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FLO RIDA VOTER'S GUIDE



*When People
Vote*

*People
Listen*



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THE SECRET BALLOT: A RIGHT & RESPONSIBILITY

The secret ballot is the keystone of our system of self-determination. It is the foundation of our liberty and its strength is magnified through use.

The exercise of the secret ballot is more than an inherent right, it is a responsibility. A ballot not cast is in fact a vote against the form of government that permits it.

The greatest threat to our way of life is posed by extreme apathy; by citizens who do not care enough to cast their ballots.

**VOTE AND THE CHOICE IS YOURS.
DON'T VOTE, AND THE CHOICE IS THEIRS.
REGISTER, OR YOU HAVE NO CHOICE.**

OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION IN 1988

President and Vice President

United States Senator (One)

Representatives in Congress (All 19 Congressional Districts)

Secretary of State (Unexpired term)

State Senators (Odd numbered districts)

State Representatives (All 120 Districts)

State Attorney—All except 20th Circuit

Public Defender—All except 20th Circuit

County Offices vary from county to county, however; most will elect:

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Sheriff

Property Appraiser

Tax Collector

District Superintendent of Schools

Supervisor of Elections

3 Members of the Board of County Commissioners

2 Members of the District School Board

Information listing offices for a particular county can be obtained from your local Supervisor of Elections.

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICERS FOR RETENTION

Justices of the Supreme Court

Judges, District Courts of Appeal

(Only those whose terms will expire in January 1989)

CIRCUIT JUDGES (Only those whose terms will expire in January 1989)

COUNTY COURT JUDGES (Only those whose terms will expire in January 1989)

ELECTION DATES — 1988

Presidential Preference Primary.....	March 8, 1988
First Primary.....	September 6, 1988
(includes Judicial Offices)	
Second Primary.....	October 4, 1988
General Election.....	November 8, 1988
(includes Judicial Offices)	

DATES FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE PAPERS FOR BALLOT POSITION

CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICE

Noon July 11, 1988, through Noon July 15, 1988

CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL PARTY STATE AND COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Noon July 11, 1988, through Noon July 15, 1988

CANDIDATES FOR STATE, MULTI-COUNTY, COUNTY, DISTRICT AND NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL OFFICES

Noon July 18, 1988, through Noon July 22, 1988

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Noon July 18, 1988, through Noon July 29, 1988

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

July 12, 1988, through Noon July 19, 1988

NONPARTISAN ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS

"Judicial Officers" means Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the District Court of Appeal, Circuit Court and County Court.

These candidates qualify with the Secretary of State at the same time as candidates for other state offices. Candidates for election to Circuit Court and County Court will appear on the ballot at the first primary and general election. Candidates for retention on the Supreme Court or District Court of Appeal will appear on the ballot at the general election.

REGISTRATION BOOKS ARE PUBLIC RECORDS

Section 98.211, Florida Statutes

The registration books are public records. Every citizen is allowed to examine the registration books while they are in the custody of the supervisor. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 119.14, no person is allowed to make copies or extracts from the voter registration books unless such request for voter information relates to a specific election which occurred more than 15 days preceding the request; and in that event, the supervisor shall pro-

vide copies or allow the requesting party to make copies or extracts directly from the voter registration records. Requests may include any or all information required by s. 98.111(1).

However, voter information reproduced pursuant to this section shall be furnished only to:

- (a) The courts for the purpose of jury selection;
- (b) Municipalities;
- (c) Other governmental agencies;
- (d) Candidates, to further their candidacy;
- (e) Registered political committees, registered committees of continuous existence, and political parties or officials thereof, for political purposes only; and
- (f) Incumbent officeholders, to report to their constituents.

Any data obtained pursuant to this section shall be used solely for elections, governmental or political activities, voter registration, law enforcement, jury selection, or political purposes. No person to whom voter information is made available pursuant to this section, and no person who acquires such data, shall use any information contained therein for purposes which are not related to elections, political activities, voter registration, law enforcement, or jury selection. This exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.14.

