

# Voter Guide

Leon County  
Florida



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Bank of America Building  
315 S Calhoun Street, Suite 110  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 7357  
Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357

**Voter Fraud Hotline (in English and Español): Toll Free 1-877-868-3737**

*To file a formal complaint regarding irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, voting, candidate petition, or issue petition activities, M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST.*



**[LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org)**



# WHO CAN REGISTER?

## To register to vote in Leon County, Florida, you must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be a Florida resident and live in Leon County
- Be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17)
- Not currently be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state
- Not have been convicted of a felony in Florida, or in any other state, without your civil rights having been restored

If you qualify to register to vote in Florida based on the list above, please complete a Florida Voter Registration Application form and return it to the Supervisor of Elections in Leon County.

**NOTE:** If you are registering to vote in Florida for the first time, you must register 29 days before an upcoming Election in order to vote in that Election.

## RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

A person who has been convicted of a felony by any court is ineligible to register to vote until they have had their voting rights restored. You may research your status and apply for Restoration of Civil Rights through the Office of Executive Clemency.

**Website:** <https://fpc.state.fl.us>

**Phone:** (800) 435-8286 or (850) 488-2952

**Fax:** (850) 488-0695

**Email:** [clemencyweb@fpc.state.fl.us](mailto:clemencyweb@fpc.state.fl.us)

**Mail:** 4070 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32399



# 3 WAYS TO REGISTER



## REGISTRATION BY MAIL

Call our office at (850) 606-8683 to have a Florida Voter Registration Application form mailed to you. Simply complete, sign and mail the form to:

### Supervisor of Elections – Leon County

PO Box 7357

Tallahassee FL 32314-7357



## REGISTRATION BY GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR BRANCH SITES

- Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Driver's License Offices
- Public Assistance Offices

### AND

Florida Voter Registration Application Forms are available at all of the following locations:

- Public Library Branches
- Offices that serve persons with Disabilities / Ability 1<sup>st</sup>
- Armed Forces Recruitment Offices
- Public Education Institutions
- Supervisor of Elections Office
- Branch Sites also include many bank locations in Leon County

For a complete list of Branch Sites visit our website [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org) or call (850) 606-8683.



## REGISTRATION ONLINE

A Florida Voter Registration Application form is available in PDF format on our website [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org). You may complete the application electronically as a PDF, but it must then be printed, signed, and submitted to our office.



# VOTER INFORMATION CHANGES

Keep us up to date with you!

Update important voting information quickly prior to Election Day

**Address Change** – Can be made within or into Leon County from another Florida County. You may visit [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org), call our office, complete a Florida Voter Registration Application form, or provide a signed written notice that includes your date of birth and signature.

**Party Change** – Must be completed 29 days prior to a Primary Election to take effect. Complete a Florida Voter Registration Application form or provide a signed written notice that includes your date of birth and signature.

**Name Change** – Can be done by completing a Florida Voter Registration Application form or by providing a signed written notice that includes your date of birth and signature.

**Signature Change/Update** – Must be done using a Florida Voter Registration Application form.

**Voter Information Cards** – Are mailed routinely to confirm new registrations, voter updates or changes in polling sites.

## CONTACT US!

**Phone** – (850) 606-8683

**Fax** – (850) 606-8601

**Web** – [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org)

**Email** – [Vote@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:Vote@LeonCountyFL.gov)

**Mail** – P.O. Box 7357

Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357

**In Person** – 315 S Calhoun Street, Suite 110



Update your address online.

# 3 WAYS TO VOTE

## 1 VOTE EARLY

Cast your ballot at one of several convenient locations before Election Day. See the 'Early Voting' page for locations.

## 2 VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Simply call our office at **(850) 606-8683** or visit our website to request your Absentee Ballot and vote in privacy before Election Day.

## 3 VOTE AT YOUR PRECINCT

**ELECTION DAY** is your **LAST CHANCE TO VOTE!**

Be sure we have your current residence address so that you appear at your proper polling location. Bring your picture ID with your signature to present to the poll worker. To avoid lines and congestion at your precinct, vote in the 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. non-rush hour time frames of the day.

