

## VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

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 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:

Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit you from voting.

## VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Must be a U.S. citizen**
- **Must be a Florida resident**
- **Must be 18 years old**  
(May pre-register at 16 years old)
- **Must have your civil rights**  
(If convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent by the courts, your civil rights must be restored before registering)

You can register to vote or update an existing voter registration in the following ways:

- Online at [www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov](http://www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov)
- At the driver license office
- At a public library
- At the Center for Independent Living
- At WIC & DCF offices
- At any elections office
- Call us and we'll mail you a copy

When completing the registration application, take special care to follow the directions and answer all required questions. Voter registration is available year-round, but to vote in an upcoming election, you must complete the registration process no later than 29 days prior to that election.

If you are registering to vote by mail and have never voted in Florida and haven't been issued a Florida Driver's License, identification card or Social Security number, you will be required to provide additional identification before voting the first time. Follow the instructions on the registration application form.

## VOTER INFORMATION CARD

Voter Information Cards are mailed to confirm new registrations, voter updates, or polling places changes. While this mailer provides valuable information, it is not required that you show it on Election Day to vote.

THIS CARD IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY. • ESTO INCLUYE ES SOLO PARA FINES DE INFORMACION. You must present correct and valid PHOTO and SIGNATURE identification to vote. • Usted debe presentar identificación con FOTO y FIRMA para votar.		VOTER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER / NÚMERO DE IDENTIFICACION	
ELECTION DAY TIPS • POLLS: OPEN FROM 7A.M. - 7PM. • BRING PHOTO AND SIGNATURE IDENTIFICATION. • YOUR POLLING PLACE IN ADVANCE.		PARTY AFFILIATION / AFILIACION POLITICA	
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## ELECTION SCHEDULE

Visit [www.ocelections.gov](http://www.ocelections.gov) for municipal and special election schedules.

ELECTION DATE	Last Day to Register / Change Party Affiliation
March 16, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections	February 20, 2024
August 20, 2024 Primary Election	July 22, 2024
November 5, 2024 General Election	October 7, 2024

## INTERESTED IN WORKING ELECTION DAY?

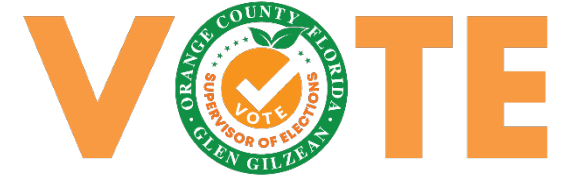
If you would like to work at the polls on Election Day, contact our office. You may earn from \$200 to \$350 per election. You must be a registered (or pre-registered) voter in Orange County and attend a training class.

## ADOPT-A-PRECINCT

The Adopt-A-Precinct program is a community partnership that has been very successful in Orange County. Our office developed this program to give community groups a new way to serve while raising funds for their worthy causes. Visit our website for more information if your organization is interested in adopting a precinct for a future election.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

In Orange County, our goal is to provide our community with the opportunity to learn about the election process, voter registration and a voter's rights and responsibilities. We provide a variety of education programs for our community. For more information or to request a presentation or voter registration services for an event, please call our office and ask for the Outreach Department.



IT'S YOUR RIGHT!

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

# VOTER GUIDE

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Phone Number for General Questions: 407-836-2070

Phone Line for Vote-by-Mail: 407-836-8683

Fax for Admin, Candidates, and Other: 407-254-6596

Fax for Voter Services and VBM: 407-254-6598

Email for General Questions: [voter@ocelections.gov](mailto:voter@ocelections.gov)

Email for VBM: [vbmrequest@ocelections.gov](mailto:vbmrequest@ocelections.gov)



You decide which method best suits your busy schedule.

### 1. Vote-by-Mail (VBM)

Vote-by-Mail requests expire after each federal general election cycle. **Therefore, all VBM requests expired on December 31, 2022.** To continue to receive VBM ballots, you must submit a new VBM request each general election cycle.

Your request for a VBM ballot must be received by the Elections Office no later than 5:00 p.m. twelve days prior to the election. The VBM packet will include instructions on how to mark your ballot, how to complete the required VBM voter certificate, and how to properly return your voted ballot to the Elections Office. The deadline to return voted VBM ballots to the Elections Office is no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day for it to be counted – **postmarks do not count.**

#### Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot:

**By Phone:** (407) 836-8683

**By Internet:** [www.ocfelections.gov](http://www.ocfelections.gov)

**By Mail, Fax, or Email:** If you need your ballot mailed to a temporary address that is not on your record, then you must submit your request in writing with your signature. Download and complete the Vote-by-Mail Request Form (Form DS-DE 160) from the Elections website, then return it to the Elections Office by mail, fax, or as an email attachment.

