

## Voter Responsibilities

F.S 101.031(2)

Each registered Voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize Himself or Herself with the Candidates and issues.
2. Maintain 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 a voter from voting.*

## Voter's Bill of Rights

F.S 101.031(2)

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.



## 2024 Primary Election

### **Registration Deadline:**

Monday, July 22

### **Early Voting Dates:**

Monday, August 5 -  
Saturday August 17

### **Early Voting Times:**

10AM-6PM

### **Election Day:**

Tuesday, August 20

### **Election Day Times:**

7AM-7PM

## 2024 General Election

### **Registration Deadline:**

Monday, October 7

### **Early Voting Dates:**

Monday, October 21 -  
Saturday November 2

### **Early Voting Times:**

7AM-7PM

### **Election Day:**

Tuesday, November 5

### **Election Day Times:**

7AM-7PM

Scan the QR code to check your status today!



# 2024

## VOTER'S GUIDE



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## Registration Requirements

To register to vote in Bay County, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A Florida resident and live in Bay County
- At least 18 years old (you can pre-register when you are at least 16)

### How to Register

#### **Register Online**

- Register Online at [RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov](http://RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov)

#### **Register by Mail**

- Complete a paper application and mail it to our office.
- Applications may be mailed or delivered to the Supervisor of Elections Office at least 29 days before each election.

#### **Register in Person**

- Stop by our office.
- Applications are available at government offices, public assistance offices, libraries, department of Motor Vehicles, or printable version may be obtained through our website at [www.bayvotesfl.gov](http://www.bayvotesfl.gov)

### Changes In Your Registration

- It is the responsibility of the voter to keep your address current with the Supervisor of Elections Office. If you move to another state, you must register again with that state.
- Be sure to notify the Supervisor of Elections Office if you have a name change, an address change, or if you would like to change your party affiliation.
- It is critical to keep your signature updated with our office. If your current signature does not match my office file, your vote by mail ballot and/or petition(s) will be rejected.
- For questions on restoration of voting rights call (850) 922-0000 or visit [www.fcor.state.fl.us](http://www.fcor.state.fl.us)



## Three Ways to Vote

### **Vote by Mail**

- Request a vote by mail ballot and vote from the comfort of your home. Return your ballot via mail, at an Early Voting site, or at our office.

### **Vote Early**

- Cast your ballot at any of our convenient Early Voting sites before Election Day.

### **Vote on Election Day**

- You must vote at your assigned precinct.

### Request A Vote By Mail Ballot

- A Vote by Mail ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election.
- The request may be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or by e-mail. ONLY a voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian may request Vote by Mail Ballot for the voter.
- The deadline to request a vote by mail ballot is 5 p.m. on the 12th day before the election.
- Request must include the voter's name, address, date of birth, Florida driver's license or the last four of Social Security Number, and the voter's signature (written requests only).
- Vote by Mail ballots must be returned to the Supervisor's office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.



### **IMPORTANT**

***Vote By Mail Ballots cannot be forwarded. If returned as undeliverable, all subsequent requests will be cancelled.***

## Where To Vote

Your polling location is listed on your Voter Information Card or may be obtained through our website at [www.bayvotesfl.gov](http://www.bayvotesfl.gov).

### Polling Places

- Election Day Polling places are open at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- You must vote in the precinct where you live.
- Any location updates are mailed to you on a Voter Information Card.



### Photo And Signature I.D.

- You are required to present photo and signature I.D. before voting.
- If you do not have photo and signature I.D., you will be able to vote by provisional process.
- Your Voter Information Card is not acceptable I.D. for voting purposes.

### Approved I.D (F.S. 101.043)

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida I.D. card issued by the DHSMV
- U.S. Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Military I.D.
- Student I.D.
- Retirement Center I.D.
- Neighborhood Association I.D.
- Public Assistance I.D.
- Veteran health identification card issued by the U.S department of Veterans Affairs
- A license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06
- Employee I.D. card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

## How To Vote

Each precinct will consist of one Ballot Counting System (DS200) and one Express Vote System, to offer accessibility to all voters.

### Ballot Counting System (DS200)

After the ballot is marked, the voter feeds paper ballot into the ballot counting system, which reads and tabulates the ballot.

### Expressvote System

Touchscreen technology that produces a paper based record for tabulation. Anyone with accessibility needs is offered to cast their ballot using this system.

### Ballot Marking Examples:

**You must completely fill in the oval for your vote to count.**

**CORRECT**



**INCORRECT**



**Please do not use a check mark; do not mark the oval with an X; and do not circle the oval.**



### Closed Primary

- The races and candidates that appear on your primary election ballot depend on your party affiliation.
- You may only vote in a partisan race if you are a registered member of that party, unless all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation, then all voters can vote in that race regardless of party affiliation. This is known as a universal primary.
- All voters may vote for non-partisan offices and issues.