

Returning Your Mail Ballot

Mail ballots may be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office by mail, in person or in our secure Ballot Drop Box located outside our office. However you choose to return your ballot, it must be received in the Elections Office by 7 PM on Election Day.

A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT A POLLING PLACE. However, they may be accepted at an Early Voting location during the Early Voting period, or placed in the secure drop box in front of the Elections Office.

Early Voting

Early Voting begins 10 to 15 days prior to each election. Early Voting will end the Saturday prior to each election. Any qualified voter may vote in person at one of our Early Voting sites.

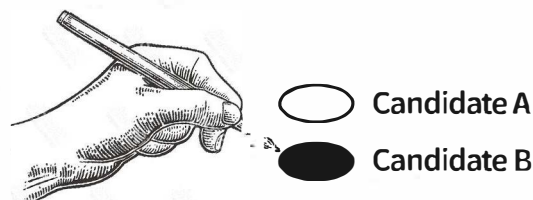
GENERAL: October 19 - 31, 2020 7 AM - 7 PM

Election Workers

Applications are available at the Supervisor of Elections Office or ClayElections.gov. For more information, please visit our website or call our office at (904) 269 - 6350.

- Must be registered to vote in Clay County.
- Must be able to read and write the English language.
- Must attend mandatory training classes.
- Bilingual Election Workers are always needed (must read and write both Spanish and English)

How to Mark Your Ballot



If using an optical scan paper ballot, you will fill in the oval next to your choice using the provided marking pen.

Alternatively on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) machine, use the adaptive device to make your selections.

Sample ballots are provided for your convenience. You are welcome to take your sample ballot into the booth when you vote.

Voter's Responsibilities

EACH REGISTERED VOTER IN THIS STATE SHOULD:

1. Be familiar with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain current information with the Elections Office.
3. Know the location and hours of his/her polling location.
4. Bring proper identification to the polls.
5. Treat Election Workers with courtesy.
6. Respect the privacy of others.
7. Ask questions if needed.
8. Make sure his/her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling location.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

(Section 101.031 Florida Statutes)

Voter's Bill of Rights

EACH REGISTERED VOTER IN THIS STATE HAS THE RIGHT TO:

1. Vote and have his/her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he/she is in line at the official closing time of the polls in your 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/her registration or identity is in question.
6. Cast a provisional ballot if his/her registration or identity is in question.
7. Written instructions to use when voting and upon request, oral instructions in voting from election workers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by election workers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

(Section 101.031 Florida Statutes)

Clay County
VOTING GUIDE

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(904) 269-6350 Phone | ClayElections.gov

Who Can Register to Vote

To Register To Vote In Florida, you must:

- Be a Citizen of the United States of America (A lawful permanent resident, commonly referred to as a "green card holder," does not have the right to register or vote in Florida.);
- Be a Florida resident;
- Be at least 18 years of age (you may pre-register at age 16 but must be age 18 to vote.)
- Not have been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state without having the right to vote restored.
- Not have been convicted of a felony without your civil rights having been restored.

(Section 97.041, Florida Statutes)

How to Register

You can apply to register to vote in any of the following ways:

- Online at RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov
- Apply through any of these agencies:
 - Supervisor of Elections Office
 - Driver's License Offices
 - State public assistance offices
 - Libraries
 - Hunting/Fishing Licensing Agents
 - County Governmental offices

Upcoming Elections

- March 17, 2020** - Presidential Preference Primary (Registration books close February 18, 2020)
- April 14, 2020** - Municipal Super Tuesday Election (Registration books close March 16, 2020)
- August 18, 2020** - Primary Election (Registration books close July 20, 2020)
- November 3, 2020** - General Election (Registration Books Close October 5, 2020)

Application Form

A voter registration application is complete if it contains:

- An indication that you are a U.S. Citizen.
- An indication that you have not been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, you have had your civil rights restored.
- An indication that you have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or that if so adjudicated, you have had your right to vote restored.
- Your date of birth.
- Florida Driver's license number or Florida Identification card number or if you do not have a FL DL# or FL ID#, then you must provide the last four digits of your (SSN).
- Your name.
- Your legal residence address.
- Your signature attesting to the oath printed on the form; swearing or affirming that the information contained in the registration application is true. Mail or hand deliver your completed application to the Supervisor of Elections office for processing.

Clay County Supervisor of Elections Office

500 N. Orange Ave. | P.O. Box 337
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
(904) 269-6350 | ClayElections.gov
Monday - Friday 8:30AM- 4:30PM

When to Register

You can apply to register to vote at anytime. However, there is a 29 day deadline prior to each election for registering to vote or for changing party affiliation. When the registration books are closed for an election, updates to a voter's name, address and signature shall be the only changes permitted for purposes of the upcoming election.

The date your voter registration application is postmarked or hand delivered to any drivers license office, voter registration agency, armed forces recruitment office, the Division of Elections or any Supervisor of Elections Office, will be your registration date. (Section 97.053, Florida Statute) If your application is complete and you are qualified as a voter, a Voter Information Card will be mailed to you.

