

2020 NASSAU COUNTY VOTER GUIDE

REGISTER TO VOTE AND BECOME INFORMED

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REGISTERING TO VOTE IS EASY

You ARE ELIGIBLE to register to vote if:

- You are a citizen of the United States of America.
- You are at least 18 years of age (you may pre-register at age 16).
- You are a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the county where you intend to vote.

You ARE NOT ELIGIBLE to register to vote if:

- You are not a citizen of the United States of America.
- You have been convicted of a felony or adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, unless and until your right to vote has been restored. Note: Effective January 8, 2019, Amendment 4, the Voting Restoration Amendment, restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions (excluding murder and sexual offenses) after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER

You will need your Florida Driver License number, Florida ID number, or if you have neither, the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued any of the numbers above, check the box next to “I have NONE of these numbers” on the Florida Voter Registration Application.

WHEN TO REGISTER

You can register at any time, however, if you want to vote in an upcoming election, the voter registration deadline is 29 days prior to any election.

WHERE TO REGISTER

ONLINE www.VoteNassau.com

To register or update your voter record, click *Online Voter Registration*.

IN PERSON

Complete a Florida Voter Registration Application at any of the following voter registration agencies:

- Any Supervisor of Elections Office
- Public libraries
- Florida Driver License offices (You may also submit your voter registration information electronically at the same time as you get a new or renewed Florida Driver License or Florida ID. Verify your information is correct as we may not receive a paper application.)
- Any office that provides public assistance or serves persons with disabilities (centers for independent living, WIC and Florida Department of Children and Families Offices)
- Armed forces recruitment offices

PICK -UP

Applications are also available at fishing and hunting license locations, and various governmental agencies. These applications must be completed, signed, and returned to a Supervisor of Elections Office, a driver license issuing office, or a voter registration agency.

BY MAIL

An application can be mailed to you upon request. If you register by mail and have never been issued a Florida Driver License, Florida ID, or Social Security number, you will be required to provide a copy of a current and valid identification, or indicate that you are exempt from the requirements at the time you register or prior to voting. Required forms of identification and exemptions are listed on the application.

Large print and Braille instructions are available at the Elections Office and applications are also available in Spanish.

YOUR VOTER INFORMATION CARD

Once registered, a Voter Information Card will be mailed to you. This card provides your precinct number and polling location, as well as other information. If you do not receive your card within two weeks of registering, it is important that you contact the Elections Office immediately to ensure you are registered.

If your polling place or precinct changes, you will be mailed a new Voter Information Card with updated information on where to cast your ballot on Election Day. If you need a replacement card, complete a Voter Registration Application or provide our office with a signed, written request. **VERY IMPORTANT:** When you receive your Voter Information Card, verify all information is correct, especially your name, address, party affiliation and date of birth.

ONLINE SERVICES AVAILABLE

Visit www.VoteNassau.com and select any of the following:

- *Online Voter Registration* to register or update your voter record.
- *My Voter Information* to review or update your voter record.
- *Track My Mail Ballot* to check the status of your ballot.
- *Online Address Change* to update your address within Nassau County.
- *Request a Mail Ballot* to be mailed to you.
- *My Sample Ballot* to review what will be on your ballot so that you know before you go to the polls.
- *Find My Polling Place* to locate where you vote on Election Day.
- *Update My Signature* to ensure the Elections Office has a current signature in your record.
- *Update My Voter Record* to assist you with updating the information in your record.
- *Election Turnout Quickview* lets you see how many ballots were cast and the turnout for an election.
- *Research My Ballot* provides resources to learn about Candidates, Constitutional Amendments, etc.

UPDATE YOUR VOTER RECORD IN A SNAP!

Signature - The signature in your voter record is used to verify the signature on your Vote by Mail Voter's Certificate and/or Provisional Ballot Certificate, and must match in order for your ballot to count. It is also used to verify your signature on petitions.

Name - If your name has legally changed, please let us know.

Address - Your residence address determines your precinct and polling place. In order to avoid delays at the polls, keep it current!

Party Affiliation - Florida is a Closed Primary State. For more information, see *Understanding Florida Elections* in this Guide.

