

Voter Education Workshop

Learn about Voter Registration
and Elections in Sarasota County



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Sarasota County: *Our County. Our Vote.*

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VOTE (verb)

To express one's preference for a candidate
or for a proposed resolution of an issue; cast a vote

- Why is it important to vote?
- Are you ready to vote?
- What does voting mean to you?
- How does your vote count in a local election? In a national election? Which has a greater impact on YOUR daily life?



Sarasota County

Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner



- **Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner**
- Supervisor elected to a four-year term
- Supervisor Turner was first elected in 2016 and again unopposed in 2020.



About the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections



- Our office is one of five constitutional offices defined by the Florida Constitution
- We facilitate the right to vote
- Voter registration/conduct elections
- Administer all elections in Sarasota County in accordance with federal and state laws



About the Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections (continued)



- Four locations including Voting Equipment Facility with 12,000 sq feet
- 29 regular staff positions plus the Supervisor of Elections
- Utilize hundreds of temporary workers (during 2020, we had 593 temporary support staff)
- Over 1,700 active poll workers (we used 771 election day poll workers for the 11/3/20 general election)



So, How Do You Vote?

- Book closing
- Three ways to vote –
 1. **Vote by Mail**, including why keeping your signature updated with our office is important.
 2. **Early Voting**
 3. **Election Day**
- How to complete/cast your ballot

Note: Please Read Instructions Carefully Before Marking Ballot and Completing Voter's Certificate
Nota: Por favor lea cuidadosamente las instrucciones antes de marcar la boleta y completar el Certificado del Elector

**VOTER'S CERTIFICATE
CERTIFICADO DEL ELECTOR**

I, _____, do solemnly
(Print Name)
swear or affirm that I am a qualified and registered voter of Sarasota County, Florida, and that I have not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I understand that if I commit or attempt to commit any fraud in connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more than once in an election, I can be convicted of a felony of the third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.

Yo, _____, juro o afirmo
(Nombre con letra de molde)
solemnemente que soy un elector cualificado e inscrito en el Condado de Sarasota, Florida, y que no he votado ni votaré más de una boleta en esta elección. Comprendo que si cometo o intento cometer cualquier fraude en conexión con la votación, si voto una boleta fraudulenta, o voto más de una vez en una elección, me pueden condonar por un crimen del tercer grado y cobrarme una multa de hasta \$5,000 y/o meterme preso por hasta 5 años.

I also understand that failure to sign this certificate will invalidate my ballot.
También comprendo que mi boleta no será válida si yo no firmo este certificado.

This ballot must be received at one of the Supervisor of Elections offices no later than 7:00pm on Election Day.
Esta boleta debe ser recibida en las oficinas del Supervisor de Elecciones a más tardar a las 7:00 pm del Día de la Elección.

**VOTER MUST SIGN AND DATE
EL ELECTOR DEBE FIRMAR Y FECHAR**

X
VOTER'S SIGNATURE / FIRMA DEL ELECTOR

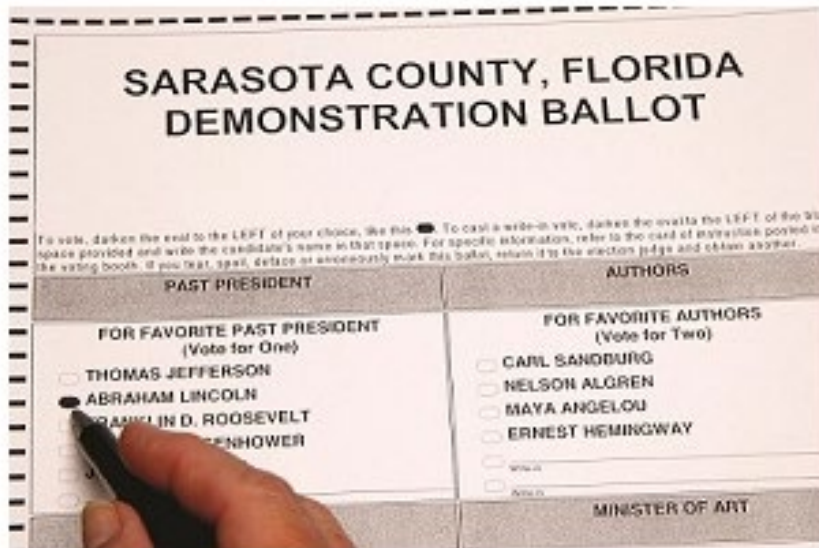
DATE / FECHA - MM/DD/YY(AA)
**(POWER OF ATTORNEY CANNOT SIGN FOR VOTER)
(Un representante legal no puede firmar por el elector)**

