Voting in Florida

A Guide for Citizens with Disabilities
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What Is Voting For?

Voting is the process used to elect people for offices such as the mayor, the governor, or the President of the United States. Voting gives ordinary citizens a chance to be heard on important issues, and to create and/or change laws.

Why Is My Vote Important?

Voting is your right and responsibility as a citizen. If you vote, you can help to select the national, state, and local officials who make laws, design programs, and decide how tax dollars are spent.

When you vote, you are making important decisions about how Florida and the United States are run. You should choose the candidates who will do the best job. You will also find many different issues on the election ballot. If you do not vote, you are letting other people decide these issues for you, and then you have to live with their decisions.

Remember, your vote is secret. Nobody will know how you voted unless you wish to tell them. When you vote, you may choose to vote on only some of the issues and candidates, or on all of them. Even if you do not vote on every single issue, the votes that you do mark will still count. It is up to you to vote for what is important to you.

Every opinion counts. Your vote matters!

Why Should I Vote?

- Because I care about what happens in Florida and in the United States.
- Because I want to make changes in my community, state, or country.
- Because I want to keep things from changing; I like the way things are now.
- Because I want to set an example for others, especially children.
- Because I want my voice to be heard!
Who Can Vote?

In order to vote in Florida:

- You must be a resident of Florida
- You must be a United States citizen
- You must be at least 18 years old on or before Election Day
- You must be registered to vote

Who May Not Vote?

You may not vote in Florida if:

- You are not a resident of Florida
- You are not a United States citizen
- You are younger than 18 years old on or before Election Day
- You claim your residence in another state
- A judge in any state has taken away your right to vote because of a mental disability and you have not gotten the right back (See information below)
- You have been convicted of a felony, and your right to vote has not been restored (See information below)

If you have a mental disability, a judge can take away your right to vote if he or she finds that you are incapacitated. The judge must specifically write in an order that you cannot vote. So even if you have a guardian, you can vote unless there is a written order saying that you cannot vote. If you have lost the right to vote, you can ask the court to restore that right at any time. Remember, however, that not everyone with a guardian has lost the right to vote. If you are unsure whether or not a court has decided that you have lost your right to vote, you should contact your attorney or guardian to find out.

If you have been convicted of a felony, you may not vote unless your right to vote has been restored. You should contact the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition to find out if your right to vote has been restored. You may visit their website (www.restorerights.org) or call (1-877-826-8682) to find out whether or not your right to vote has been restored. Caution: It is a crime to attempt to register or vote if your right to vote has not been restored. Contact information for the Office of Executive Clemency is below:

**Mailing Address:**
The Office of Executive Clemency
2601 Blair Stone Road, Building C
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2450

**Telephone and Email:**
Toll Free at: 1-800-435-8286
Phone at: 850-488-2952
Fax at: 850-488-0695
Email at: clemencyweb@fpc.state.fl.us
Web Address: www.fpc.state.fl.us
Remember: If a Court decides you are now mentally competent to vote, or the Board of Executive Clemency restores your right to vote, this action only makes you eligible to register to vote. YOU MUST STILL REGISTER TO VOTE in order to be able to cast a ballot.

How Do I Register To Vote?

In order to register to vote, you must fill out, sign, and submit a voter registration application, found on page 17. Some of the places you can register are: the office of your local Supervisor of Elections (see list on pages 12 - 14), any driver’s license office or any voter registration agency, such as a public library, Center for Independent Living, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation office, Agency for Persons Disabilities office, or Department of Children and Families office.

The registration form asks you to give the number of your current, valid Florida driver’s license or Florida identification card. If you do not have either of these, you must provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have any of the above, you must write “NONE” in the box on your voter registration application.

Warning: If you provide FALSE information on an application, you can be convicted of a felony of the third degree and fined up to $5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to five years.

After you turn in a completed application, the Supervisor of Elections in your area will send you a voter information card. The card will say where to go in order to cast your vote (your neighborhood polling place). If you do not receive your card within three (3) weeks of turning in your application, or if you have any questions regarding your registration, please call your county Supervisor of Elections.

In order to vote in an upcoming election, you must be registered no later than 29 days before the election. Your registration date is the date that your application is postmarked or hand-delivered to the office of any Supervisor of Elections, the Division of Elections, a driver’s license office or other voter registration agency.

Note: To register to vote, read the information above and submit the voter registration application in the back of this booklet. The deadline to register in Florida is 29 days before an election is held:

The Florida General Election takes place on a Tuesday in early November of every even-numbered year. The Florida Primary Election takes place twelve weeks earlier.

