County Supervisor of Elections.

## IDENTIFICATION

(Section 101.043, Fla. Stat.)

When voting at the polls or an early voting site, Florida law requires voters to present picture and signature identification. Picture identification must be current and appear on the list below.

### Acceptable forms of picture identification:

- 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 you do not have picture identification that includes your signature, you may present any form of signature identification. Signature identification does not have to be current. If you do not have the required identification, you may be issued a provisional ballot.

# UPDATE VOTER INFORMATION

## NAME CHANGE

(Sections 97.1031 & 101.045, Fla. Stat.)

If you change your name by marriage or another legal process, you must notify the Supervisor of Elections of the change by completing a Florida Voter Registration Application, or other signed written notice, which includes your date of birth. If you have not provided this information before going to vote, you will have to fill out a name change form at the polls before voting.

## PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGE

(Sections 97.1031, Fla. Stat.)

To change your party affiliation, you must notify the Supervisor of Elections of the change by using a Florida Voter Registration Application, or other signed written notice, which includes your date of birth. You cannot change your party at the polling place. Party changes must be made at least 29 days before the election.

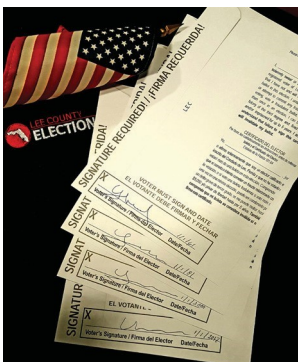
## SIGNATURE (HANDWRITING) CHANGES

(Section 98.077, Fla. Stat.)

Signatures change over time and should be updated regularly with the Supervisor of Elections. If your signature on your voter record does not match your signature on a petition, Vote-by-Mail ballot, or provisional ballot, your petition or ballot may not count.

**Effective July 1, 2017** (section 101.68, Fla. Stat.)

Voters who vote by mail must be notified if the signature on their Vote-by-Mail ballot is missing or does not match the signature on their voter record. If this occurs, the voter will be afforded the opportunity to cure the situation by completing and submitting an affidavit. The affidavit and a copy of the voter's identification must be submitted to the Supervisor of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.



To update your signature on your voter record, complete a Voter Registration Application and submit it to the Supervisor of Elections.

# ADDRESS CHANGE

## MOVING WITHIN LEE COUNTY

(Section 97.031, Fla. Stat.)

If you change your legal residence within Lee County, it is important to update your address with the Supervisor of Elections. You may update your address by doing any one of the following:

- Update your address online at [www.lee.vote](http://www.lee.vote),
- Call (239) LEE-VOTE (239.533.8683),
- Submit your change of address on a Florida Voter Registration Application and mail it to the Supervisor of Elections Office.
  - Completed applications may be hand-delivered to any branch office of the Lee County Elections Office or mailed to the Supervisor of Elections, P. O. Box 2545, Fort Myers, FL 33902-2545.

**LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS** VOTER INFORMATION CARD

Voter Identification #: 999999  
Date of Birth: 99/99/9999 Party: Your Choice

JOE VOTER (BARCODE)  
1234 LOVELY LANE  
LEHIGH ACRES FL 33936

Registration Date: 99/99/9999 Card Printed: 99/99/9999

YOUR POLLING LOCATION			
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP			
211110 LEE BLVD., LEHIGH ACRES			
YOUR PRECINCT AND DISTRICTS			
Precinct	999	County Commission	9
Congressional	9	School Board	9
State Senate	99	Fire Control	SP 9
State House	99	City	LEE

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Your Voter Information Card provides you with information about your polling place, precinct number, and the districts in which you reside and are allowed to vote.

## MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE VOTER STATUS

After you register to vote, it is important to keep your voter registration information up to date. To retain an active voter status, you must vote at least once during a four-year period.

If you move or make any changes to your voter record, you will be issued a new Voter Information Card within two to three weeks. Please be sure to discard your old card after receiving your new card.