**Visit [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org) for more information!**

- Florida Voter Registration Application
- My Voter Status
- Absentee Ballot Request and Status
- Interactive Mapping: Find your precinct/polling location before you vote



Early Voting Information



Request an Absentee Ballot



Find your polling location

[LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org)



# ABSENTEE VOTING

## Leon County Enjoys Voting by Absentee Ballot!

**Over 30,000 returned and tabulated for the 2012 General Election!**

### Absentee Ballots

An Absentee Ballot may be requested anytime up to the legal deadline of 6 days before an Election. This may be done in person, by mail, by telephone (850) 606-8683, or online at our website.



### Requesting an Absentee Ballot is Easy!

**Online** Go to **LeonVotes.org**, click Vote by Mail button, fill in and submit the request form online 24/7!

**Telephone** Call **(850) 606-VOTE** (8683) to request by telephone

**Mail** Send your request form to: **Supervisor of Elections**, P.O. Box 7357, Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357

**In Person** The office is located in the Bank of America Building, 315 S. Calhoun St, Ste 110 (First floor lobby area)

Please note that Absentee Ballots cannot be forwarded by the Post Office. If any mail is returned as undeliverable, your ballot requests will be canceled.

**New!** Voters who have returned an unsigned Absentee Ballot have until 5 p.m. on the day before an election to provide ID and sign an Absentee Ballot Affidavit to correct the unsigned ballot.

# ABSENTEE VOTING

## Track Your Absentee Ballot

Want to know if we received your voted Absentee Ballot? Visit our website and check your voter status!

- 1 Go to **LeonVotes.org** and click the 'My Voter Status' icon.
- 2 Complete the form above and click submit.
- 3 View your election-specific information!

**Has your signature changed from**



**to this?**



**If so, you need to update your signature with our office!**

Call us to be mailed a Florida Voter Registration Application or print one from our website: **LeonVotes.org**, then complete, sign, and mail it back to us.

# WHAT'S ON OUR WEBSITE

## Highlights Include:

- Election Night Results
- Provisional Ballot Status for Voters
- Elected Officials
- Voter Registration
- Absentee Ballot Request and Status
- View Candidate Reports
- Interactive Mapping: find your Precinct and Polling Place, view or print Leon County District Maps, and view demographic turnouts



Scan the QR Codes on this page with your smartphone to visit our website, find us on Facebook, or save our contact information.



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# 2014 ELECTION DATES

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**AUGUST 26**  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
*Register by July 28*

**NOVEMBER 4**  
GENERAL ELECTION  
*Register by October 6*

**VOTE** 3 Ways to

- ★ 1 Early Voting
- ★ 2 By Mail Ballot
- ★ 3 At your Precinct

[LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org)



# OUTREACH EVENTS



**Email [Vote@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:Vote@leoncountyfl.gov) or call (850) 606-8683 for more information about these services.**

**Request a Speaker** – The Supervisor of Elections or staff from the Elections Office will speak to your club or organization about the Election process.

**Invite The Elections Office To Your Event** – A representative from the Supervisor of Elections Office will set up a registration table at your event. Please contact our office 2 days in advance.

**Student Government Elections** – The Elections Office offers one Election per year for any school in Leon County as a means of voter education. Participating schools vote on the candidate of their choice using actual Election tabulation equipment.

**Voter Registration/Education Program** – Election staff provides voter registration and education services to area high schools, Tallahassee Community College, Florida State and Florida A&M Universities. Students can get registered or pre-registered to vote.



# OUTREACH EVENTS

The deadline to register or change political party affiliation is 29 days prior to an election. To help serve Leon County, the Elections Office partners with local businesses to register voters or update voter information.

Our staff are at all Walgreens locations in Tallahassee from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on these Saturdays before Registration Deadlines:

**Saturday, July 26, 2014** – for Primary Election

**Saturday, October 4, 2014** – for General Election



Our staff are at two Branch Sites that are open late during registration deadlines, New Leaf Market (*open until 10 p.m.*) and the Main Library (*open until 9 p.m.*).