Email / Correo electrónico: _____
Mobile number / Número de celular: _____
Home phone / Número de la casa: _____

How Do I Mark My Ballot?

Mark Your Ballot

Completely fill in the oval adjacent to each desired candidate or choice with the marking device provided at the polling place. No marks should be applied anywhere else on the ballot.



Ballot (noun):

A ballot is a list of candidates and issues printed on paper that voters use to make choices during an election. Voters mark the paper ballot by filling in the oval next to their choice with a pen.

Casting Your Ballot

Cast Your Ballot

At the polls, when you have finished marking your ballot, take the ballot to the precinct tabulator and feed it into the optical scan reader.

IMPORTANT: Make sure you check both sides of the ballot for contests. If you make a mistake or change your mind, contact a poll worker.



What Do You Bring to the Polling Place?



- **Required:** picture and signature ID
- Filled out sample ballot

Sample Ballots

- Generally mailed to every voter
- Also available on our website: SarasotaVotes.gov
- You can also click the Precinct Finder/Sample Ballot tab under Voter Information on our website.



General Election
November 3, 2020

**Sample ballots
are in the mail!**

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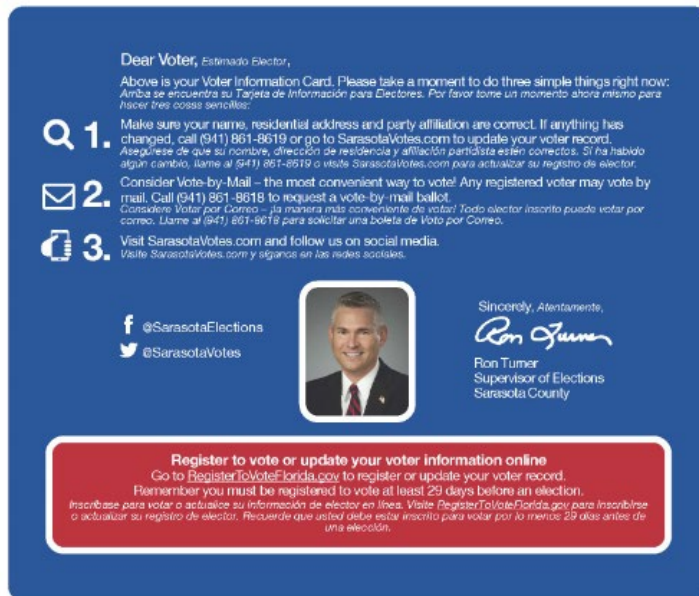
Voter Information Card



How are Voter Information Cards issued when there is a permanent change in polling place or precinct?

- Voters affected will receive a new Voter Information Card in the mail.
- Voters do not receive a new Voter Information Card for temporary polling location changes.

(Voters receive a mailed notice with information regarding temporary polling changes).



November 3, 2020

General (Presidential) Election Wrap Up

- Registered Voters as of Book Closing: 340,092
- Ballots Cast: 272,368
- **Turnout: 80.09%**
- Vote-by-Mail Ballots Cast: 141,670
- Early Voting Ballots Cast: 88,490
- Election Day Ballots Cast: 42,208



Primaries

CLOSED PRIMARY

- Florida is a closed primary state
- Primary Election
 - Used by political parties to nominate their candidates to move on to the general election.
 - Must be a registered voter in the political party for which the primary is being held

Term of the Day

CLOSED PRIMARY

You may only vote in a partisan primary election for the candidates of the party in which you are registered.



