2022 FLORIDA VOTING GUIDE

ELECTION DATES:

Important Dates / Fechas Importantes



2022 PRIMARY ELECTION	
Primary ballots sent for vote by mail Envío de boletas de voto por correo para las Primarias	7/14/2022
Registration deadlines for Primary Election Fecha límite para registrarse como votante antes de las Primarias	7/25/2022
Ballot request deadline for primary Fecha límite para solicitar una boleta de voto por correo para las Primarias	8/13/2022
Mandatory early voting period for Primary Período mandatorio de voto temprano para las Primarias	8/13/2022 - 8/20/2022
Optional early voting for Primary Election Período opcional de voto temprano para las Primarias	8/8-8/12 & 8/21
Primary Election Elecciones Primarias	8/23/2022

2022 GENERAL ELECTION	
General Election ballots sent for vote by mail Envío de boletas de voto por correo para las Elecciones Generales	9/29/2022
Registration deadlines for General Election Fecha límite para registrarse como votante antes de las Elecciones Generales	10/11/2022
Ballot request deadline for General Election Fecha límite para solicitar una boleta de voto por correo para las Elecciones Generales	10/29/2022
Mandatory early voting period for General Election Período opcional de voto temprano para las Elecciones Generales	10/29 - 11/5
Optional early voting for General Election Período mandatorio de voto temprano para las Elecciones Generales	10/24 - 10/28 & 11/6
General Election Elecciones Generales	11/8/2022





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2022 PRIMARY ELECTION







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Recent changes in Florida election laws have changed some rules for how we vote. Here's what you need to know:

REQUESTING A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT (VBM)

- 1. Whether requesting a vote-by-mail ballot by phone, in writing, or in-person from the county's supervisor of elections office, a voter must now provide a Florida driver's license number, a Florida identification card number, or the last four digits of their Social Security number.
 - a. While only one form of identification is required, it's recommended that voters provide several to ensure that the information on their VBM request can be confirmed by the election office without delays.
 - b. After the 2022 general election, every voter who wishes to vote-by-mail must apply for a vote-by-mail ballot each general election cycle.

BALLOT COLLECTION

If turning in another voter's ballot at a secure ballot intake station or SOE office, a voter can drop off (1) any immediate family members' ballots, and (2) only two additional ballots that are not an immediate family member's or the voter's own ballot. This limitation applies per election.

-exemptions for assisted living facility caretakers

ASSISTANCE WITH RETURNING VBM BALLOTS

- Florida law makes it a third-degree felony for someone to have in their possession ballots other than:
 - a. Their own;
 - b. Their immediate family members' (parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren, spouse, siblings, and siblings of spouse);
 - c. Two additional ballots.
 - d. Exemptions exist for caretakers at assisted living facilities.

ASSISTANCE AT THE POLLS

1. Voters have the right to request assistance from two election officials or anyone they would like, except their employer, an agent of the employer or a union representative.

2. State law prohibits anyone other than elections staff from offering a voter water, food, or otherwise engaging with a voter inside a polling place or early voting site or within 150 feet of the entrance, or within 150 feet of a secure ballot intake station.

LIST MAINTENANCE

- 1. Florida law mandates yearly list maintenance. This is the process by which supervisors of elections remove voters from the rolls due to death, a change in address, ineligibility to vote or other factors.
- 2. To make sure voters are not incorrectly removed, voters must keep their registration up to date by:
 - a. Updating their voter registration, as needed, to reflect changes in address, party affiliation, or to update a signature. Voters can use <u>RegistertovoteFlorida.gov</u> to register or update their information.
 - b. Checking and responding to any mail or notifications from their supervisor of elections to ensure they are registered as an active voter.
 - i. Supervisors of elections may send voters address confirmation notices if they receive information that a voter has moved outside of their county. If the voter does not respond to that mailing within 30 days, they are moved to the inactive list. Being moved to inactive status begins the process of removing a voter from the rolls
 - ii. If a voter discovers that they have been moved to inactive status, they can move back to active voter status by showing proof of residence when updating their voter information, requesting a vote-by-mail ballot, or voting in person.
 - iii. Voters who do not have a residential address or who primarily use a P.O. box instead of a residential address should check their voter status on a regular basis to confirm that they are designated as an *active* voter rather than *inactive*.

Sources pulled from <u>4.5.22- AVIL SB90 & SB524 Impact on Voters</u>
Also available: <u>4.5.22- AVIL SB90 & SB524 Impact on 3PVROs</u>



TIPS FOR VOTERS

VOTER STATUS AND POLLING LOCATIONS

You can check your polling location, your voter status and the status of your request for a vote-by-mail ballot on the Supervisor of Elections website here or by calling (866) 308-6739. Note the hours of operation.