DATES REGISTRATION BOOKS CLOSE

Section 98.051(3)(a), Florida Statutes

The registration books shall close for the first and second primary elections at 5 p.m. on the 30th day before the first primary election and shall remain closed until after the second primary election, during which time no registration or party change shall be accepted for such elections. For any other election, the books shall close at 5 p.m. on the 30th day before such election, and shall remain closed until after such election, during which time no registration or party change shall be accepted for such election. However, when the books are closed for an election, registration and party changes shall be accepted for all subsequent elections. For purposes of this subsection, however, a first and second primary shall be considered one election.

Registration books will close for the 1988 elections —

Presidential Preference Primary	February 6, 1988
Primary Elections	August 6, 1988
General Election	October 8, 1988

QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Section 97.041(1)(a)&(b), Florida Statutes

(1)(a) Any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States and a permanent resident of Florida and of the county where he wishes to register, is eligible to register with the supervisor when the registration books are open. Upon registration, such person shall be a qualified elector of that county.

(1)(b) Any person who will become 18 years of age on or before the date of any election and who is otherwise qualified shall be entitled, within 180 days preceding his 18th birthday, to preregister with the supervisor for any election occurring on or after his 18th birthday, when the registration books are open.

PERSONS NOT ENTITLED TO REGISTER OR VOTE

Section 97.041 (3)&(4), Florida Statutes

(3) The following persons are not entitled to register or to vote:

(a) Persons adjudicated mentally incompetent in this or any other state and who have not had their competency restored pursuant to law.

(b) Persons convicted of any felony by any court of record and whose civil rights have not been restored.

(4) Any person who is not registered shall not be entitled to vote.

REMOVAL OF NAMES FROM REGISTRATION BOOKS

Section 98.081(1), Florida Statutes

Under the permanent registration system, a voter who is registered with the supervisor of elections is qualified to vote.

In each odd-numbered year, however, the supervisor shall conduct a purge of the registration books and will mail a notice to each voter who did not vote at least once during the past 2 years. This notice will request certain information from the voter, and it is the voter's responsibility to return the form or card to the supervisor within 30 days. Voters who fail to return the notice shall have their names temporarily withdrawn from the registration books.

REINSTATEMENT OF REGISTRATION

Section 98.081(1)&(2), Florida Statutes

If a voter whose name has been temporarily withdrawn from the registration records due to failure to return the purge card wishes to have his name reinstated, he must notify the supervisor in writing that his status and qualifications to vote have not changed. The supervisor shall then reinstate the voter's name without requiring the voter to reregister.

Any elector who fails to respond to the purge notice within 3 years from the date the last such notice was mailed shall be removed from the books and shall be required to reregister to have his name restored.

REGISTRATION OF OVERSEAS CITIZENS, FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND MILITARY PERSONNEL WHEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED

Section 97.064(1), Florida Statutes

(1) When any person residing overseas or holding a position in the Government of the United States or in the military service

(including the spouse and dependents of such persons) will, by reason of his residence or duties incident to his position, be absent from the state during the period of time provided for the registration of qualified electors to vote in a primary or general election as now required by law and his registration has lapsed because of his failure to return the notice mailed to his address of record by the supervisor in compliance with the provisions to purge the registration books, it is lawful in such case for such elector, if retaining his qualifications to vote under his last registration, to complete and forward to the supervisor of the county in which he is registered a federal postcard application and thereby have his name transferred from the inactive files to the present registration books.

ABSENTEE REGISTRATION

Section 97.063, Florida Statutes

The following persons are entitled to register absentee if otherwise qualified —

- a. Members of the Armed Forces while in the active service and their spouses and dependents;
- b. Members of the Merchant Marine of the United States and their spouses and dependents;
- c. Citizens of the United States who are permanent residents of the state and are residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia, and their spouses and dependents when residing with or accompanying them;
- d. Citizens of the United States who are permanent residents of the state and are temporarily residing outside the state, or who are residing within the state but temporarily outside of the county of their permanent residence;
- e. Residents of the state who are physically disabled and unable to register in person; and
- f. Residents of the state who are unable to register in person.

Upon receipt of the duly executed federal postcard application or other such request for an absentee registration form, as provided in Section 97.063(2), Florida Statutes, the supervisor of elections shall mail to the applicant an absentee registration form if the applicant has never registered in the county or if the applicant has registered and has failed to reregister.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Section 97.021(1), Florida Statutes

An absent elector is defined as any registered and qualified voter who:

- (a) Is unable without another's assistance to attend the polls.
- (b) Is an inspector, a poll worker, a deputy voting machine custodian, a deputy sheriff, a supervisor of elections or a deputy supervisor who is assigned to a different precinct than that in which he is registered to vote.
- (c) On account of the tenets of his religion, cannot attend the polls on the day of a general, special, or primary election.