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Primaries (continued)

UNIVERSAL PRIMARY

- All candidates have the SAME political party affiliation AND the winner of the primary election will not face opposition in the general election. ALL registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote in a universal primary.
- The August 2020 primary ballot included a universal primary: the race for county sheriff. Both candidates were Republicans but all voters, regardless of party affiliation were eligible to vote in this race.



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Our website is your *trusted source* for elections information.

Visit **SarasotaVotes.gov** to view:

- Register to Vote
- My Voter Status
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-and **MUCH MORE!**

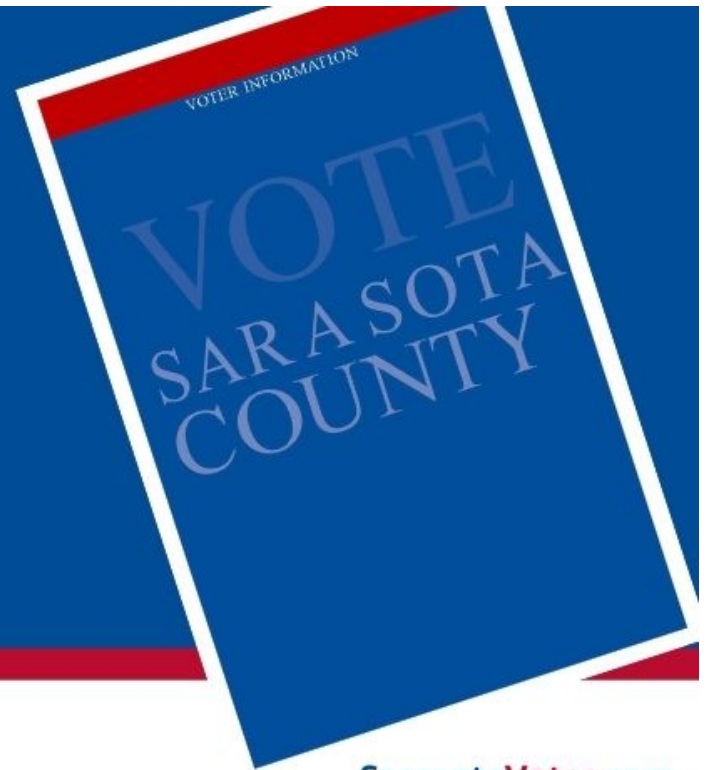


Voter Guide

Term of the Day

VOTER GUIDE [noun]

A guide published by the elections office chock-full of elections news.



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Available at SarasotaVotes.gov.
Lots of *helpful information!*



Student Poll Worker Program

- Must attend training. Students receive four community service hours for training.
- Work with us on election day from about 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Earn \$160.00.
- Receive an excused absence from school (for high schoolers only)
- Include on college resume, job applications, etc.
- Experience the frontlines of the democratic process!



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- Research candidates and issues before voting.
- Be prepared before you go to vote.
- Vote in every election in which you are eligible to vote!



Register toVoteFlorida.gov

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Florida Voter Registration Application
Part 1 – Instructions (DS-DE #39, R1S-2-040, F.A.C.(eff. 10/2013))

Información en español: Si desea recibir la información sobre el formulario en español,
seleccione de su condado si la intención obtener este formulario en español.

To Register in Florida, you must DO:

- a U.S. citizen,
- a Florida resident,
- at least 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17, but cannot vote until you are 18).

If you have been convicted of a felony, or if a court has found you to be mentally incapacitated as to your right to vote, you cannot register until your right to vote is restored.

If you do not meet any ONE of these requirements, you are not eligible to register.

Questions?

Contact the Supervisor of Elections in your county:

dos.myfloridavoter.com/elections/contactus/supervisor-of-elections

Visit the Florida Division of Elections' website at:

dos.myflorida.com/divisions

CRIMINAL RECORD: Maximum penalty is a 3rd degree felony to submit false information. Offense penalties are \$5,000 and/or 5 years in prison.

