

Voter Responsibilities

F.S. 101.031(2)

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
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

Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

Voter's Bill of Rights

F.S. 101.031(2)

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.

Presidential Preference Primary

Registration Deadline: February 16

Early Voting: March 5-12

(Saturday – Saturday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm)

Election Day: March 15

(Tuesday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm)

Municipal Super Tuesday

Registration Deadline: March 21

Early Voting: TBD

Election Day: April 19

(Tuesday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm)

Primary

Registration Deadline: August 1

Early Voting: August 20-27

(Saturday – Saturday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm)

Election Day: August 30

(Tuesday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm)

General

Registration Deadline: October 11

Early Voting: October 29-November 5

(Saturday – Saturday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm)

Election Day: November 8

(Tuesday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm)

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Voter's Guide



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HOW TO REGISTER

- Complete all required blocks (per instructions) on the Florida Voter Registration Application.
- Applications are available at government offices, public assistance offices, libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles, or a printable version may be obtained through our website at www.bayvotes.org.

REGISTER BY MAIL

- Applications may be mailed or delivered to the Supervisor of Elections Office at least 29 days before each election.
- If you are registering for the first time in Florida and are mailing your application, you must submit a copy of a valid and current Florida I.D., unless one of the following exemptions apply:
 - You are 65 years or older.
 - You have a permanent or temporary disability.
 - You are active duty military or Merchant Marine and are absent from the county on Election Day or are a spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed services or Merchant Marine and absent from the county on Election Day.
 - You are currently residing outside the United States, but are eligible to vote in Florida.

CHANGES IN YOUR REGISTRATION

- It is the responsibility of the voter to keep your address current with the Supervisor of Elections Office. If you move to another state, you must register again with that state.
- 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.
- It is critical to keep your signature updated with my office. If your current signature does not match my office file, your absentee ballot(s) and/or petition(s) will be rejected.

WHERE TO VOTE

Your polling location is listed on your Voter Information Card or may be obtained through our website at www.bayvotes.org

POLLING PLACES

- Polling places are open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until everyone has voted who was in line to vote at 7:00 p.m.
- You must vote in the precinct where you live. Any location updates are mailed to you on a Voter Information Card.
- For municipal elections, please call this office or your city hall for your voting location.

PHOTO & SIGNATURE IDENTIFICATION

- You are required to present photo & signature I.D. before voting.
If you do not have photo & signature identification, you will be able to vote by provisional process.
- Your Voter Information Card is not acceptable identification for voting purposes.

APPROVED I.D. (F.S. 101.043)

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida I.D. card issued by the DHSMV
- U.S. Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Military I.D.
- Student I.D.
- Retirement Center I.D.
- Neighborhood Association I.D.
- Public Assistance I.D.

TO REQUEST AN 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 in person, by mail, by telephone, or by e-mail. 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 spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the voter or the voter's spouse.
- A request for an absentee ballot to be mailed must be received by this office at least 6 days prior to the election.
- A request for an absentee ballot must include the name of the voter, the voter's address, the voter's date of birth, and the voter's signature (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, state issued ID, such as a Driver's License, and signature (written requests only).
- Absentee ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day via in person, by mail, or put in the SOE Office Drop Box.

IMPORTANT

You must update any address changes with this office. Absentee ballots cannot be forwarded. If they are returned as undeliverable, all subsequent requests will be cancelled.

HOW TO VOTE

Each precinct will consist of one Ballot Counting System (DS200) and one AutoMark System.

Ballot Counting System (DS200)

After the ballot is marked, the voter feeds paper ballot into the ballot counting system, which reads and tabulates the ballot.

Below is an example of how to correctly mark the ballot.

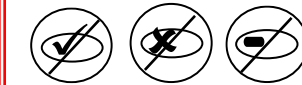
Precinct/Absentee Ballot Marking

Example:

RIGHT:



WRONG:



AUTO MARK

Easy As One, Two, Three

- ① Voter inserts paper ballot into AutoMark system.
- ② Voter makes selections using AutoMark accessories.
- ③ Voter feeds ballot into ballot counting system.

CLOSED PRIMARY

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