

2018 NASSAU COUNTY VOTER GUIDE

REGISTER TO VOTE AND BECOME INFORMED

REGISTERING TO VOTE IS EASY

You CAN register to vote if:

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

You CANNOT register to vote if:

- You are not a citizen of the United States of America. (A lawful permanent resident cannot register or vote in Florida.)
- You have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and have not had your right to vote restored pursuant to law.
- You have been convicted of any felony by any court of record and have not had your right to vote restored pursuant to law. For felony convictions, if you are not sure if your rights have been restored, contact the Office of Executive Clemency at 1-850-488-2952, email ClemencyWeb@fcor.state.fl.us or visit their website, www.FLrestoremyrights.com.

What You Will Need to Register:

You will need your Florida Driver's 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 deadline to register is the 29th day before that election.

Where to Register:

To register or update your voter record online visit www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov.

To register in person, simply complete a Florida Voter Registration Application at an authorized agency, which includes: any Supervisor of Elections Office, public libraries, Florida Driver's License offices, any office that provides public assistance or serves persons with disabilities (centers for independent living, WIC and Florida Department of Children and Families Offices), the Florida Division of Elections, and armed forces recruitment offices. You may also submit your voter registration information electronically at the same time as you get a new or renewed Florida Driver's License or Florida ID. The electronic information will be forwarded to our office for processing.

If you register by mail, have never been issued a Florida Driver's 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.

Florida Voter Registration Applications are available online at www.VoteNassau.com or an application can be mailed to you upon request. Applications are also available at fishing and hunting license shops, and various governmental agencies. These applications must be completed, signed, and returned to a Supervisor of Elections' Office, the Florida Division of Elections, a driver's license issuing office or a voter registration agency. 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.

CHECK YOUR RECORD ONLINE

Visit www.VoteNassau.com and select *My Voter Record* to:

- Review/update your voter information
- Request a Vote by Mail ballot
- Track your Vote by Mail ballot
- Check the status of your provisional ballot
- Locate your polling place
- View your voter specific sample ballot
- Find election information

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

We need your help! In order to keep our voter registration records current, we ask that you keep us informed of any changes to your registration information. Simply complete the Online Address Change Form on our website, or call us with an address change, or provide a signed, written notice (with date of birth or voter registration #) to change your address, political party, or name. You may update your signature on file with our office at any time using a Florida Voter Registration Application, which can be obtained from our website, our office, or any other voter registration agency. It is important to keep your signature updated, as it is used to verify Vote by Mail ballots, provisional ballots, and petitions. An outdated signature, if it differs significantly from your current signature, may result in your mail ballot, provisional ballot, or petition not being counted.



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BE ELECTION READY

THREE WAYS TO VOTE

Voting in Florida has never been easier. In most elections, you can choose one of three ways to cast your ballot:

BY MAIL

You may request a Vote by Mail Ballot by contacting our office in person, by mail, phone, fax, email, or through our website. Requests for a ballot to be mailed must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the election. Follow the instructions included to complete and return your ballot. Voted ballots must be received in the Supervisor of Elections Office no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day and may be returned by mail or hand delivery. Mail ballots may not be forwarded, so make sure we have your correct address. You may track the status of your ballot at: www.VoteNassau.com.

Note: Certain provisions are provided for the delivery and return of mail ballots for uniformed service members, their spouses and dependents, and U.S. citizens residing overseas. Contact the Elections Office or visit our website for more information.

EARLY

For most elections in Nassau County, early voting is offered to all eligible voters at several locations throughout the county. For exact dates, times and locations, visit our website, contact us by phone, email, or refer to your sample ballot (mailed to registered voters approximately three weeks prior to Election Day).

ELECTION DAY: AT YOUR PRECINCT/POLLING PLACE

You may vote in person at your polling place (refer to your Voter Information Card) on Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You must vote in the precinct of your legal residence.

2018 ELECTION DATES Federal, State, and Local Elections

PRIMARY ELECTION:

August 28, 2018

Registration Deadline: July 30
Early Voting Period: August 17-25*

GENERAL ELECTION:

November 6, 2018

Registration Deadline: October 9
Early Voting Period: October 26- November 3*

* Subject to Change

Note: You must be registered on or before the registration deadline to be eligible to vote in an election. In primary elections, party changes must also be completed by the registration deadline.