PUBLIC RECORD: Once filed, all information including your phone number and email address as provided becomes public record except for the following which can only be used for voter registration purposes: your FL DL#, FL ID#, SSN, where you registered to vote, and whether you declined to register or to update your voter registration record at a voter registration agency. Your signature can be viewed but not copied. (Section 97.0595, Fla. Stat.)

Where to Register: You can register to vote by completing this application and delivering it in person or by mail to an supervisor of elections' office, office that issues driver's licenses, or voter registration agency (public assistance office), center for independent living, office serving persons with disabilities, public library, or armed forces recruitment office) or the Division of Elections. Mailing addresses are on page 2 of this form.

Deadline to Register: The deadline to register to vote is 29 days before any election. You can update your registration record at any time, but for a Primary Election, party changes must be completed 29 days before that election. You will be contacted if your new application is incomplete, denied or a duplicate of an existing registration. Your Voter Information Card will be mailed to you once you are registered.

Identification (ID) Requirements: New applicants must provide a current and valid Florida driver's license number (FL DL#) or Florida identification card number (FL ID#). If you do not have a FL DL# or FL ID#, then you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number (SSN). If you do not have any of these numbers, check "None." If you leave the field and box blank, your new registration may be denied. See section 97.05(3b), Fla.Stat.

Special ID requirements: If you are registering by mail, have never voted in Florida, and have never been issued one of the ID numbers above, include one of the following with your application, or at a later time before you vote: 1) A FACX of an ID that shows your name and photo (acceptable IDs—U.S. Passport, debit or credit card, military ID, student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID, or public assistance ID); or 2) A copy of an ID that shows your name and current residence address (acceptable documents—utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document).

The special ID is not required if you are 65 or older, have a temporary or permanent physical disability, are a member of the active uniformed services or merchant marine who is absent from the county for active duty, or a spouse or dependent thereof, or are currently being housed outside the U.S. but otherwise eligible to vote in Florida.

Political Party Affiliation: Florida is a closed primary election state. In primary elections, registered voters can only vote for their registered party's candidates in a partisan race on the ballot. In a primary election, all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, can vote on any issue, nonpartisan race, and race where a candidate faces no opposition in the General Election. If you do not indicate your party affiliation, you will be registered with no party affiliation. For a list of political parties, visit the Division of Elections' website at: dos.myflorida.com/divisions.

Race/Ethnicity: It is optional to list your race or ethnicity.

Boxes: Please check boxes () where applicable.

Numbered rows 1 through 7 and 12 must be completed for a new registration.

Florida Voter Registration Application

Part 2 – Form (DS-DE #39, R1S-2-040, F.A.C.(eff. 10/2013))

The downloadable/printable online form is available at:
registermyflorida.gov

This is: ☐ New Registration ☐ Record Update/Change (e.g., Address, Party Affiliation, Name, Signature) ☐ Request to Replace Voter Information Card

1	Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	OFFICIAL USE ONLY
2	<input type="checkbox"/> I affirm that I am not a convicted felon, or if I am, my right to vote has been restored. <input type="checkbox"/> I affirm that I have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or, if I have, my right to vote has been restored.	
3	Date of Birth (MM-DD-YYYY)	FVRS No: _____ If no FL DL, or FL ID, then provide _____
4	Florida Driver License (FL DL) or Florida identification (FL ID) Card Number	Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I have NONE of these numbers.
5	Last Name	First Name
6	Middle Name	Name Suffix (Jr., Sr., II, etc.): _____
7	Address Where You Live (legal residence-no P.O. Box)	City
8	County	Zip Code
9	Mailing Address (if different from above address)	State or Country
10	Zip Code	State
11	Address Where You Were Last Registered to Vote	City
12	Former Name (if name is changed)	State or Country of Birth
13	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Telephone No. (optional) () _____
14	<input type="checkbox"/> Email me SAMPLE BALLOTS if option is available in my county. (See Public Record Notice above) My email address is: _____	
15	Party Affiliation	Race/Ethnicity (Check only one)
16	Check one. (If left blank, you will be registered without party affiliation) <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party of Florida <input type="checkbox"/> No party affiliation <input type="checkbox"/> Minor party (print party name): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black, not of Hispanic Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> White, not of Hispanic Origin <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
17	<input type="checkbox"/> I am an active duty Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine member <input type="checkbox"/> I am a spouse or a dependent of an active duty uniformed services or merchant marine member <input type="checkbox"/> I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S.	
18	<input type="checkbox"/> I will need assistance with voting. <input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in becoming a poll worker.	
19	Date _____	
20	Oath: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, and that all information provided in this application is true.	
21	SIGN/MARK HERE →	