**By Designee:** After VBM ballots have been mailed and up to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, a voter may designate a family member or friend to pick up their ballot from the Elections Office. The designee must bring a Vote-by-Mail Request Form filled out by the voter, **and** an affidavit to pick up the voter's blank ballot (Form DS-DE 162, found on the Elections website). Carefully follow the instructions on this affidavit. The designee must show photo identification and may pick up ballots for no more than two non-family members.

#### Signature Updates:

Your VBM ballot will not count if the signature on the VBM return envelope does not match the signature that we have on file. Signatures often change due to age, injury, or illness. Update your signature by completing a Florida Voter Registration Application form.

#### Track Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot:

Want to know if we received your voted VBM ballot? Visit [www.floridaorangevotes.com](http://www.floridaorangevotes.com) to track the status!

### 2. Early Voting (EV)

If you prefer to cast your ballot in person prior to Election Day, check your sample ballot or visit our website to find an Early Voting location that is convenient for you. Early Voting begins up to 15 days prior to an election. Pay special attention to the dates and hours of operation. Bring both photo and signature identification with you.

### 3. Election Day

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. On Election Day, you are required to vote in the polling place assigned to the precinct you live in. Bring both photo and signature identification with you.

#### Acceptable forms of photo identification include:

- Florida driver license
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- U.S. passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification
- Florida concealed weapon or firearm license
- Government-issued employee identification card (any government level)
- Veteran health identification card issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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

#### Political Party Affiliation

Florida is a closed primary state. If you wish to vote in a partisan primary, you must be registered with that particular party affiliation. All registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote on issues and nonpartisan races. You can change your party affiliation by completing a voter registration application. The deadline for changing your party affiliation is 29 days prior to the election.

#### Keep Your Record Current

Once registered, keep the following information on your record up-to-date:

- Name
- Address
- Political party affiliation
- Signature

Your residential address is used to determine the correct ballot for you in any given election. It is vital that you keep your voter registration record up-to-date. While some updates may be made by phone at (407) 836-2070, we recommend changes be made using a Florida Voter Registration Application. This can be done online on our website at [www.ocfelections.gov](http://www.ocfelections.gov). You can also download the form from our website or find it at any public library.

#### Registering After Felony Conviction

Voting rights in Florida can only be restored through clemency or by completion of all terms of a sentence, including parole and probation, depending on the type of conviction. To determine if you have completed all terms of your sentence, contact the Florida Department of Corrections, Florida Commission on Offender Review, and/or the clerk of court in the jurisdiction(s) in which you were convicted. To apply for clemency, search for grant of clemency and certificates, or for additional information, visit the Florida Commission on Offender Review website at [www.fcor.state.fl.us](http://www.fcor.state.fl.us).

#### Sample Ballot

Prior to each election, you will be sent a sample ballot that will include the name, address, and map of your polling place. To lessen your time in the voting booth, you can pre-mark your sample ballot and use it as a guide when you mark your official ballot.

#### Voters With Special Needs

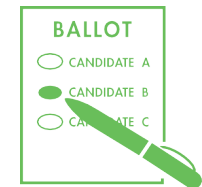
If you need assistance in reading or marking your ballot, you may bring someone with you, or poll workers are available. Spanish language assistance and ADA-compliant ballot marking devices are available at all Early Voting locations and at the polls on Election Day. Tell the poll worker when checking in if you wish to vote using the ADA-compliant ballot-marking device (which can enlarge font sizes and read the ballot aloud).

#### Provisional Ballots

If a voter does not have the required picture and signature identification or their eligibility to vote cannot be determined at the time of voting, they will be issued a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are not counted at the polls; they are sealed inside a certificate envelope and submitted to the Canvassing Board after the polls close. The Canvassing Board will review the information provided on the certificate envelope and determine whether the envelope may be opened and the ballot counted. Those votes are then included in the election results.

#### How To Mark Your Ballot

Make your selection(s) by completely filling in the oval to the left of your selection with a black pen.



When voting for write-in candidates, fill in the oval next to the words "Write-In" and print the candidate's name on the line.

#### IMPORTANT:

**Always review your ballot before placing it in the tabulator, or the return certificate envelope if voting by mail. Once your ballot is accepted into the tabulator (or mailed, in the case of a VBM ballot), the law states that you have voted and cannot be issued another ballot in that election.**

**Florida law allows you to make up to three attempts to mark your ballot correctly. If you make a mistake when marking your ballot, ask for a replacement ballot.**