



Tuesday Countdown

Election News for Poll Workers and Polling Locations for Leon County

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TBD

Presidential Preference Primary

AUGUST 14

Primary Election

NOVEMBER 6

General Election

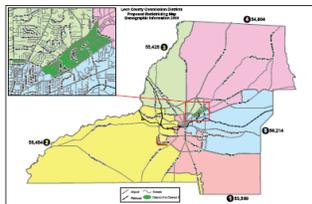
Moving Forward

Being a part of the elections team in Leon County means always pushing for new and better ways of assisting our voters, our poll workers and our polling locations.

We are currently looking into redesigning our forms and envelopes to increase efficiency and save cost.

Redistricting Changes to County Commission Lines.

In response to the growth in population Leon County has experienced, the county has proposed changes to the County Commission District lines.



The proposed map impacts residents just south of Centerville Road and north of Miccosukee Rd.

For more information go to :
<http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/redistricting/>

New Law Causing Debate

Chapter 2011-40, Laws of Florida, went from House Bill (HB) 1355 to law in 62 of the 67 Florida counties on May 29, 2011. Five counties, Collier, Hardee, Hendry, Hillsborough and Monroe counties, are subject to the Voting Rights Act protections and must wait for federal approval before they implement this law.

Secretary of State Browning has asked the federal district court in Washington D.C. to approve portions of this new law instead of waiting for the review from the Department of Justice. Browning is asking the three-judge panel to take control of review of the bulk of the law--the sections relating to third party voter registration, petition signature verification, out-of-county address changes and early voting.

Many rallies have been held across Florida in opposition of this law. The American Civil Liberties Union has sued both Secretary of State Kurt Browning and Governor Scott for implementing it. Several civil rights groups are asking the justice department to invalidate the law, stating it will disenfranchise minority voters.

Browning said in a statement that he sought the three-judge panel's review "to ensure that the changes to Florida's election law are judged on their merits by eliminating the risk of a ruling impacted by outside influence. Since the passage of HB 1355, we have seen misinformation surrounding the bill increase. By asking a court to rule on certain aspects of the bill, we are assured of a neutral evaluation based on the facts."

Where do you stand? To read more follow these links:

Secretary Browning's Press Release July 29, 2011
<http://www.dos.state.fl.us/news/communications/index.aspx>

American Civil Liberties Union of Florida
<http://www.acluf.org/index.cfm>