Exception: An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States, after the registration deadline for an election and who is otherwise qualified may register to vote in such election until 5 p.m. on the Friday before that election in the office of the Supervisor of Elections.

FLORIDA HOLDS CLOSED PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Florida is a closed primary 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 in a primary election.

Voters with no party affiliation (NPA) are not eligible to vote for party candidates in a primary election. However, all qualified voters regardless of party affiliation or no party affiliation can vote in the following races appearing on a primary election ballot:

- All candidates in the same race have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election. (This is known as a Universal Primary Contest.)
- Nonpartisan judicial and school board offices.
- Nonpartisan special districts and other local offices.
- Local referendum questions.

In a general election, all registered voters may vote regardless of party affiliation.

HELP WANTED!

Election Workers needed now!

Complete an application online.
www.VoteNassau.com

Be a part of the upcoming 2018 Elections.
Earn money for a charity or yourself and play a key role in upcoming elections.

OUR MISSION: YOUR VOTE

Nassau County has come together with over half of the counties in Florida to provide online ballot access to absent uniformed service members, their families, and citizens living outside the U.S. This system cuts ballot delivery time in half as voters can access their ballot shortly after their request has been received and verified. By visiting www.OurMissionYourVote.us, registered voters can access their ballot and get other important election information.

VOTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Each registered voter in this state 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.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Each registered voter in this state 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.
- If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
- 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.

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. 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 current in your voter registration record. Inform us of any changes to your registration information by visiting our website or contacting our office. A Voter Information Card may not be used as ID at the polls.

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 in the election. It may also be used to research candidates and issues. 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.

WHAT TO BRING

If you choose to vote in person during the early voting period or on Election Day, you must present a 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's License
- Florida ID Card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Veteran health identification card

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

- Military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- A license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

AT THE POLLING PLACE

CHECK-IN

You will be greeted by a polling place deputy and directed to a voter check-in station. Provide your ID to the Check-in Operator. Once your name has been located, you will be asked to sign the electronic signature pad or a voting pass. You will then be provided a secrecy sleeve containing your paper ballot. DURING EARLY VOTING- your specific ballot style will print on demand after Check-in.



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 agency of your employer, or an officer or agency of your union) to provide such assistance. Election officials may also provide assistance. If you would like assistance, please advise the Check-in Operator.

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. If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask an election worker for assistance. By law, you may receive up to two replacements, or a total of three ballots.



HOW TO VOTE

Marksense ballot (paper ballot)

All voting is by Marksense ballot which uses a marking device for the purpose of designating ballot selections and an optical scanner as the tabulator.

- To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice.



- For write-in candidates, fill in the oval to the left of the words *write-in*, and write the qualified write-in candidate's name on the line.

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.

A message will be displayed on the tabulator screen if you have overvoted any of the races or inserted a blank ballot. However, a message will not be displayed if you have undervoted any race. The tabulator will count all properly marked races.

PROCEED TO THE TABULATOR

After reviewing your ballot, insert it into the tabulator. When you see,

"Thank you for voting. Your ballot has been counted."*

on the screen, you have completed the voting process.



*Wording is subject to change based on software upgrades.

Accessible Voting Equipment For Voters With Disabilities

Nassau County has at least one ballot marking device with an audio ballot feature available at each polling place and early voting site to accommodate persons with disabilities, enabling a person with a disability to vote without assistance if they choose.

If the audio ballot feature is chosen, the voting instructions and ballot will be read to you through headphones. For privacy, the ballot will not appear on the screen.

- To vote, insert the ballot into the ballot marking device.
- Make your selections by touching your choice on the screen or using the keypad.
- Move through the ballot by touching *Back* or *Next*.
- Once you have reviewed your selections, touch the *Mark Ballot* button.
- Your choices will be marked on the ballot and the ballot ejected. Proceed to the tabulator or request assistance.



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.

Once your ballot has been accepted by the tabulator, IT CANNOT BE RETRIEVED. Your ballot has been cast.

You will receive an *I Voted* sticker and you can exit the polling place with confidence that your vote counted.

