

Voter's Bill of Rights

Section 101.031 (2) Florida Statutes

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.

Voter Responsibilities

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain a current address with the office of the Supervisor of Elections.
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 TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

Voting Instructions

AccuVote - Optical Scan Voting (Paper Ballot)

To vote, fill in the OVAL next to the candidate or issue using only the pen that is provided in the booth. If you make a mistake, please ask for a new ballot. Florida law allows the voter to have up to two replacement ballots.



Touch Screen Voting (Disabled Voters)

PRESIDENT (Vote for One)
THOMAS JEFFERSON
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JOHN F. KENNEDY
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
Write - In

The Touch Screen is designed to allow disabled voters to vote a secret ballot. From an audio ballot for use by blind voters, to an on screen ballot that can be filled in at the touch of a finger, this unit will enable the disabled voter to easily take part in the voting process.

2012 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Presidential Preference Primary - To Be Announced

Primary Election - August 14, 2012

Voter Registration Deadline: July 16, 2012

Early Voting: August 4, 2012-August 11, 2012

General Election - November 6, 2012

Voter Registration Deadline: October 9, 2012

Early Voting: October 27, 2012-November 3, 2012

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2012

President/Vice-President

U.S. Senators

U.S. Representatives: Districts 16 and 23

State Senate: District 17

State Representatives: Districts 78, 80, 81 and 82

State Attorney

Public Defender

County Commissioners: Districts 1, 3 and 5

Sheriff

Property Appraiser

Tax Collector

Clerk of Circuit Court

Supervisor of Elections

St. Lucie County School Board: Districts 2 and 4

Circuit Judges: Groups 3, 5, 12 and 19

City of Fort Pierce Mayor

City of Fort Pierce Commissioners: Districts 1 and 2

City of Port St. Lucie City Council: Districts 2 and 4

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY VOTER GUIDE

How, When & Where to Register and Make Changes to Your Voter Record

To register to vote or make changes to your voter record, complete the Florida Voter Registration application in its entirety, mail or hand deliver to the Supervisor of Elections Office. You may obtain a Florida Voter Registration Application from the Supervisor of Elections Office, Government Offices, Post Offices, Public Libraries, Social Service Offices or our website: www.slcelections.com. The online application can be used to register to vote or to make a **name, address or party change**. Complete the form, print and mail or hand deliver it to the Elections Office. Your application will be processed and verified and your voter information card will be mailed. (97.1031 and 97.053 Florida Statutes)

Voter Registration Books Close

You may register at any time, however, voter registration books will close 29 days before an election. Any registrations received after the voter registration deadline will be processed and a voter information card mailed to you after that election.

Replacing Your Voter Information Card

Voter information cards are mailed when there is a change in polling place or precinct. To replace a lost or stolen card, submit a Florida Voter Registration Application to the Supervisor of Elections office. Your new voter information card will be mailed to you.

Where to Vote

Your voter information card has your polling place number, address, and the Congressional, State House and State Senate Districts in which you live. Polling place locations are also listed in the local newspaper prior to Election Day and on our website.

Voting at the Polls on Election Day

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Voters will be asked to show picture and signature identification such as: Florida Driver's License, Florida ID card, U.S. Passport, Military or

Student ID, Debit or Credit card, Retirement Center ID, Neighborhood Association ID, or Public Assistance ID.

Provisional Ballot

Voters that do not have identification, or whose eligibility cannot be determined, must vote a provisional ballot. Voters who change their address from another Florida county on Election Day must vote a provisional ballot.

Keep Your Signature Current

It is very important for you to keep your signature current. Signatures on your registration record are used to verify signatures on petitions and on provisional and absentee ballots. If your signature does not match, your petition or absentee ballot will not count. To update your signature or name, submit a voter registration application to the Supervisor of Elections.

Keep Your Address Current

Keep your address information up-to-date. Address changes within the county or within the State of Florida may be reported to the Elections Office in person, by mail, by telephone, by fax, by email or by completing a Florida Voter Registration Application. Your residence address is used to determine the correct ballot for you in an election. You must vote in the precinct where you live on Election Day.

Sample Ballots

Sample Ballots are mailed to every household address where registered voters reside prior to Elections. Sample Ballots are displayed in the newspaper prior to the Election and are available on our website at: www.slcelections.com.

Voting By Mail

Every registered voter is eligible to vote by mail. You may request an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by telephone, by fax, or by email. You may request an absentee ballot for one or all elections through the

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year 2014. Ballots are mailed approximately 30 days prior to each election. **Ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Main Office, 4132 Okeechobee Road, Fort Pierce, no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day (do not return your Absentee Ballot to the polling place).**

Early Voting

Early voting begins (10) ten days prior to an election, Saturday through Saturday and is available to voters that prefer to vote prior to Election Day. Contact the Supervisor of Elections Office, 462-1500, for hours and locations or log on to our website at www.slcelections.com. To vote early, you must present photo and signature identification.

Assistance in Voting

Voters that need assistance in voting may designate someone of his or her own choice other than an employer, or an officer or agent of the person's union to provide such assistance. Election officials may also provide assistance. The elector needing assistance is required to take an oath; Declaration to Secure Assistance.

A Primary Election

Florida is a closed primary election state. To vote in a primary election for partisan candidates, you must be a registered voter in the party for which a primary is being held. Regardless of party affiliation, all registered voters can vote on issues and for nonpartisan candidates, such as Judges, School Board, City of Fort Pierce and City of Port St. Lucie.

A Universal Primary

Allows all registered voters to vote in primaries when there are no opposing party candidates on the General Election ballot.