Contact Us

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SARASOTA OFFICE

Terrace Building
101 S. Washington Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34236

PHONE: (941) 861-8600

FAX: (941) 861-8609

VENICE OFFICE

Robert L. Anderson Administration
Building
4000 Tamiami Trail S., Rm 114
Venice, FL 34293

PHONE: (941) 861-3760

FAX: (941) 861-3770

NORTH PORT OFFICE

Biscayne Plaza
13640 Tamiami Trail
North Port, FL 34287

PHONE: (941) 423-9540

FAX: (941) 423-9256

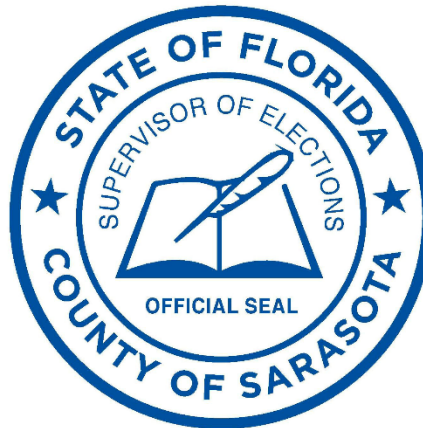


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Questions?

Thank you for being engaged in
the elections process!



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Florida Senate Bill 90 - FACT SHEET

How does Florida Senate Bill 90 affect voting in Sarasota County?

REGISTER TO VOTE

Online Voter Registration is here! RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov

How to Apply to Register to Vote

- Florida residents may apply to register to vote or update their existing voter registration record online. Go to RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov to complete and submit an online application.
- Download a fillable/printable voter registration application here:
 - [Florida Voter Registration Application](#) - English
 - [Solicitud de inscripción como votante en Florida](#) - Spanish
- Verify that all the information on your application is complete. The office where you register, your decision not to register, your Social Security number, Florida driver license number and Florida ID card number will remain **confidential** and will be used only for voter registration purposes.



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MY VOTER STATUS

Complete the form below to:


- Review or update your voter registration information
- Track your vote-by-mail ballot to see when it is mailed to you and when it is received by our office.
- View your personalized sample ballot
- Find where you vote on election day

(NOTE: Our online vote-by-mail ballot request service is temporarily unavailable. Until further notice, if you wish to request a vote-by-mail ballot, please call our office at 941.861.8618 or request in person at any one of the three offices listed at the bottom of this page.)











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PRECINCT FINDER

The precinct you live in determines which contests will be on your ballot and where you vote on Election Day. Use the precinct finder below to find your precinct number, polling place location, and more.

In the appropriate fields below, type in your House Number and then the Street Name. As you begin to type the street name, the computer will show you a list of possible streets in Sarasota County. Select your street from the options and your precinct information will appear.

For more detailed information about your polling location, go to [My Voter Status](#).


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JOIN OUR TEAM

The Sarasota County supervisor of elections employs approximately 1,000 workers for early voting and at the polls on election day. Our poll workers are active voters who serve their community with pride. They are trained to provide a high level of customer service and to resolve any challenges that may arise on election day. All poll workers must meet basic requirements as described below. If you would like to join our team, please read through the following carefully and familiarize yourself with the various poll worker positions and training expectations.

Requirements

To be a poll worker, one must:

