

## 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.bayvotesfl.gov](http://www.bayvotesfl.gov)
- 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.bayvotesfl.gov](http://www.bayvotesfl.gov).
- 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.
- You may request 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, mail, or in person.
- **ONLY** a voter, designated immediate family member or legal guardian may request a Vote By 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, Florida driver license or state issued ID number, or the last four digits of the social security number, whichever may be verified in the voter's record. (Signature required for written requests only)
- If the voter has designated an immediate family member to request the ballot for them, the designee must also provide their own identifying information and relationship to the voter. (Signature required for written requests only).
- Vote-By-Mail ballots are unable to be forwarded by law. To have a Vote-By-Mail ballot mailed to an address not on file, you will need to submit a written request with signature.
- An overseas or absent uniformed service voter requesting 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.
- Vote By Mail requests must be received no later than 5:00pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> day prior the Election. Vote-By-Mail ballots shall be mailed no later than 8 days prior to the election.

- 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 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.
- You can vote at any Early Voting Location within the county, regardless of your designated precinct.
- 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.
- On Election Day, 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.bayvotesfl.gov](http://www.bayvotesfl.gov)
- 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 update your Voter Registration if you have a name change or if you would like to change your party affiliation.
- In-county address changes may be completed over the phone with verification of name, date of birth, address, Florida driver license or state issued ID number, or the last four digits of the social security number, whichever may be verified in the voter's record. (Must be the voter)
- Florida County to County address changes may be completed over the phone with verification of name, date of birth, address, Florida driver license or state issued ID number, or the last four digits of the social security number, whichever may be verified in the voter's record.. (Must be voter)
- Please note that party affiliation 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.bayvotesfl.gov](http://www.bayvotesfl.gov).
- If your signature has changed since you 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 out of state you will need to submit a written Request be removed from the Florida Voters Rolls.