

## 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 non-partisan 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

- 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.



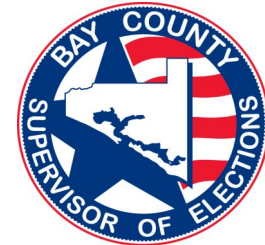
# **NO EXCUSE!**

# **3 WAYS TO VOTE**

**(Choose One)**

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

## **Vote!**



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

- Any registered and qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot.
- An absentee ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections through the next 2 regularly scheduled general elections.
- The request may be made by phone, mail, e-mail or in person.
- **ONLY** a voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian may request an absentee 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.
- A request for an absentee ballot to be mailed must be received by this office at least **6 days** prior to the election.
- In order to request an absentee ballot, we must have the name of the voter, the voter's date of birth, the voter's address, and the voter's signature (for written requests).
- 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 and signature (written requests only).
- Absentees are not forwardable by law; therefore, we must be given the address to mail the ballot, if different from the address on file.
- Absentee ballots **must** be received in the Supervisor of Elections Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**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.
- **On Election Day, there will be no voting at the Bay County Supervisor of Elections Office.**

**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 SOE 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 7:00 a.m. and remain open until all voters who are in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. have voted.
- 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 his or her 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.
- Florida County to County address changes may be completed over the phone prior to Election Day or submit Registration Form and be allowed to vote Provisional Ballot on Election Day.
- All other changes must be made via the Florida Voter Registration Application.
- 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.
- If your signature has changed since you have registered, please complete the Florida Voter Registration Application indicating signature update. If you vote by mail/absentee, your signature must match our records.
- **If you move to another state, you must re-register there.**