



NEWS RELEASE

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Reminders for August 30 Primary Election

The Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections encourages registered voters in the August 30 Primary Election to remember the following information:

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE:

- Florida is a closed primary state. Only voters registered with a political party are eligible to vote in that party's closed Primary Election. ALL registered voters may vote in nonpartisan school board races, judicial races and on Proposed State Constitutional Amendment No. 4.
- The deadline to register to vote or change political party affiliation was **August 1, 2016**.

ELECTION DAY:

- Polling places will be open 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- State law requires voters to vote in the **precinct in which they reside**. Voters who have moved are required to vote in their **new** home precinct.
- Voters are able to confirm their polling places by visiting VotePinellas.com and clicking on the “Find Your Precinct” button at the top of the page, or calling 727-464-VOTE (8683).
- Voters are encouraged to make any address changes prior to Election Day online at VotePinellas.com; by calling 727-464-VOTE (8683); or emailing Election@VotePinellas.com (include birth date).
- Voters should bring [photo and signature identification](#) to the polls to avoid delays. Anyone without valid and current ID may vote a provisional ballot.
- Name changes may be made by sending a signed, written statement to the Supervisor of Elections (13001 Starkey Rd., Largo, FL 33773); include birth date or voter ID number.
- It is important for voters to have their current signature on file, and to remain consistent when using their legal signature.
- Sample ballots may be viewed at VotePinellas.com.

EARLY VOTING

- Early Voting continues through **Sunday, August 28** in all three Elections Offices:
Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Check Early Voting wait times at VotePinellas.com

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MAIL BALLOTS:

- Ballots must be **received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day (August 30)** at any one of the three Supervisor of Elections Offices. Voted mail ballots can be dropped off at any of the three Elections Offices. Mail ballots **cannot** be accepted at a polling place on Election Day.
- Remote ballot drop-off locations are available through **Monday, August 29** and will be **closed on Election Day**. Check for locations and hours at VotePinellas.com or in mail ballot kit instructions.
- **PLEASE NOTE: Postal delivery service has changed. Voters are advised to allow at least 5 days for their ballot to be returned by mail to the Supervisor of Elections Office.**
- Any voter may request a mail ballot. The deadline to request a ballot to be mailed is **tomorrow – Wednesday, August 24 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Beginning **Thursday, August 25**, voters may designate in writing a person to pick up their ballot; however, the designee may not pick up more than two mail ballots per election in addition to the designee's own ballot or a ballot for an immediate family member.
- Mail ballots may still be picked up or voted in person at any Elections Office through **Monday, August 29**.
- Florida state law provides that mail ballot pickup and voting in Supervisor of Elections Offices on Election Day is only permitted in the case of an emergency. A voter or voter's designee must sign an affidavit affirming that the voter is unable to go to his/her polling place on Election Day due to an emergency and provide the reason for the emergency.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- No political activity or campaign signs are allowed inside the polling place or within 100 feet of the polling place entrance or elections office entrance. Exit polling is permitted in designated areas as voters are **leaving** the polls.
- No photography is allowed inside the polling place.
- Media wishing to visit a polling place on Election Day are asked to contact the Supervisor of Elections' Communications Department – (727) 464-4988.
- If voters have any election-related questions, they can call the Elections Office at (727) 464-VOTE (8683).

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