

ADOPT -A- PRECINCT

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Concerned Business/Civic Leaders

Dear Business/Civic Leaders

On Election Day, the Supervisor of Elections office is among the largest employers in Bay County, utilizing approximately 400 workers to conduct an election. Finding qualified personnel is a difficult task, but with your help, we can meet that challenge.

As a community we should always be interested in new and innovative means to make democracy more efficient, effective and responsive to the people it is designed to serve. One innovation that has become very popular in our county is known as the Adopt-A-Precinct program. Please join me in a partnership that would involve you in meaningful community service and allow this office to maximize the quality of service to the voters of Bay County. It is also a major fund-raising opportunity for your organization.

Your business/civic organization can "Adopt" a precinct by making the commitment to for your members to be trained and work at a precinct on Election Day for each election. The salary of each of those workers would be paid to your business/civic organization or to a charity of your choice.

If you have further questions about this program, please don't hesitate to call the Election Worker Coordinator at (850)784-6101 or by e-mail at electionworker@bayvotesfl.gov.

I look forward to working alongside your organization to better serve our community!

Respectfully,

Nina Ward

Bay County Supervisor of Election

FAQS

WHAT DOES "ADOPT-A-PRECINCT" MEAN?

The Adopt-a-Precinct program is designed to provide you, as an organization in this community, an avenue for involvement in the electoral process in Bay County. By forming a community partnership with the Supervisor of Elections Office you can direct fund-raising efforts toward a valuable worthwhile and rewarding activity-"ELECTIONS." Each participating organization "adopts" a specific precinct for the election cycle by providing the personnel to staff the precinct.

WHERE WOULD THE PRECINCT BE?

In recognition of the fact that you may have a preferred area, efforts will be made to address the desire of your organization to choose the precinct location, if available.

WHO IS ABLE TO WORK?

Florida law requires that all election workers be registered voters in Bay County. A Mixture of political party affiliations are required at each precinct.

HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE NEEDED?

The number of people needed for each Precinct is determined by the Supervisor of Elections Office using registered voters for each precinct and will fluctuate from seven to ten Election workers.

WHAT SHOULD WORKERS WEAR ON ELECTION DAY?

A comfortable, yet neat appearance is suggested. Do not wear clothing with your group name or logo. Red, White, and Blue patriotic colors are encouraged.

HOW WILL WORKERS BE TRAINED?

The Bay County Supervisor of Elections office will provide all necessary training.

WHAT ARE THE TRAINING REQUIRMENTS?

The training sessions are based on state requirements and the position title/job at the precinct. All workers receive \$15.00 and hour per training class and must take training before every election.

WHAT HOURS WILL THEY WORK?

On Election Day, the polls are open from 7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Election workers must arrive at their assigned precinct no later than 6:00a.m. to turn on the voting equipment and prepare the voting/polling room. Election workers may not leave the polling place that day and must bring all necessary food and medications with them or order food to be delivered. Procedures for closing the polls are usually completed by 7:45p.m. The Clerk will then dismiss all other workers and take the ballots and election documents to the Supervisor of Elections Office for processing.

ELECTION WORKER POSITIONS

Each election worker position has specific duties to perform on Election Day. The following is a listing of the position at each Precinct, a brief description of the duties and the number of personnel needed for the positions.

CLERK

- Responsible for coordinating all activities of the election workers, picking up election supplies prior to the election and returning supplies to the designated collection site at the end of Election Day
- 1 per precinct required
- One-time 4-hour certification
- 3-hour refresher training prior to each election
- Paid \$225 on Election Day to conduct election

ASSISTANT CLERKS (2 positions that assist Clerk with Leadership duties)

- Responsible for coordinating all activities with the Clerk of the Election Board, assists the Clerk in duties as directed by the Clerk or by decision of the Election Board
- 2 per precinct required
- One-time 4-hour certification
- 3-hour refresher training prior to each election
- Paid \$210 on Election Day to conduct election

INSPECTORS (3-5 positions that may rotate throughout the day)

- Verifies proper picture identification and verifies voter's signature and status.
- Looks up the voter on the voter check in system in order to determine eligibility to vote in that precinct
- Issues paper ballot to voter
- Assists the Leadership with duties assigned
- 3 to 5 per precinct required depending on number of voters in precinct
- 2-hour training prior to each election
- Paid \$195 on Election Day to conduct election

DEPUTY

- Stationed at entrance of voting room to greet voters and maintain order at the polling place
- Assists the Leadership with duties assigned
- 1 to 2 per precinct
- 2 hours of training prior to each election
- Paid \$195 on Election Day to conduct election

DEFINITIONS OF KEY TERMS

ELECTION BOARD

- The group of Election Workers assigned to each of Bay County's 28 precincts. There are usually seven to ten Election Workers assigned to each Precinct. The size of the Election Worker group is based on the number of voters at that precinct.

ELECTION CYCLE

- The series of elections scheduled for any given year.

ELECTION WORKER

- An individual who has agreed to work for the Supervisor of Elections office at a precinct on Election Day to process voters.
- Must be a registered voter in Bay County.
- Must arrive at his or her assigned precinct no later than 6:00a.m. election morning to prepare for voters.
- Must remain at the precinct the entire day until the process is complete usually by 7:45p.m.

ELECTION WORKER TRAINING

- Florida law requires all precinct election workers to be trained prior to each election.

POLLING PLACE

- The physical location under contract by the Supervisor of Elections Office to provide a voting site for each Election Day in the election cycle.

PRECINCT

- The boundaries drawn on the map of Bay County dividing the county into geographical locations. Bay County currently has 28 precincts: each precinct is assigned a number. Every voter who resides in Bay County is notified by the Supervisor of Elections office of his or her precinct number and corresponding polling place address. Voters who vote at the polls on Election Day are required by law to vote at their designated polling places. Voters who are unable to appear at their designated polling places to vote on Election Day may vote using the vote by mail method.



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RESPONSE FORM

Date ___/___/___

Name of Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone # _____ ext. _____

Email _____

Contact Name _____

Comments _____

Provide 10-12 Volunteers:

1. Name _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

2. Name _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

3. Name _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

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