

VOTER GUIDE

Supervisor of Elections Leon County





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REGISTERING TO VOTE

To register to vote in Leon County, Florida, you must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be a Florida resident
- Be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16)
- Not now be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state
- Not have been convicted of a felony in Florida, or in any other state, without your civil rights having been restored
- Not claim the right to vote in another county or state

If you qualify to register to vote in Florida based on the list above, please complete a Florida Voter Registration Application form and return it to the Supervisor of Elections in Leon County.

3 Ways to Register to Vote!



Registration by Mail

Call our office at (850) 606-VOTE (8683) to have an application form mailed to you. Simply complete and mail the Florida Voter Registration Application form to:

Supervisor of Elections
PO Box 7357
Tallahassee FL 32314-7357





VOTER REGISTRATION SITES



Florida residents can register to vote when receiving services at:

- Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Driver's License Offices
- Offices of Public Assistance

AND

Florida Voter Registration Application forms are available at all of the following locations:

- Public Library Branches
- Offices that serve persons with disabilities / Ability 1st
- Armed Forces Recruitment Offices
- Public Education Institutions
- Supervisor of Elections Office
- Branch Sites which include many bank locations in our area

For a complete list of Branch Sites please visit the Supervisor of Elections website or call 850-606-8683 for more information.



Online Application Form

A Florida Voter Registration Application can also be completed and printed from a link on our Elections website then signed and mailed to our office.

www.LeonVotes.org





VOTER INFORMATION CHANGES

Address Changes:

You may change your Leon County residence address or mailing address on file with the Supervisor of Elections Office by:

- Phone - call 850-606-8683
- Web - visit www.LeonVotes.org
- Fax - to 850-606-8601
- Mail - after completing a new Voter Registration Application
- In person at the Supervisor of Elections Office

Party Affiliation Changes, Signature Updates & Name Changes:

You may change any of this information by completing and signing a Florida Voter Registration Application form available at the Supervisor of Elections website: www.LeonVotes.org, or by calling 850-606-8683 to request a Florida Voter Registration Application form be sent to you by mail. You may also complete the necessary form in person.

Florida's closed primary elections

Florida law limits voters during the partisan primary elections to vote only for candidates of the voter's same party. If a voter registers without a party, that voter would be prohibited from voting for any partisan candidates during the primaries. They would, however, be able to vote on any non-partisan races and any issues that may be on the primary ballot.

Florida universal primaries

If all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, all qualified electors, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary elections for that office. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast in the primary election shall be declared nominated to such office.





EARLY VOTING

Anyone can vote early!

Early voting is provided in four locations in Leon County starting two weeks before every election. Voting counters are set up at each location for the listed times providing the opportunity for voters to cast ballots for themselves and pick up absentee ballots for immediate family members, as listed in 101.062(4)(b)4. F.S.

Please bring photo identification with signature.

Exact dates are available on our website: at www.LeonVotes.org

2 weeks before each election


Woodville Community Center / Library
 8000 Old Woodville Road
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.


Ft. Braden Branch Public Library
 16327 Blountstown Highway
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.


Northeast Branch Public Library
 5513 Thomasville Road
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

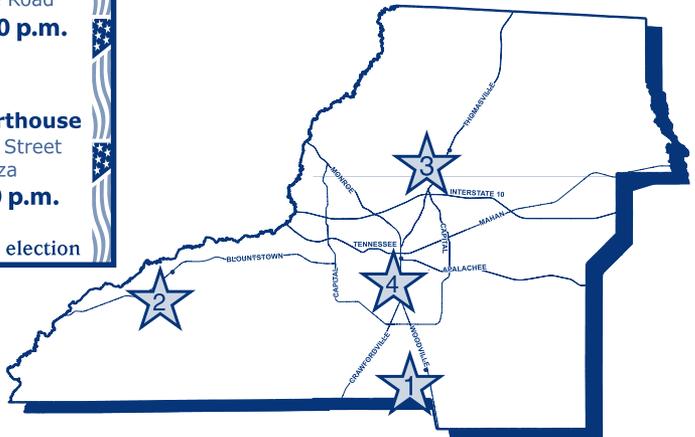

Leon County Courthouse
 301 South Monroe Street
 First Floor Plaza
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2 weeks before each election

Early Voting

Now in  4 locations

2 weeks before each election





EARLY VOTING PHOTOS

Northeast Branch
Public Library



Leon County
Courthouse

Ft. Braden Branch
Public Library

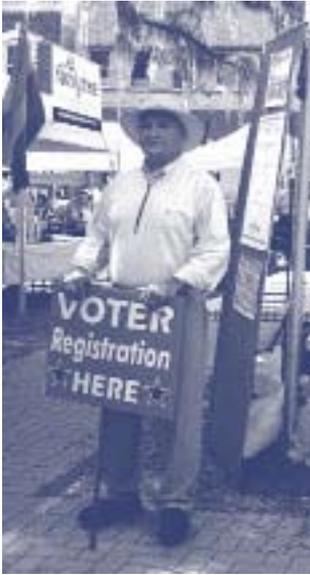


Woodville Community
Center / Library





OUTREACH PHOTOS





2010 ELECTION DATES

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AUGUST 24

PRIMARY ELECTION

NOVEMBER 2

GENERAL ELECTION





POLL WORKERS

Top **5** Reasons to be a **POLL WORKER**

- 5** You'll work side by side with your neighbors and meet new people.
- 4** You'll play a vital role in the democratic process.
- 3** Your community needs you. Leon County must recruit 1,500 poll workers this year for elections to run smoothly.
- 2** It's a great opportunity to help people, serve your community and have fun doing it!