Voter registration and party changes will be accepted after book closing, but only for the purpose of subsequent elections.

(Section 97.055, Florida Statutes)

Voter Information Cards

After registering to vote you will receive your Voter Information Card in the mail. This card is only to provide voter information and cannot be used as a form of identification at the polls. The card will list your address, date of birth, registration date and number, party affiliation, precinct number, location and address, as well as the districts for your representation. If your precinct location or polling place should change, you will be notified and issued a new Voter Information Card in the mail.

Voting Restoration Amendment

The Voting Restoration Amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they have completed all terms of their sentence, including parole or probation. This amendment does not apply to people convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless their rights have been individually restored by the Office of Executive Clemency. If you have any questions concerning restoration of your civil rights, you may call the Office of Executive Clemency in Tallahassee at 1-800-435-8286.

Update Your Voter Record

It is the voter's responsibility to notify the Elections Office:

- If you moved within the state of Florida, you may change your address by signed written notice, phone call or e-mail. You must provide your date of birth. With Clay County's use of electronic poll books, registered Florida voters may perform an in-state address change on Election Day.
- If you move from another state into Florida, you must complete and sign a Voter Registration Application Form.
- If you want to change your name or party affiliation, provide your date of birth or voter registration number along with signed written notice.
(Section 97.1031, Florida Statute)
- If you require a signature update, you must complete a Voter Registration Application Form. It is important to keep your signature up to date. Signatures can change with age or physical illness.

Closed Primary State

What does it mean?

In a closed primary election, voters are limited to choosing candidates of their own party.

If you chose the Republican Party you are allowed to vote only for republican candidates.

If you chose the Democratic Party, you are allowed to vote only for democratic candidates.

If you chose a minor party or no party affiliation, you are allowed to vote in non-partisan contests and referendums in the primary election.

NOTE: A party change can be made on a voter registration application or by signed written notice including the voter's date of birth or voter registration number. A party change must be made prior to the end of the 29th day before an election.

NOTE: An applicant who fails to designate a political party affiliation will be registered without party affiliation.

NOTE: If all candidates for a race are affiliated with one party and the decision will be made in the Primary Election, everyone who is registered to vote for that election will be allowed to cast a ballot. A Write-in candidate would close the primary to only party affiliated voters.

Polling Information

Polls are open

7 AM until 7 PM

You must have photo and signature identification.

Acceptable forms of identification:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida ID
- U.S. Passport
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Debit or Credit Card
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Veteran Health ID
- Concealed Weapon License
- Government Employee ID

NOTE: If you do not have proper ID, you must vote a provisional ballot.

(Section 97.0535, Florida Statutes)

Voting a Provisional Ballot

What is a provisional ballot?

Provisional ballots provide a safeguard to voters whose identity or eligibility is in question. Provisional ballots may be issued at polling places on Election Day or at Early Voting sites.

Some reasons for issuing a provisional ballot:

- Voter does not show photo and signature ID when voting.
- Voter status displays ballot has been cast by mail or early vote.
- Voter's eligibility status is in question.
- A challenge has been made about the eligibility of a voter.

The county canvassing board is responsible for examining the provisional ballot certificate and making a determination as to the voter's eligibility. A provisional ballot voter must be given notice of rights including the right to show evidence of eligibility to vote. Evidence must be presented no later than 5 p.m. the second day following the election. Once eligibility has been determined, the Provisional Ballot will be counted.

Vote by Mail

Any registered voter on file in Clay County is eligible to request a mail ballot in person, by phone, email or mail. However, if the requested ballot is to be mailed to an address other than the voter's address on file, the request must be made in writing and signed by the voter. Military members and their dependents are exempt from this requirement. An immediate family member or legal guardian may request a mail ballot for a voter. Immediate family implies the voter's spouse, parent, child, grandparent or sibling. To request a mail ballot online, visit ClayElections.gov.

Requesting to Vote by Mail

The voter making the request must disclose the following information:

- Voter's Name
- Voter's Address
- Voter's Date-of-Birth
- Voter's Signature (written request only)

If the voter has designated an immediate family member or legal guardian to request his/her Vote by Mail ballot, the requester must provide the above information and the following information:

- Requester's Name
- Requester's Address
- Requester's Driver's License Number (if available)
- Requester's Relationship to Voter
- Requester's Signature (written request only)

Voters may request a mail ballot for a specific election or for all elections through the end of two election cycles. No later than 45 days before each election, mail ballots are available to each absent uniformed services voter and to each overseas (UOCAVA) voter who requested a mail ballot. Otherwise, mail ballots are available between the 40th and 33rd days prior to each election. Ballots are mailed as non-forwardable and return-if undeliverable mail to those voters who have requested one.

Voting Your Mail Ballot

Follow the instructions included with your ballot very carefully! The voter must personally vote the ballot (unless assistance is required due to blindness, disability or inability to read or write). The **voter** must sign the certificate envelope where indicated.

POWER OF ATTORNEY MAY NOT SIGN FOR A VOTER OR MAKE ADDRESS CHANGES.