

# FLORIDA PREPARED TO VOTE 2018

## ★ Important Dates:

**Last Day to Register to Vote**  
Tuesday, October 9, 2018

**First Day of Early Voting**  
Saturday, October 27, 2018

**Last Day to Request Ballot by Mail**  
Wednesday, October 31, 2018 by 5:00 pm

**Last Day of Early Voting**  
Saturday, November 3, 2018

**General Election**  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018

**Last Day to Submit Ballot by Mail**  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018 by 7:00 pm

## ★ Problem Voting?

**CALL**  
**1-866-OUR-VOTE**

## 🍊 Voter Information

All 67 Florida counties will be offering early voting from **October 27-November 3**. In addition, each county Supervisor of Elections may, at his or her own discretion, offer additional days of early voting. Contact your county Supervisor of Elections (<https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/supervisors/>) for more information.

**On Election Day, polls will be open statewide from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.** Any voters waiting in line at 7:00 p.m. will have the opportunity to cast a ballot.

Whether during early voting or on Election Day, voters will be asked to provide a current and valid photo ID at the polls. **Any one of the following 12 IDs will be accepted:**

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida ID card issued by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States Passport
- Debit or Credit Card w/ Picture
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Veteran Health ID issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- License to Carry a Concealed Weapon or Firearm
- Employee ID issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the federal government, the state, a county, or a municipality

If the photo ID DOES NOT contain the voter's signature, an alternative ID with the voter's signature is required.

## 🍊 Prepared to Vote Partners



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## Voting on Election Day

### How can I find out the location of my polling place?

Information about polling locations can be found at <https://registration.elections.myflorida.com/CheckVoterStatus>.

### How can I find out if I am registered to vote?

Information about voter registration status can be found at <https://registration.elections.myflorida.com/CheckVoterStatus>.

### Can I vote without a photo ID?

Yes, if a voter **DOES NOT HAVE** photo ID, the voter can cast a provisional ballot that will be counted if the voter was entitled to vote at the precinct where the vote was cast and the voter had not already cast a vote in the election.

### What is "Vote-by-Mail?"

Vote-by-Mail was formerly called absentee voting. Any registered voter (or immediate family member/legal guardian, if directly instructed by the voter) may request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to the voter. Requests may be made in person, in writing, or by telephone. The Supervisor of Elections must mail the requested ballots no later than Nov. 2nd.

### What is a Provisional Ballot?

A provisional ballot is used to record your vote when there's an unresolved question about your eligibility to vote. You should never be turned away from a polling place just because poll workers are not sure whether you are eligible to vote. Election officials are required to make every effort to provide you with the opportunity to vote. A provisional ballot is the same ballot that every other voter gets. **However, a provisional ballot should be a last resort.**

### I am physically disabled and need assistance. Will my polling place be accessible?

All polling locations should be disability accessible and offer parking for persons with disabilities. A voter has the right to vote using a DRE-touch screen or ballot marking device available at wheelchair accessible heights or with a machine that has audio capability.

### I am blind, physically disabled, or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?

Yes, a voter may request assistance from two election officials or some other person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.

### I have a criminal conviction. Can I vote?

A person who has been convicted of a felony cannot register or vote in Florida unless they have had the right to vote restored. In order to get your right to vote restored, you must file a petition with the Office of Executive Clemency and participate in an in-person hearing with the Clemency Board. To see if your civil rights have been restored, you can check at <https://fpcweb.fpc.state.fl.us/>.

### I am a college student. Can I vote where I go to school?

Yes, college students who meet the registration requirements may register to vote where they attend school. It is generally sufficient to establish residency by moving to a school in Florida with the intent to make the school's address your principal home.



## Voting Changes

### Common Potentially Discriminatory Voting Changes

The NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) is closely monitoring how states are responding to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*, which immobilized Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. We encourage you to let us know of any voting changes that are planned in your area that you believe may negatively impact your community by emailing LDF at [vote@naacpldf.org](mailto:vote@naacpldf.org). These potentially discriminatory voting changes might include: changing polling hours and locations; reducing the number of polling places; changing or eliminating early voting days and/or hours; replacing ward-level voting with at-large parish-wide elections; implementing onerous registration qualifications like proof of citizenship; and purging qualified voters from registration lists.

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