For specific information about voter registration deadlines, early voting dates and Election Day, contact the Secretary of State at 1-866-308-6739, your county’s Supervisor of Elections on pages 12-14, or Disability Rights Florida at 1-800-342-0823.
What Are Political Parties And How Do I Join One?

When you register to vote, you may choose to declare a political party. Different political parties have differing opinions about the issues. Some of the larger parties are known by the following names: Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, and Green.

If you choose to register as a member of a political party, you may vote in the primary election to help select that party’s candidates for office. If you register "independent," it means you are not with a party. Independent voters are not usually permitted to participate in any party’s primary election.

In the general election, you may vote for any candidate, whether or not you have chosen to become a member of any particular party.

How Do I Decide Who Or What To Vote For?

Before you vote, you should learn about who is running for office. Find out how they feel about the different issues. Do they share your opinions or disagree with them? Do you think they will listen to you if they are elected? If they are already in office, do you think they have done a good job? Think about the things that are most important to you. What would you like to see changed? What rights do you want protected? Ask people you trust how they will vote and why. You do not need to vote the same way as your friends or family, but good advice can be helpful.

Some of the issues people might base their votes on are:

- Transportation
- Services for people with disabilities
- Jobs
- Low-cost housing
- Taxes
- Education
- Health Care

How Can I Learn About The Candidates And Issues?

You can find out about the issues by reading the newspaper, surfing the Internet, watching the candidates debate each other on television, listening to the radio, and/or attending campaign events where you may meet the candidates in person and ask them what they will do if they are elected.
You may see campaign ads on television or hear them on the radio. You will probably get campaign materials in the mail. Ads are designed to try to convince you to vote for a particular candidate or issue. Sometimes ads may leave out important facts or distort the truth. Information from news articles and from non-partisan (not belonging to any political party) organizations may be more reliable in some cases.

What Are The Different Ways I Can Vote?

The way you vote is by filling out what is called a ballot. A ballot lists all the candidates running for office and the political party each belongs to. It also lists other issues you are being asked to vote on, like Constitutional Amendments, for example. To help you prepare for the election, you should get a sample ballot from your Supervisor of Elections. One may be mailed to you. A sample ballot is a paper that shows you what you will get to vote on in the election. It has the names of all the candidates and a description of the issues. You can mark your sample ballot at home and bring it with you to help you remember what choices you made. Sample ballots must be posted at every polling place, along with instructions on how the voting process works.

There are several different ways to vote:

- You can go to your local polling place and fill out a ballot on Election Day.
- You can vote at an early voting location in your county before Election Day.
- You can vote by absentee ballot (through the mail).
- If you are living in an institution, you have the option to vote where you live.

Polling Places are specific locations set up for voting. They can be in many different locations such as churches, libraries, schools, or other types of public buildings. Check the address listed on your voter information card, or with your Supervisor of Elections to find out the location designated as your polling place. It should also list the hours it will be open on Election Day. Typically, the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. If you vote on Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling place - the location where you are registered.

Early Voting begins ten (10) days before an election and continues until the third (3rd) day before an election. Each county designates the locations and hours for early voting. Locations include the Election office, and may also include city halls and public libraries. Contact the Supervisor of Elections to find out the hours and locations for early voting in your county. See page 5 for early voting dates. Early voting is convenient, because you can choose the date and location most convenient for you to cast your vote. If you participate in early voting, you may vote at any early voting location in the county where you are registered.

Absentee Ballots may be used if you are a registered voter who cannot get to your polling place or early voting location. For example, if you are out of town, or in the hospital, you may vote by absentee ballot. You may also vote by absentee ballot simply because you choose to, even if you are able to vote in another
way. You, your guardian, or a member of your immediate family may request an absentee ballot from the Supervisor of Elections in person, by mail, or by telephone. One request can cover all elections through the next two (2) regularly scheduled general elections. If you would like to have an absentee ballot mailed to you, please contact your Supervisor of Elections by 5 p.m. on the sixth (6th) day before an election.

When you receive your ballot in the mail, follow all instructions carefully - mail it back to the address listed, or have it delivered to the Supervisor of Elections by Election Day. Ballots received late will not be counted. You may use the Absentee Ballot Request Form to request an absentee ballot. The form contains all of the required information and is located at the end of this booklet. Someone you designate may pick up an absentee ballot for you on Election Day or up to five (5) days before Election Day. That person may only pick up ballots for two (2) people who are not members of their immediate family. Designees must have written authorization from the voter, present a picture I.D., and sign an affidavit in order to obtain a ballot on behalf of another person.

