



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

Quick Facts – 2018 General Election

What is the General Election?

A General Election is held in November of every even-numbered year. In the General Election, all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation or no party affiliation, may exercise their right to vote for federal and state races, judicial retention and statewide proposed constitutional amendments and revisions on the General Election ballot. In addition, voters may vote in county and local-level races and local public measures.

When is the General Election?

Florida's General Election is November 6, 2018. Eligible voters can vote-by-mail, vote during early voting or vote at the polls on Election Day.

Who can vote in the General Election?

All registered Florida voters, regardless of party affiliation or no party affiliation, may exercise their right to vote for candidates and public measures on the General Election ballot.

When is the deadline to register to vote in the General Election?

The registration deadline for the 2018 General Election is Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Voter registration applications submitted electronically no later than 11:59 p.m. by October 9 through RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov will be accepted. Paper applications must be received by close of business to a Supervisor of Elections' office or if sent by mail, post-marked by October 9. Paper applications are not considered online registrations.

How can I vote in the General Election?

Floridians have several options to exercise their right to vote: **Vote-by-mail**, **early voting** or **voting at the polls on Election Day**.

- **Vote-by-Mail:** Vote-by-mail refers to voting a ballot received by mail or picked up by, or for, a voter. The deadline to ask for a ballot to be mailed is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31. A voter may pick up a vote-by-mail ballot from the office of their Supervisor of Elections through the day before the election or, if an emergency exists, on the day of the election. Generally, vote-by-mail ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections' office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to be canvassed and counted; vote-by-mail ballots from overseas voters shall be counted if they are received within 10 days of the General Election, provided they are postmarked no later than the day of the election. Contact your county [Supervisor of Elections](#) for more information.
- **Early Voting:** Early voting is defined as "casting a ballot in person prior to Election Day at a location designated by the Supervisor of Elections." The voter uses the same type of voting equipment that is used at the polls on Election Day. 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](#) for more information.
- **Election Day Voting:** 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. If you do not know where your polling place is, contact your county [Supervisor of Elections](#). You can also find your precinct and polling place on your county Supervisor of Elections' website or by using the [Check Your Voter Status webpage](#).

What kinds of ID are accepted at the Polling Place?

According to Florida law, 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 identification card issued by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification
- Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm pursuant to s. 790.06 F.S.
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the federal government, the state, a county or a municipality.

If your photo ID does not include your signature, you will be asked to provide another ID that has your signature. If you do not bring a proper ID, you can still vote a provisional ballot. As long as you are eligible and voted in the proper precinct, your provisional ballot will count provided the signature on your provisional ballot matches the signature in your registration record.

What candidates and races will be on my General Election ballot?

In the General Election, federal and state races will be on the ballot including the offices of U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, Governor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, Chief Financial Officer, State Senator and State Representative, judicial retention and proposed constitutional amendments and revisions. In addition, other county and local level races and referendums may appear on the ballot for your respective county.

For more specific information about what will be on your ballot, refer to your county Supervisor of Elections' website or contact your county [Supervisor of Elections](#) to obtain a sample ballot.

What are the proposed constitutional amendments on the General Election ballot?

There are 13 proposed constitutional amendments or revisions on the General Election ballot. Please see the Proposed Constitutional Amendment Booklet for details:

- [English – PDF](#)
- [Español – PDF](#)

Resources

- [RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov – Register to vote or update your voter registration information online](#)
- [Check your voter registration status and find your polling place](#)
- [Contact your county Supervisor of Elections](#)
- [Constitutional Amendments and Revisions](#)
- [Vote-by-Mail – How to request and return a vote-by-mail ballot](#)
- [Early Voting – How to cast a ballot at an early voting location before Election Day](#)
- [Election Day Voting – Information on how to vote at the polls on Election Day](#)