(d) Has changed his residency to another county in Florida within the time period during which the registration books are closed for the election for which the ballot is requested.

(e) Will not be in the county of his residence during the hours the polls are open for voting on the day of an election, except that any person confined in prison shall not be entitled to vote absentee.

(f) Has changed his residency to another state and is ineligible under the laws of that state to vote in the general election; however, this shall pertain only to presidential ballots.

REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Section 101.62(1), Florida Statutes

The supervisor may accept a request for an absentee ballot from an elector or for an elector from any person designated by such elector. Such request may be made in person, by mail, or by telephone. One request shall be deemed sufficient to receive an absentee ballot for all elections which are held within a calendar year, unless the elector or his designee indicates at the time the request is made the elections for which the elector desires to receive an absentee ballot. Such request may be considered canceled when any first-class mail sent by the supervisor to the elector is returned as undeliverable. Instructions as to how an absentee ballot shall be prepared are prescribed by law and sent to the absent elector with the ballot. The ballot must be mailed or delivered in person so that it will reach the supervisor not later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

Section 101.62(4), Florida Statutes

Any elector may designate in writing a person to pick up an absentee ballot for him. However, no candidate may be designated to pick up an absentee ballot for any elector other than a member of his immediate family.

Section 101.69, Florida Statutes

An absent elector who returns to his home county on election day may return the absentee ballot whether voted or not to the election board in his precinct and be permitted to vote.

ELECTORS MOVING WITHIN THE STATE OR OUT OF THE STATE

Sections 97.091, Florida Statutes

A voter who moves his residence to a new precinct in the county may vote in the precinct to which he has moved. At the polls the voter will be required to execute an affidavit and provide proof of his new residence.

Section 97.102, Florida Statutes

An elector who changes his residence to another county in Florida from the county in Florida in which he is registered as an elector after the books in the county to which he has changed his residence are closed for any general, primary or special

election shall be permitted to vote absentee in the county of his former residence in that election for President and Vice-President, United States Senator, statewide offices and statewide issues. Such person shall not be permitted to vote in the county of his former residence after the general election.

An elector registered in this state who moves his permanent residence to another state and who is prohibited by the laws of that state from voting for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States shall be permitted to vote absentee in the county of his former residence for those offices.

POLL WATCHERS

Section 101.131, Florida Statutes

Each political party and each candidate may have one poll watcher in each polling room at any one time during the election. Each watcher shall be a qualified and registered elector of the county in which he serves. No candidate, sheriff, deputy sheriff, policeman or other law enforcement officer may be designated as a poll watcher. Political parties and candidates must designate in writing to the supervisor, their poll watchers, if any, for each precinct prior to noon of the 10th day preceding an election.

WHO CAN BE A POLLWORKER?

Section 102.012(1), Florida Statutes

Inspectors and clerks of elections are appointed at least 20 days prior to an election by the supervisor of elections. If you are a voter and want to work at the polls, you should contact your local supervisor.

ASSISTANCE IN VOTING

Sections 97.061 & 101.051, Florida Statutes

Any voter who needs assistance in voting may have this fact recorded on his registration record or may fill out a form at the polls attesting to this fact. He is then eligible to have the assistance of two election officials or some person of his own choice, other than his employer, the agent of his employer, or an officer or agent of his union, without the necessity of executing the "Declaration to Secure Assistance."

OPENING AND CLOSING OF POLLS FOR ALL ELECTIONS

Section 100.011, Florida Statutes

The polls shall be open at the voting places at 7 a.m., on the day of the election, and shall be kept open until 7 p.m., of the same day, and the time shall be regulated by the customary time in standard use in the locality.

**HOW DO YOU
REPORT A VIOLATION
OF THE
ELECTION CODE?**

Violations of Chapter 106 and s. 104.271, Florida Statutes, should be reported by sworn complaint to the Division of Elections, Room 1801, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250, Telephone (904) 488-7690.

All other violations should be reported to your local state attorney.

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