Where You Live. If you live in a nursing home or an assisted living facility, the administrator of your facility can make plans with the local Supervisor of Elections to provide a specific time for you to vote where you live. Election officials will bring ballots to the facility for any registered voter(s). Check with the administrator of your facility to see if voting has been set up in the facility where you live. If not, don't be afraid to request that the administrator do so - it is their obligation by law. If the administrator refuses to help you, contact your local Supervisor of Elections or the Florida Voter Assistance Hotline, Toll Free, at 1-866-308-6739.

What to Expect At My Polling Place Or Early Voting Location

Voting can be confusing if you have never voted before. This guide provides helpful information, and election workers are trained to help make the voting process easier for you if it is your first time. Don’t be afraid to ask for whatever assistance you need.

All Polling Places Must Be Accessible

The law says all polling places must be accessible to a person with disabilities. Everyone should be able to get into their polling place. The doors should be wide enough for a wheelchair to fit through. There should be ramps or elevators if there are steps up or down. The parking lot and the walkways must be accessible.

Note: The Help America Vote Act requires at least one voting machine in every polling place to be accessible to anyone who has a disability.
Remember To Bring Identification

When you enter the polling place to vote, you will be asked to tell the poll worker your name. You will also be asked to provide a current and valid picture identification with a signature. Approved forms of picture identification are:

- Florida driver’s license
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification

If the picture identification does not contain a signature, you will be asked to provide an additional identification that does contain your signature.

After identifying yourself, the poll worker will find your name in the book of voters. You will be asked to sign the book, or place a mark next to your name.

What Is It Like In The Voting Booth?

When it is your turn to vote, you will go into the voting booth. Don’t be surprised if it is just a table with little walls and not a separate booth that you step into. The voting booth should be a place where you can mark your ballot in private. To vote, you will either touch a screen, touch a key pad, or mark a paper ballot, depending on the type of equipment used at your designated polling place.

You will vote for the person(s) you want to elect into office. Remember to choose only one candidate per office, unless the instructions tell you otherwise. You will vote yes or no on any additional issues that may be on the ballot.

Before leaving the booth, you should always review your choices to ensure that you have marked your ballot exactly as you intended to vote. Once your vote is finalized, you may not change it, so it is always best to double-check your responses before finalizing your ballot. Finally, you will either touch the screen, press the key pad, or insert the paper ballot into the counting machine to cast your vote.

After voting, be sure to wear your “I voted” sticker proudly!
Can I Get Help When I Vote?

Don’t be afraid to ask for help if you need it. You have the right to ask for assistance when voting. You can ask a poll worker to show you how to operate the voting equipment or how to mark the ballot. If you still do not understand, do not hesitate to ask them to show you again.

You can also ask for help with marking and casting your ballot if you have problems reading or writing, if you have difficulty with the English language, or if you have a disability that prevents you from being able to mark your ballot or operate a voting machine by yourself. Let someone know that you will need assistance when you first arrive – while you are giving your name and address to the poll worker. They will ask you to sign a voting assistance form. You can ask poll workers or any other person you choose (such as a friend or family member) to help you. If you bring someone along to help you, that person will also be required to sign a form. The law does not permit your employer or an agent of your labor union to assist you in voting.

What Happens If I Make A Mistake?

The law says that anyone who makes a mistake in voting must be given a second chance. If you make a mistake on your paper ballot, you must return it to one of the poll workers and ask for a new ballot. You can have up to three (3) ballots if you make mistakes. Electronic voting systems should warn you if you have voted for too many candidates, or if you left any portion of your ballot blank, to give you the opportunity to correct it.

If you vote on a machine, you will again have the opportunity to review your choices before casting your final vote. Unfortunately, once you push the “vote” button, you cannot change your vote.

What Happens If I Am Told I Cannot Vote?

If a poll worker says that you cannot vote, you should ask why. If you are told that you are in the wrong polling place, you should ask the poll worker to give you the location of the correct polling place. If you are told that you are not registered to vote, you should contact the Supervisor of Elections to find out if this is true. If you need help, call Disability Rights Florida or the Election Protection Hotline while you are still at the polling place: Disability Rights Florida 1-800-342-0823 / Election Protection Hotline 1-866-687-8683.
If it turns out that you are in the wrong location, you may be offered the opportunity to cast a “provisional ballot.” However, if you cast a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct, it will not count. It is best to find out what the problem is and go to the correct polling place to cast a regular ballot.

If your only choices are to vote by provisional ballot or not vote at all, it is better to cast the provisional ballot.