**Registration Deadlines:**

**Monday, July 28, 2014** – Primary Election

**Monday, October 6, 2014** – General Election



1235 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, FL 32301



**LeRoy Collins**  
Leon County Public Library  
Main Library  
200 West Park Avenue  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

**LeonVotes.org**

# EARLY VOTING

## EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS:



**Woodville Community Center**  
8000 Old Woodville Road



**Ft. Braden Library**  
16327 Blountstown Highway



**Northeast Library**  
5513 Thomasville Road



**Eastside Library**  
1583 Pedrick Road



**Leon County Courthouse**  
301 South Monroe Street  
First Floor Plaza



**Lake Jackson Community Center**  
3840 North Monroe Street, Suite 301



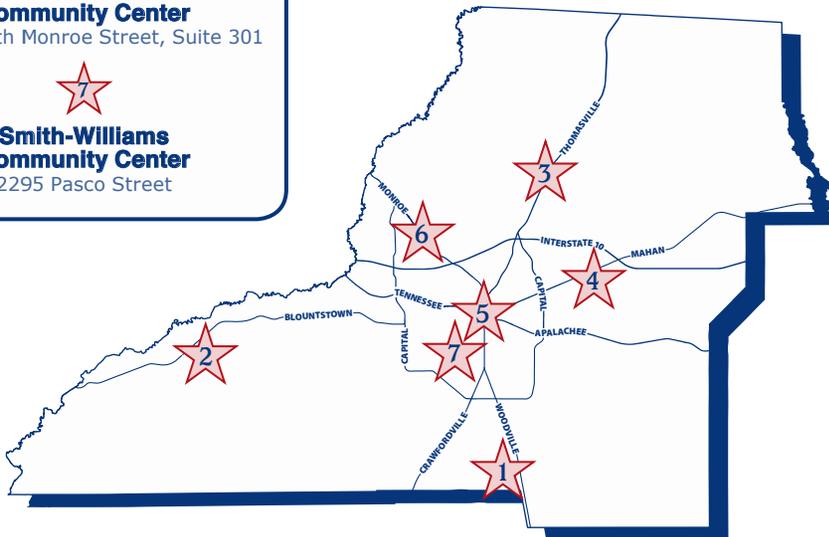
**Smith-Williams Community Center**  
2295 Pasco Street

Early Voting is provided in Leon County before an Election! Voters may come to one of several locations in town to vote in person or to pick up an Absentee Ballot as provided for in 101.62(4)(b)4 of Florida Statutes before Election Day.

Your 7 Early Voting locations are listed here. A current valid picture and signature ID is required (refer to the list of picture and signature IDs near the end of this Guide).

Visit [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org) or call (850) 606-8683 for voting hours.

Early Voting  
Now in  7 locations



# POLL WORKERS

## Top 5 Reasons to be a POLL WORKER

**5** You'll work side by side with your neighbors and meet new people.

**4** You'll play a vital role in the democratic process.

**3** Your community needs you. Leon County must recruit 1,500 poll workers this year for our Elections to run smoothly.

**2** It's a great opportunity to help people, serve your community and have fun doing it!

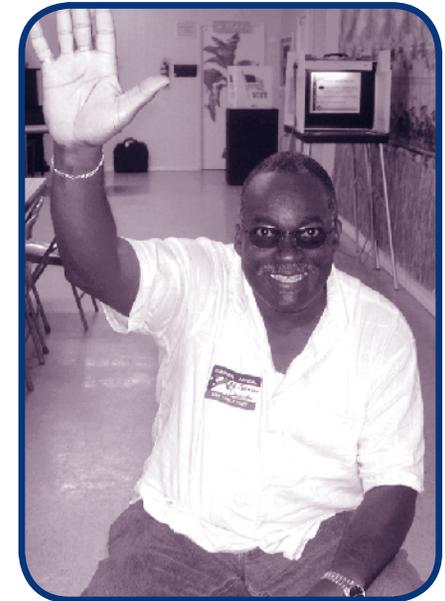
*And the number one reason to be a Poll Worker...*

**1** You get paid to do a good thing!

**Sign up to be a poll worker today!**

Your community needs more people like you to work at the polls on Election Day. In fact, Florida must recruit and train thousands of poll workers in communities across the state every Election year. You can help.

