

NEWS RELEASE

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<u>Tuesday, February 16</u> is the Deadline to Register to Vote and Change Political Party Affiliation for the March 15 Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections

The Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office reminds voters that <u>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16</u> is the deadline to register to vote and change political party affiliation for the March 15, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections.

Registration is required for new voters by this deadline in order to participate in the March 15, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections. Voters who are already registered to vote in Florida do not need to re-register.

Upcoming Voter Education and Registration Events can be found at VotePinellas.com/RegistrationEvents.

Florida is a closed primary state. Voters must be registered with the Republican Party or Democratic Party in order to vote in the Republican or Democratic Primary for President. In addition, 11 municipalities will conduct elections on March 15 – Town of Belleair, City of Clearwater, City of Gulfport, City of Indian Rocks Beach, City of Madeira Beach, City of Oldsmar, City of Pinellas Park, City of South Pasadena, City of St. Pete Beach, City of Tarpon Springs and City of Treasure Island (District 4). Note that St. Pete Beach and Treasure Island vote by single-member districts.

Voter registration applications are available at any Supervisor of Elections office, public library, tax collector office, government office handling social services or online at VotePinellas.com.

Address changes can be made online at <u>VotePinellas.com</u>, by calling (727) 464-VOTE (8683) or by emailing <u>Election@VotePinellas.com</u>, with birth date included. Name and party changes may be made by sending a signed, written statement to the Supervisor of Elections Office including birth date or voter ID number. Any updates, including signatures and political party affiliation, can be made by completing and signing a voter registration application and returning it to the Supervisor of Elections Office. All new applications received by mail must be postmarked by **Tuesday, February 16** in order to be valid for the March 15, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary and Municipal Elections.

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