Where Can I File A Complaint About Voting?

If your polling place is not accessible, you have complaints about access to voting, or you believe your rights have been violated, you may file a complaint by contacting any of the following:

Secretary of State, Division of Elections
Room 316
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

You may also call the Florida Voter Assistance Hotline, Toll Free, at 1-866-308-6739.

Disability Rights Florida
2473 Care Drive, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32308
850-488-9071 / Toll Free 1-800-342-0823
TDD Toll Free 1-800-346-4127
www.disabilityrightsflorida.org

If you need immediate assistance on Election Day, you may also call the Election Protection Hotline, Toll Free, at 1-866-687-8683.

How Do I Get More Copies Of This Guide?

You can get free copies of this Voting Guide in English or Spanish by calling the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Toll Free at: 1-800-580-7801, TDD Toll Free at: 1-888-488-8633, or you can download copies from the Council’s website at www.fddc.org. You can also get copies from Disability Rights Florida by calling Toll Free at 1-800-342-0823, TDD Toll Free at 1-800-346-4127, or you may download copies from Disability Rights Florida's website at www.disabilityrightsflorida.org.
Florida's Supervisor of Elections List

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Florida Request for Absentee Ballot

This form must be mailed or hand delivered to the Supervisor of Elections for the County where the Voter is registered to vote. Please fill out both sides of this form. Requests for absentee ballots may also be made by telephone, fax, or online. Please have all of this information available.

(*) this information is required for the request to be valid

* check one box

☐ I am making this request for myself
☐ I am making this request for a member of my immediate family (Request can be made by: voter’s spouse, parent, child, grandparent, sibling)
☐ I am making this request as the voter’s legal guardian

*Voter Information:

*Voter’s Last Name:_______________________ Voter’s Middle Initial: __________

*Voter’s First Name:_______________________ Suffix: (Jr., Sr., II, III) ___________

*Voter’s Date of Birth:__________________________________

*Voter’s Residence Address: (No P.O. Boxes) Note: Absentee ballots cannot be forwarded

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Voter’s Mailing Address: (If different from Residence Address)

__________________________________  __________________________________

__________________________________  __________________________________

Contact Information: This information is Optional. The information requested will give the Supervisor of Elections a way to contact you, if they have questions regarding your request.

Phone Number: ___________________________ Email: ________________________________

(______)_________________________ ___________________________________

*Ballots Requested: Please select from the options below:

☐ I am requesting absentee ballots for all elections through the next regularly scheduled general election

☐ I am requesting absentee ballots for the following election dates:

_______________________     ______________________      _______________________

_______________________     ______________________      _______________________

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Note: Requests for ballots to be mailed must be received no later than six days before the election. Ballots may be picked up beginning 5 days before the election.

* check one box

☐ Please mail my absentee ballot to my residence address

☐ Please mail my absentee ballot to my mailing address

☐ Please deliver my absentee to this person (my designee):

  * Name of designee ________________________________________________

  * Relationship of designee to voter ____________________________

*Signature Required for Voter, Legal Guardian or Immediate Family Member Requester

________________________________________  __________________________________
*Signature  Date

Only for Requests made by Legal Guardian or Immediate Family Member:

*Requester’s Name: ________________________________________________________________

*Requester’s Driver’s License or Florida ID Number: ______________________________

*Requester’s Address:

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*Requester’s Relationship to Voter: ________________________________________________

Disability Rights Florida

This publication is provided as general information and is intended as a general reference source for persons with disabilities and their advocates. This information is not meant to create an attorney-client relationship or provide legal counsel. Before acting or refraining from acting, please seek legal advice from a licensed attorney. Disability Rights Florida has used its best efforts in collecting and preparing material included in this publication, but does not warrant that the information herein is complete or accurate, and does not assume, and hereby disclaims, any liability to any person for any loss or damage caused by errors or omissions herein, whether such errors or omissions result from negligence, accident or any other cause.
This is: ☐ New Registration  ☐ Record Update/Change (e.g., Address, Party Affiliation, Name, Signature)  ☐ Request to Replace Voter Information Card

To Register in Florida, you must be:
- A U.S. citizen,
- A Florida resident, and
- At least 18 years old (you may also pre-register if you are 16 or 17 years old but you cannot vote until you are 18).

If you have ever been convicted of a felony or if a court has ever found you to be mentally incapacitated as to your right to vote, your right to vote must be restored before you can register.

If you do not meet any one of these requirements, you are not eligible to register.