To update your signature - You must complete a Florida Voter Registration Application. By completing, signing and returning an application, you can ensure that your signature, and all other information, is current in your voter record.

To update your name, address, party affiliation, etc.

- **Online at www.VoteNassau.com** - Click the *Online Voter Registration* Button and use Florida's online registration application. You will need your Florida driver license or Florida ID number and issue date, and the last four digits of your social security number to complete the application. If you do not have any of the above, you may still use the online system to prefill the application. However, you will have to print, sign and mail or deliver your completed application to the Elections Office.
- **Email** questions@votenassau.com (include your date of birth)
- **Call** 904.491.7500 or 1.866.260.4301 (Toll Free)
- **Mail** a signed, written notice with your change(s) to the Elections Office (include your date of birth)

BE ELECTION READY

WHATS ON THE UPCOMING BALLOT

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

FEDERAL, STATE AND MULTI-COUNTY

- President
- Vice President
- United States Representative, 4th Congressional District
- State Representative, District 11
- State Attorney, 4th Judicial Circuit
- Public Defender, 4th Judicial Circuit
- Judges of the Circuit Court, 4th Judicial Circuit
- Justices of the Supreme Court (Up for Merit Retention)
- Judges of the First District Court of Appeal (Up for Merit Retention)

COUNTY AND DISTRICT

- Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
- County Court Judge, Group 1
- Property Appraiser

- Sheriff
- Superintendent of Schools
- Supervisor of Elections
- Tax Collector
- County Commissioner, Districts 1, 3, & 5
- School Board Member, Districts 2 & 4
- Ocean, Highway & Port Authority Member, Districts 1 & 2
- Amelia Concourse Community Development District, Seats 1 & 4
- Amelia Island Mosquito Control Board Member, Group 1
- Amelia National Community Development District, Seats 1, 3 & 4
- Amelia Walk Community Development District, Seats 3 & 5
- Heron Isles Community Development District, Seats 1, 3 & 5
- River Glen Community Development District, Seats 1 & 2
- Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, Groups 2, 3, 4 & 5

MUNICIPAL

- City of Fernandina Beach: City Commissioner, Groups 1, 2 & 3
- Town of Callahan: Council Members (3)
- Town of Hilliard: Mayor, Council Members (3)

For information on Candidates and Constitutional Amendments, visit:

www.VoteNassau.com and click *Research My Ballot*.

VERY IMPORTANT

When updating your driver license at the DMV, it is very important that you request your voter registration record be updated. Also, before leaving the DMV, be sure to check your receipt to make certain the following information is accurate:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Party Affiliation

WE NEED ELECTION WORKERS. Complete an application online
www.VoteNassau.com

- Be part of the upcoming 2020 Elections.
- Earn money for a charity or yourself and play a key role in upcoming elections.
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) positions available!

UNDERSTANDING FLORIDA ELECTIONS

Primary Elections

Florida is a closed primary election state. That means that only voters who are registered members of a political party which has candidates on the primary ballot may vote for that party's candidates at the primary election. The deadline for a voter to make a party affiliation change is no later than 29 days before a primary election.

In a primary election, each voter will receive a ballot based on the legal residence address and party affiliation recorded in his or her voter registration record.

The following exceptions allow eligible voters regardless of party affiliation to vote in a primary election:

- **UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTEST:** All candidates in the same race have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election.
- **NONPARTISAN OFFICES:** Includes races for judicial, school board, certain special districts, municipal races, and other local offices.
- **LOCAL REFERENDUM QUESTIONS:** County, municipal, and district referenda or other ballot measures that may be on the ballot.

General Elections

In a general election, each voter will receive a ballot based on the legal residential address recorded in his or her voter registration record. All eligible voters can vote for any candidate or issue regardless of party affiliation on the general election ballot.

The following types of candidates will only appear on a general election ballot:

- **NO PARTY AFFILIATION CANDIDATES:** Candidates qualifying with no party affiliation.
- **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** If there are write-in candidates who have qualified for a particular office, a line will be provided on the ballot for the voter to write in the candidate's name.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND OTHER BALLOT MEASURES: Proposed amendments to Florida's Constitution may also be on the ballot, as well as county, municipal, and district referenda or other ballot measures.

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Each registered voter in the State of Florida has the right to:

- Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
- Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
- Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
- Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
- An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.
- Cast a provisional ballot if his or her registration or identity is in question.
- Receive written instructions to use when voting and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
- Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
- Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

VOTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Each registered voter in the State of Florida should:

- Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
- Maintain with the office of the supervisor of elections a current address.
- Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
- Bring proper identification to the polling station.
- Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
- Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
- Respect the privacy of other voters.
- Report any problems or violations of election laws to the supervisor of elections.
- Ask questions, if needed.
- Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

BEFORE GOING TO VOTE

REVIEW YOUR VOTER INFORMATION CARD

Your Voter Information Card provides your precinct number and polling place, as well as other information contained in your voter registration record. All registered voters were recently mailed a new card. If you did not receive your card, contact the Supervisor of Elections Office. Should your precinct or polling place change, or if you update your voter registration record, you will be mailed a new card. To avoid delays and paperwork at the early voting site or polling place, be sure your address is correct in your voter registration record. Inform us of any changes to your registration information by visiting our website or contacting our office.

YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT REVIEW IT, MARK IT, TAKE IT TO THE POLLS

Your sample ballot is based on your legal residence address and party affiliation (in primary elections), and will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to Election Day. If you would like your sample ballot emailed, please notify the Supervisor of Elections Office. Your sample ballot will contain your specific ballot style and information regarding voting opportunities. You may mark your sample ballot and take it to the early voting site or polling place for your reference.

WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE

On Election Day, polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You must vote at your assigned polling place. Contact the Supervisor of Elections Office, or visit our website, if you need confirmation on where your polling place is located or have questions. There

are five Early Voting locations in Nassau County. Please see *2020 Election Information* in this guide for locations, dates and times.

WHAT TO BRING

If you choose to vote in person during the Early Voting period or on Election Day, you must present your CURRENT and VALID photo identification (ID) along with a signature ID. A voter may present two separate forms of ID, one with a photo on it from the list below and another with a signature (may or may not be from the list below). Example: Photo on Student ID and signature on credit card; or photo on Military ID and signature on a library card are acceptable.

The photo ID must be from the list below:

- Florida Driver License
- Florida ID Card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States Passport or Passport Card
- Debit or Credit Card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Veteran health ID Card
- License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm
- Government issued Employee ID Card.

A Voter Information Card may not be used as ID at the polls.

If you do not present the required ID at the polls, you may vote a provisional ballot.

If you do not have any of the acceptable forms of ID listed above, please contact the Elections Office for assistance.

AT THE POLLING PLACE

1. CHECK-IN

You will be greeted by a polling place deputy and directed to a voter check-in station where you will provide your current and valid photo and signature ID. You will be asked to sign the electronic signature pad or a voting pass. Your paper ballot will then be provided to you in a secrecy sleeve.

During Early Voting, your specific ballot style will print on demand after **check-in**.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE: If you are a person with a disability, or cannot read or write and would like someone to help you with the voting process, you can designate someone of your own choice (except your employer or an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union) to help you. Election officials may also provide assistance. If you would like assistance, please advise the Check-in Operator.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

If you do not provide acceptable photo and signature identification at the polls, or your eligibility to vote cannot be determined, you may vote a provisional ballot. After casting a provisional ballot, you will be provided a written Notice of Rights with instructions on how to present written evidence supporting your eligibility to vote to the Supervisor of Elections. The notice also includes information on how to determine if your provisional ballot was counted following the election. You must cast your ballot in the proper precinct for it to count.

2. PROCEED TO THE VOTING BOOTH

Once you are at a voting booth, remove your ballot from the secrecy sleeve and mark your selection(s). Instructions are provided on the secrecy sleeve and the ballot. When you are finished marking your ballot, review it carefully, place it in the secrecy sleeve and then proceed to the ballot box.