The job isn't complicated and anyone who has worked at the polls will tell you it's one of the most rewarding ways to help your community!



Call (850) 606-8683 or visit our website at [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org)



# WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLS

Voting should be a quick, satisfying experience if you follow a few simple steps. Here are some tips on what to expect at the polls on Election Day:

First, you are required to vote in the precinct where you live. Your voter information card shows your precinct number and polling place location. It can also be found on our website. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Avoid** the heavy turnout times of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We suggest you vote between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to avoid any lines.

To ensure a quick process, any changes to your name, address or political party affiliation since the last Election should be updated with the Supervisor of Elections Office prior to Election Day. If you do not show a valid picture and signature ID, you must vote a Provisional Ballot. Our poll workers are able and ready to assist you with this process!

When you arrive at your precinct, a poll worker will ask to see your picture and signature ID, find your name in the precinct register and ask you to sign for receipt of your ballot. It is important that you review your ballot for accuracy prior to casting your ballot. Once your ballot has been accepted by the voting equipment, no further changes or corrections can be made.

Current and valid picture identifications required at polls:

- (a) Florida driver's license
- (b) Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- (c) United States passport
- (d) Debit or credit card
- (e) Military identification
- (f) Student identification
- (g) Retirement center identification
- (h) Neighborhood association identification
- (i) Public assistance identification



If the picture identification does not contain the signature of the voter, an additional identification that provides the voter's signature shall be required.

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
on Election Day



# VOTING MACHINES

All precincts are equipped with optical scan voting devices. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant voting devices are available for those voters with special needs. You must alert the poll worker when you sign in at the precinct register if you wish to vote using the ADA compliant voting device.

**Optical Scan** – The optical scan voting device accepts a paper ballot with ovals to be filled in by the voter.

- Voters can only cast one ballot in any Election. If you make a mistake marking your paper ballot, request a replacement. You have three attempts to mark your paper ballot.

**Accessible Voting** – The ADA accessible voting device has the ability to enlarge font size, play an audio ballot, and work with a manual device or your sip and puff device.

- Before you cast your ballot, be sure your ballot reflects your choices.
- Once your ballot is cast, you cannot receive another ballot in that Election.



# PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

A Provisional Ballot is a time-saving tool for the voter when their eligibility to vote is uncertain. It allows the Supervisor of Elections Office to research the matter and present any evidence to Leon County's Canvassing Board.

Anyone who votes a Provisional Ballot has until 5 p.m. on the second day following the Election to present evidence of their eligibility.

The Canvassing Board decides if the Provisional Ballot will be counted when it meets on the third day following the Election.

## Most Provisional Ballots are counted.

### Provisional ballots are often issued when:

- Voter requested an Absentee Ballot and did not bring it to the polls to surrender.
- Voter did not provide valid picture and signature identification.
- Voter's name was not found in the voter records on Election Day.
- Voter has not changed their previous Florida county address prior to Election Day.

### Provisional ballots are often not counted when:

- Voter votes in the wrong precinct on Election Day.
- Voter has not registered 29 days before the Election.

Voters can track the status of their Provisional Ballot on our website.



Track your Provisional Ballot

[LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org)



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Florida's Closed Primary Elections

You are not required to choose a political party, however, Florida has Closed Primaries. In a Closed Primary, you are eligible to vote in a partisan primary race only if you are a registered member of the political party in the race. You may not participate in more than one political party's primary race. Party affiliation changes must be made 29 days before a Primary Election. In cases where a primary candidate faces no opposition in a General Election, the closed primary race becomes a "universal" primary race where voters may "cross" party lines to vote for a candidate.

