

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 with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address.
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.



Image Cast Tabulator Optical Scan Voting System

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. This equipment is Accessible to Voters with Disabilities.

ELECTION SCHEDULE

Primary Election - August 28, 2018
Voter Registration Deadline: July 30, 2018
Early Voting begins (10) ten days prior to a Primary Election.

General Election - November 6, 2018
Voter Registration Deadline: October 8, 2018
Early Voting begins (15) fifteen days prior to a General Election.

Early Voting Locations

*Orange Blossom Business Center-Mall Entrance 2
4132 Okeechobee Road, Ft. Pierce*
Zora Neale Hurston Library - 3008 Avenue D, Ft. Pierce
Port St. Lucie Civic Center - 9221 SE Civic Center Place
Port St. Lucie Community Center - 2195 SE Airosa Boulevard
Parks Edge POA Clubhouse - 3201 SW Landale Blvd.

For hours of Early Voting, please call 462-1500

OFFICES TO BE ELECTED IN 2018

U.S. Senator
U.S. Representative: District 18
Governor/Lt. Governor
Attorney General
Chief Financial Officer
Commissioner of Agriculture
State Representatives: Districts 54, 55, 83 and 84
County Commissioners: Districts 2 and 4
St. Lucie County School Board: Districts 1, 3 and 5
County Judges: Group 1
City of Fort Pierce Commissioners: Districts 1 and 2
City of Port St. Lucie Mayor
City of Port St. Lucie City Council: District 1 and 3

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ST. LUCIE COUNTY VOTER GUIDE

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

The requirements to vote are: you must be a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident of St. Lucie County, 18 years old, you have not been convicted of a felony or adjudged mentally incompetent, or if so, have had your rights to vote restored.

You may pre-register at 16 or 17, but cannot vote until you are 18. To register or make changes to your voter record, complete a Florida Voter Registration application in its entirety.

You may obtain a Florida Voter Registration Application from the Supervisor of Elections Office by phone or at Government Offices, Public Libraries, and Social Service Offices or visit our website at 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, sign, mail or hand-deliver it to the Supervisor of Elections Office. Your voter information card will be mailed. You may also register when you apply for or renew your Florida driver's license.

Voter Registration Deadline

You may register at any time; however, voter registration deadline is 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

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. Replacement voter information cards are mailed when there is a change in polling place or precinct.

Where to Vote

Your voter information card has your polling place precinct number, address, Congressional, State House and State Senate Districts in which you live. To find your polling place prior to Election Day visit our website at www.slcelections.com, then click on

“Where Do I Vote” for directions.

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 photo and signature identification such as: Florida Driver's License, Florida ID card, U.S. Passport, Military ID, Student ID, Debit or Credit card, Retirement Center ID, Neighborhood Association ID, Public Assistance ID, VA Health ID, Concealed Weapons ID or Government ID.

Provisional Ballot

Voters without identification, or whose eligibility cannot be determined, must vote a provisional ballot in the precinct assigned to the voter's residence address.

Important: Keep Your Signature Current

The signature on your voter registration record is used to verify signatures on vote-by-mail ballots, provisional ballots and petitions. These documents will not be valid if your signature does not match the signature on your voter registration record. To update your signature or name, submit a Voter Registration Application to the Supervisor of Elections office.

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 Supervisor of Election's 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 assigned to your residence.

Sample Ballots

Sample Ballots are mailed to every registered voters reside prior to an election. Sample Ballots are available on our website at: www.slcelections.com, prior to Election Day.

Voting By Mail

Every registered voter is eligible to vote-by-mail. You may request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to your residential address in person, by mail, by telephone, by

fax, by email or at www.slcelections.com. If you want your ballot to be mailed to an address other than your residential address, your request must be made in writing and must include your signature and date of birth. You may request a vote-by-mail ballot for one or all elections through the year, 2018. 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 Vote-by-Mail Ballot to the polling place).

Early Voting

Early voting begins (10) ten days prior to a Primary Election and (15) fifteen days prior to a General Election 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, who 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.

Florida is a Closed Primary 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 eligible registered voters can vote on issues and in nonpartisan contests, such as Judges, School Board Members, City of Fort Pierce and City of Port St. Lucie.

Universal Primary

All registered voters are allowed to vote in primaries when there will be no opposing party candidates on the General Election ballot.