HOW TO VOTE - PAPER BALLOT

- Each voter receives a paper ballot. Use the pen provided to mark your ballot by filling in the oval to the left of your choice. If you make a mistake on your ballot or overvote a race, ask an election worker for help. Florida law allows up to two (2) replacement ballots.
- For write-in candidates, fill in the oval to the left of the word *Write-in* and write the qualified write-in candidate's name on the line.
- A touchscreen ballot marking device will be available at each Early Voting location and Election Day polling place to assist you in marking your paper ballot. It provides voters with the following options: • Audio with headset • Braille keypad
- Zoom-in large print • Adjustable contrast & text size. For other options, call 904.491.7500 or email access@votenassau.com.

OVERVOTE

If you vote for more candidates in a race than what is indicated in the title of the race, your vote in that race will not count. This is called an overvote.

UNDERVOTE

You may choose not to vote on a Vote for One race or not to make multiple choices on a Vote for Two (or three, or four) race. This is called an undervote.

3. TAKE YOUR BALLOT TO THE BALLOT BOX

- Facing the front of the ballot box, insert your ballot into the slot designated on the top of the machine, continuing to push it until the machine pulls it in.
- If you have overvoted any of the races or inserted a blank ballot, you will hear a beep and a message will be displayed on the tabulator screen. However, a message will not be displayed if you have undervoted any race. The tabulator will count all properly marked races.
- When you see ***Thank you for voting. Your ballot has been counted***, you have completed the voting process. You will receive an ***I Voted*** sticker and can exit the polling place with confidence that your vote counted.

2020 ELECTION INFORMATION

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

FEBRUARY 18, 2020 - New Registration & Party Change Deadline

Last day to register or change your party before the election.

MARCH 6 - 14, 2020 - Early Voting 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

MARCH 17, 2020 - Election Day 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

PRIMARY ELECTION

JULY 20, 2020 - New Registration & Party Change Deadline

Last day to register or change your party before the election.

AUGUST 7 - 15, 2020 - Early Voting 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

AUGUST 18, 2020 - Election Day 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

GENERAL ELECTION

OCTOBER 5, 2020 - New Registration Deadline

Last day to register to be eligible to vote in the General Election.

OCTOBER 19 - 31, 2020 - Early Voting 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.*

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 - Election Day 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

*Dates and times subject to change

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

- Voter registration deadline is 29 days prior to any election.
- You must be registered with a political party in order to vote in that party's primary election.
- To be effective for the Primary Election, a party change must be made at least 29 days before the election.

THREE WAYS TO VOTE

BY MAIL

REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT

You may request a Vote by Mail Ballot by contacting the Elections Office in person, by mail, phone, fax, email, or on our website. Requests for a ballot to be mailed must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the tenth day before the election.

Mail ballots cannot be forwarded, so make sure we have your correct address.

VOTING YOUR MAIL BALLOT

To vote your mail ballot, use a black or blue ball point pen to completely fill in the oval next to each selection on your ballot. If you make a mistake, call our office to request a replacement ballot.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED MAIL BALLOT

To return your voted mail ballot, follow the instructions provided with your ballot. **BE SURE TO SIGN AND DATE THE BACK OF YOUR RETURN ENVELOPE.**

Your ballot must be received in the Supervisor of Elections Office no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day and may be returned by the following methods:

- By Mail - place the required postage on the return envelope and mail it at least ONE WEEK before Election Day as recommended by the USPS.
- In person - deliver to the Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day
- Vote by Mail Drop Box - located at every Early Voting site during Early Voting hours.

TRACK YOUR MAIL BALLOT

at www.VoteNassau.com

EARLY

During Early Voting, voters may vote at ANY of the sites listed below:

Atlantic Recreation Center

2500 Atlantic Avenue, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Walter “Junior” Boatright County Building

45401 Mickler Street, Callahan, FL 32011

Hilliard Community Center

37177 Pecan Street, Hilliard, FL 32046

James S. Page Governmental Complex

96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097

Yulee Sports Complex (New)

86142 Goodbread Road, Yulee, FL 32097

ELECTION DAY

AT YOUR PRECINCT/POLLING PLACE

You may vote in person at your polling place on Election Day. Refer to your Voter Information Card or visit our website and click *Find My Polling Place* for your Election Day polling location. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. **You must vote in the precinct of your legal residence.**