

## BOOK CLOSING

- Registration books close 29 days prior to each election.
- If you submit a properly completed Florida Voter Registration Application Form during this period, you will be registered to vote in future elections.

## CLOSED PRIMARY

- Florida is a closed primary state.
- In the Primary Election, you will only be able to vote for the candidates whose party affiliation is the same as yours and for nonpartisan races, *unless* a partisan race will be decided in the primary, in which case everyone will vote in that race.
- This is known as a “Universal Primary Contest.”

## WHAT IS A UNIVERSAL PRIMARY?

- A Universal Primary is a contest in a Primary Election in which all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election.
- All registered voters may vote in a Universal Primary, regardless of party affiliation.

## HOW TO REGISTER

- Register to vote online at [www.bayvotes.org](http://www.bayvotes.org)
- Obtain a Florida Voter Registration Application Form and complete all the required blocks per the instructions on the form.
- The forms are available at:
  - City Halls
  - Educational Institutions
  - Public assistance offices
  - Public Libraries
  - Armed Forces Recruitment Offices
  - Department of Motor Vehicles
  - Printable version may be obtained through our website:  
[www.bayvotes.org](http://www.bayvotes.org).
- The registration form may be mailed or delivered to the Supervisor of Elections Office.



# **NO EXCUSE!**

# **3 WAYS TO VOTE**

(Choose One)



- By Mail**
- Early Voting**
- Precinct Polling Place**

## **Vote!**



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**VOTE BY MAIL**  
**A SIMPLE PHONE CALL TO GET A**  
**BALLOT MAILED TO YOU**

- Any registered and qualified voter may vote by mail.
- One request is deemed sufficient to receive a vote-by-mail ballot for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled General Election. The request may be made by phone, email, or in person.
- **ONLY** a voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian may request a mail ballot for the voter.
- Immediate family means the voter's spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, in-law parent, or in-law sibling of the voter.
- In order to request a vote-by-mail ballot, you must provide the voter's name, date of birth, address, and Florida driver license number, Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of the elector's social security number, whichever may be verified in the Supervisor's records. (Signature required for written requests only)
- If the voter has designated an immediate family member to request the ballot for him or her, the designee must also provide his or her own name, address, relationship to the voter. (Signature required for written requests only).
- An absent uniformed service voter or an overseas voter seeking a Vote-By-Mail ballot is not required to submit a signed, written request for a Vote-By-Mail ballot that is being mailed to an address other than the elector's address on file in the Florida Voter Registration System.
- A request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a voter must be received no later than 5:00pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> day before the Election by the Supervisor. The Supervisor shall mail Vote-By-Mail ballots to voters requesting by such deadline no later than 8 days prior to the election.

Vote-By-Mail ballots are unable to be forwarded by law; therefore, we must be given the address to mail the ballot, if different from the address on file.

- Vote-By-Mail ballots **must** be received in the Supervisor of Elections Office no later than 7:00pm on Election Day.
- Cures to Vote-By-Mail ballots must be completed by 5:00pm (2) days after the close of an Election.

**EARLY VOTING**

- Early voting will be conducted prior to Primary and General elections and may be conducted prior to Municipal Elections and runoffs, if applicable.
- Please note that once early voting has ended, you must wait until Election Day and vote at your precinct polling place.
- There is no early voting on the Monday prior to the election.

**POLLING PLACE**

- Voting will occur each Election Day at your assigned polling place.
- Your polling place for Municipal Elections may be different than shown on your Voter Information Card. Call the Supervisor of Elections Office to verify Municipal polling location.
- For Primary and General Elections, your precinct number and polling location are shown on your Voter Information Card.
- You **must** vote in the precinct or city in which you reside.
- Election Day polling places open at 7:00am and remain open until all voters who are in line to vote at 7:00pm have voted.
- To find your assigned polling place visit [www.bayvotes.org](http://www.bayvotes.org)
- For questions regarding your polling place, please contact our office at (850)784-6100.

**CHANGES IN YOUR VOTER**  
**REGISTRATION**

- It is the responsibility of the voter to keep their address current with the Supervisor of Elections Office.
- Be sure to notify the Supervisor of Elections Office if you have a name change, an address change, or if you would like to change your party affiliation.
- In-county address changes may be completed over the phone with verification of last four digits of your social security number or ID number. (Must be the voter)
- Florida County to County address changes may be completed over the phone with verification of either your last four digits of social security number or Florida driver's license or ID number. (Must be voter)
- Please note that party affiliations must be changed at least 29 days prior to an election for it to be in effect for that election.
- To update your registration information online visit [www.bayvotes.org](http://www.bayvotes.org).
- If your signature has changed since you have registered, please complete the Florida Voter Registration Application indicating signature update. If you vote by mail, your signature must match our records.
- If you move to another state you should submit a written request to be removed from our roll and you must re-register there.