**Note:** In Leon County's Primary Election there are many non partisan races that voters will be eligible for regardless of party affiliation. General Elections are open to voters regardless of party affiliation.

## Registration With Special Circumstances

If you are homeless you may register to vote using a shelter address as your residence and if you have a place where you receive your mail, that address should be used as your mailing address. If you are U.S. military, or a U.S. citizen residing overseas more detailed voter registration information can be obtained at [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov).

You may also view information about Absentee Voting on our website: [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org), or call our office at (850) 606-8683.

## College Students in Leon County May Vote

If you reside in Leon County for school you are eligible to register to vote here. This may be the most convenient option considering that many voting precincts are located on or near our local campuses.

If you choose to maintain your voter registration at your parent's residence, you must request an absentee ballot from that Florida County, or State jurisdiction.

This information is subject to change by Legislative Action. Updates will be posted on our website [LeonVotes.org](http://LeonVotes.org) as well as on the Florida Division of Elections' website.



# We the People

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insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence,  
and our Posterity, We ordain and establish this Constitution fo

## Article 1

Section 1. All legislative Power herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not when elected be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and electors shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including free Persons bound to Service for a Term of Years, and including Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of five Years, on such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand Persons, but there shall not be less than one Representative; and until such Enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to choose three, Massachusetts eight, New Hampshire six, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations five, New York nine, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware six, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies. The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers, and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

Section 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof for six Years; and each State shall have two Senators.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in consequence of the first Election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three Classes. The Seats of the Senators of the first Class shall be vacated at the Expiration of the second Year, of the second Class at the Expiration of the fourth Year, and of the third Class at the Expiration of the sixth Year, so that one third may be chosen every second Year; and if Vacancies happen by Resignation, or otherwise during the Course of the Session of Congress, the Executive Authority may make temporary Appointments until the next Meeting of the Legislature, which shall then fill such Vacancies.

No Person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not when elected be an Inhabitant of that State for which he shall be chosen.

The Trial of Impeachments shall be held by the Senate of the United States, but the President shall have an absolute Right to grant Reprieves.

The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments, when sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States shall be tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of Honor, Trust or Profit under the United States; but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable to Suits and subject to the same Punishments and Remedies, as if he had not been convicted.

Section 4. The Congress shall have Power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and to regulate Commerce among the States, and to regulate Commerce with the Indian Tribes; to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and to borrow Money, but no Tax or Duty shall be laid on Imports or Exports, except as to the Value thereof; to regulate the Value of Money, the Coinage, the Weights and Measures; to define and punish the Offences against the Law of Nations, and to define and punish Piracies and Robberies on the Sea; to define and punish Counterfeiting the Great Seal of the United States, and all Offences against the Laws of the United States which shall be made by Congress; to declare War, to issue Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and to grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal to private Armies and Vessels; to raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money for that Purpose shall be for a longer Term than two Years; to provide and maintain a Navy; to make and fix the Rule and Discipline of the Army, but no Law shall be passed for the Punishment of any Offence until the Crime shall have been committed; to organize and regulate the Militia, to provide for calling them forth to execute the Laws of the United States, to suppress Insurrections, and to repel Invasions; to provide for organizing, arming and disciplining the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be organized, armed and disciplined, in accordance with the Laws of the United States; to provide for the Punishment of Offences committed by Persons who shall have taken the Oath of Office as Officers of the United States, and for the Punishment of Offences committed by Persons who shall have taken the Oath of Office as Members of either House of Congress; to confer Powers on the President to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment; to propose Amendments to this Constitution, which shall be valid in all Manner as if they had been proposed by a Convention of the States, on Condition that they be approved by three fourths of both Houses of Congress, and by three fourths of the States; to receive and transmit to the States the original Copy of this Constitution, the Amendments thereto, and all Laws and Resolutions which may be passed by Congress, and all Orders and Resolutions which may be passed by either House of Congress, and to receive and transmit to the States the original Copy of all Acts and Resolutions of the Congress of the United States.

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