Consider voting before Election Day during the Early Voting period or by using vote-by-mail. If you plan to vote at the polls, go early in the day to avoid the last-minute rush. If you are in line when the polls close at 7pm on Election Day, you are still entitled to vote – stay in line.

ELECTION PROTECTION

If you have any problem with casting your vote or if you observe a problem at your polling place, contact your county Supervisor of Elections office immediately. If that does not resolve the issue, please call the Election Protection Hotline.

English language: 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)

Spanish language: 1-888-Ve-Y-Vota (1-888-839-8682)

Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Urdu, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, or Vietnamese: 1-888-274-8683

Arabic-language: 1-844-418-1682

ASL (video call): 301-818-VOTE (1-301-818-8683)

ACCEPTED FORMS OF ID

- Florida driver's license;
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles;
- U.S. passport;
- U.S. military ID card;
- debit or credit card with your photo;
- student ID card with your photo;
- retirement center identification with your photo;
- neighborhood association identification with your photo;



- public assistance identification with your photo.
- Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- A Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the federal government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

Signatures can change over time. If you think your signature has changed since you registered, it may be a good idea to update it by submitting a voter registration application to your Supervisor of Elections.

If the ID you present doesn't have your signature, you'll have to bring another ID with your signature on it. The ID with your signature does not have to include your photo. You will also have to sign your name.

If you go to the polls without an acceptable ID, you can cast a provisional ballot. It will be counted if your signature on your ballot matches your signature on your voter registration on file.

VOTING EARLY

Can I vote before Election Day?

Yes. If you're registered to vote, you can vote in-person at special Early Voting sites before Election Day. You can vote at any Early Voting site within your county. Visit your county <u>Supervisor of Elections website here for the dates</u>, location and hours of an early voting site near you.

You can also vote with a vote-by-mail ballot instead of going to the polls.



Tips for Voters

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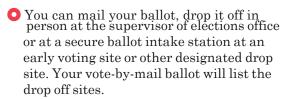
VOTE-BY-MAIL IN FLORIDA

Follow these steps to ensure your vote counts.

- 1. Request a Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballot to be mailed to you by 5 pm October 29.
 - a. A VBM ballot can be picked up until the 7pm deadline on Election Day either by the voter or a designee.
 - b. Requests to vote by mail are only good for one general election cycle, so you may need to request it this year, even if you've voted by mail in the past. If you request a VBM ballot for this year's August primary election, you can also request a November general election ballot for this year's cycle at the same time. You can also request a VBM ballot for just the November general election.
 - c. Request a vote-by-mail ballot using one of the following methods. You should make this request as soon as possible to make sure you receive your ballot with plenty of time to return it. If you are able, complete the online application on your <u>supervisor of elections'</u> website.
 - Request in person at the supervisor of elections' office.
 - Request by calling your supervisor of elections.
 - Request in writing, through email, fax or mailing your supervisor of elections' office.
 - You will need to provide your drivers license or state ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security number; whichever your supervisor of elections office has on file. If you are unsure which identifying information they have on file, update your voter registration using one of the methods above.
- 2. Receive Your Ballot: You can pick up your voteby-mail ballot at your Supervisor of Elections Office once ballots are printed, or it will be mailed to you. If you need someone else to pick up your ballot, you can <u>designate someone in writing</u>.
- 3. Return Your Ballot by 7 pm Election Day:

 Please note: On Election Day, November 8, you can
 only drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at
 your Supervisors of Elections Office, not a
 designated drop box.





- Voters who have requested to vote by mail can still choose to vote in-person. To avoid issues, bring the vote-by-mail ballot to the polling location. If it's been misplaced, you can still vote at your polling place if the SOE can confirm your mailed ballot has not been returned. If they cannot, you will be asked to vote a provisional ballot.
- 4. Track Your Ballot: Visit your Supervisor of Elections' website or the State's Voter Information Lookup site to track your ballot to make sure it was received. If you can't track your ballot on their website within 3 days of mailing your VBM ballot, you should contact your SOE to confirm that your ballot was received.

If Your Ballot Is Rejected: If your VBM ballot was not accepted, the SOE is required by law to notify you, tell you why it was rejected and give you an opportunity to correct any issues to "cure" your ballot and have it counted.

You Have a Right to Remedy Your Ballot: If your VBM ballot is rejected or you are required to cast a provisional ballot, your supervisor of elections is required by law to allow you to cure the ballot by submitting a Vote-by-Mail Ballot Cure Affidavit and a copy of your ID. You must submit this by 5 p.m. two days after the election.

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

- Check your voter registration status.
- Locate your polling place and note the hours of operation.
- Consider voting early or by using a vote-by-mail ballot
- If you plan to vote at the polls, go early in the day to avoid the last-minute rush.
- Check to see what kinds of identification you need to vote (see Voter ID section).
- Read all instructions carefully.
- Take your time.
- Ask for help if you need it.