And the number one reason to be a Poll Worker...

- 1** You get paid to do a good thing!



Sign up to be a poll worker today!

Your community needs more people like you to work at the polls on Election Day. In fact, Florida must recruit and train thousands of poll workers in communities across the state every election year. You can help.

Your local election officials will teach you everything you need to know to do the job.

The job isn't complicated and anyone who has worked at the polls will tell you it's one of the most rewarding ways to help your community!

**Call 606-8683 or visit our website at
www.LeonVotes.org**





ABSENTEE VOTING

An absentee ballot may be requested anytime after January 1st, during an election year. This may be done in person, by mail, by telephone 850-606-8683, online at our website, or by email to: absentee@leoncountyfl.gov.

Please note that absentee ballots cannot be forwarded by the Post Office. If your ballot is returned as undeliverable, your ballot requests will be canceled.

Military and Overseas Information

Military personnel, their spouses, dependents, and overseas US citizens may apply for voter registration or request mail ballots with a Federal Post Card Application. These can be obtained from the Unit Voting Officer or can be accessed online through the website www.fvap.gov.

Voters that will be overseas on Election Day can request to receive absentee ballots also by email and then return the ballot by fax transmission before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Please call for more information about this service.





WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLS

Voting should be a quick, satisfying experience if you follow a few simple steps. Here are some tips on what to expect at the polls on Election Day:

First, you are required to vote in the precinct where you live. Your voter information card shows your precinct number and polling place location. It can also be found on our website. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Be sure to bring your picture and signature ID – such as a Florida driver's license – to the polls with you. To ensure a quick process, any changes to your name, address or political party affiliation since the last election should be updated with the Supervisor of Elections office prior to Election Day. If you do not show a valid picture and signature ID, you must vote a provisional ballot.

When you arrive at your precinct, a poll worker will ask to see your picture and signature ID, find your name in the precinct register and ask you to sign for receipt of your ballot. It is important that you review your ballot for accuracy prior to casting your ballot. Once your ballot has been accepted by the voting equipment, no further changes or corrections can be made.

Current and valid picture identifications required at polls:

- (a) Florida driver's license.
- (b) Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.
- (c) United States passport.
- (d) Debit or credit card.
- (e) Military identification.
- (f) Student identification.
- (g) Retirement center identification.
- (h) Neighborhood association identification.
- (i) Public assistance identification.



If the picture identification does not contain the signature of the voter, an additional identification that provides the voter's signature shall be required.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
on Election Day



VOTING MACHINES

After you sign in at the polling place:

If you wish to vote other than a paper ballot you must tell the poll worker.

Leon County Voting Methods:

Optical Scan – Optical scan is a paper ballot with filled-in ovals.

Touchscreen Visual – Touchscreen is where you will receive a voter activation card and a poll worker will direct you to the touchscreen machine.

Touchscreen Audio – If you prefer to hear an audio version of your ballot versus the visible screen, please inform your poll worker.

Before you cast your ballot, be sure your ballot reflects your choices. Once your vote is cast, you cannot receive another ballot in that election. Voters can only cast one ballot in any election, but have three attempts to do so.





WHAT'S ON OUR WEBSITE

www.LeonVotes.org

- Register to vote or update your voter information
- Election night results
- Request an absentee ballot with our online form
- Learn about being a poll worker
- Provisional ballot voters can log in for canvassing board action
- Interactive Mapping:
 - Find your precinct
 - Find your polling place
 - Locate your districts



PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

A provisional ballot is given when the Clerk at a precinct cannot determine a voter's eligibility, the Supervisor of Elections office stated that a voter is an ineligible voter, a challenge against a voter's eligibility has been issued by a registered voter or a poll worker, a voter is pending due to the state having not yet verified the voter's DLN or SSN, the voter did not bring their requested absentee ballot to the polls, and/or a voter did not provide the required identification to vote. A ballot is given to the voter that will correspond with his or her address and party affiliation. Once the ballot is voted, the voter is required to place it in a provisional ballot envelope. At this point, the voter must complete the voter's certificate portion of the envelope. The Clerk will complete the other side of the envelope. The Clerk will give the voter a provisional ballot disclosure form which explains how to find out if the provisional ballot was counted and how to submit evidence to substantiate a claim of eligibility.





VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

1. Vote and have her or his 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 her or his 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.



VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize herself or himself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
3. Know the location of her or his polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize herself or himself 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 her or his completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

We the People

insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, and our Posterity, All Powers and establish this Constitution for

Article I

[Faint, handwritten text of the Constitution follows, including sections on legislative powers, executive powers, and judicial powers.]

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