Where to Register: You can register to vote in-person or by mail by hand-delivering your application to any supervisor of elections’ office, any office that issues driver’s licenses any voter registration agency (for example, any public assistance office, center for independent living, office serving persons with disabilities, public library, or armed forces recruitment office) or the Division of Elections. If mailing application, be sure to add sufficient postage.

Deadline to Register: The deadline to register to vote is 29 days before an upcoming election. You can update your registration record at any time, but to change your political party for a primary election, you must make the change by the registration deadline. For a new application, you will be contacted if your application is incomplete, denied or a duplicate of an existing registration. If you receive a voter information card, that means you are registered to vote.

Identification (ID) Requirements: If you are a new applicant, state and federal law require you to provide a current and valid Florida driver’s license number (FL DL#) or Florida identification card number (FL ID#). If you have not issued a FL DL or FL ID, you must then provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). If you have not been issued any of these ID numbers, check ”None” on the application. If you do not provide any number or do not check ”None,” your registration may be denied. See s.303, HAVA and section 97.053(6), Fla. Stat.

Special ID requirements: If you are registering by mail, have never voted in Florida, and have never been issued one of the ID numbers above, you must include with your application, or at a later time before you vote, one of the following:
- A copy of an ID that shows your name and photo (acceptable documents)–U.S. passport, debit or credit card, military ID, Student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID, or public assistance ID, or
- A copy of an ID that shows your name and current address (acceptable documents)–utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document.

You do not have to provide the special ID to register if you are 65 or older, have a temporary or permanent physical disability, are a member of the active uniformed services or merchant marine who is absent from the county for active duty, or a family member thereof, or are currently living outside the U.S. but otherwise eligible to vote in Florida. If you vote at the polls, you will still need to show a photo/signature ID as is required of all voters.

Political Party Affiliation: Florida is a closed primary election state. That means registered voters affiliated with a political party can only vote for that party’s candidates in a partisan race on a primary election ballot. However, regardless of the political party with which you registered, you can still vote in the primary election on any issue, any nonpartisan race or any race where the candidate will face no opposition in the general election.

Indicate the political party with which you wish to be registered. If you leave the political party affiliation field blank, you will be registered without any party affiliation. For a list of political parties registered in Florida, go to the Division of Elections’ website under the heading For the Voters at: http://election.dos.state.fl.us/

Race/Ethnicity: You are not required to list your race or ethnicity. However, if you choose to do so, please choose only one from the list.

Public Record Notice: This application becomes a public record when filed. However, the following information is not available to the public and is used only for voter registration purposes: your FL DL#, FL ID# and SSN, where you registered to vote, and whether you declined to register or update your voter registration record when asked by a voter registration agency. Your signature can be viewed but not copied. (Section 97.0585, Fla. Stat.)

Criminal Offense: It is a 3rd degree felony to submit false information. Penalties include fines up to $5,000 and/or up to 5 years of prison.

Questions: For more information, contact your local supervisor of elections http://election.dos.state.fl.us/SOE/supervisor_elections.shtml or refer to the Division of Elections’ website at: http://election.dos.state.fl.us.

All shaded lettered boxes are required for a new registration.

The downloadable/printable online form is available at: http://election.dos.state.fl.us/pdfs/webappform.pdf
### Helpful Resources And Notes

**Disability Rights Florida**  
2473 Care Drive, Suite 200  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
Phone: 850-488-9071  
Toll Free: 800-342-0823  
Fax: 850-488-8640  
www.disabilityrightsflorida.org

**Florida Department of State Office**  
Director’s Office  
Room 316, R.A. Gray Building  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250  
Main Line: 850-245-6200  
Fax Numbers: 850-245-6217 or 850-245-6218  
Email: DivElections@dos.state.fl.us

**Florida Voter Assistance Hotline**  
Toll Free: 1-866-308-6739  
TTY Toll Free: 1-800-955-8771

**Voter Fraud Hotline**  
Toll Free: 1-877-868-3737

**Election Protection Hotline**  
Toll Free: 1-866-687-8683

**Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc.**  
124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301  
Phone: 850-488-4180  
Toll Free: 800-580-7801  
TDD Toll Free: 888-488-8633  
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www.fddc.org

**Florida Rights Restoration Coalition**  
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www.restorerights.com

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### Use this page to write down helpful information.

#### Your Local Supervisor of Elections Office

| County Name: |  
| Address: |  
| City: |  
| State: | Zip Code: |  
| Phone Number: |  
| Fax Number: |  

#### Your Polling Place

| Name of Location: |  
| Address: |  
| City: |  

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