Manatee County

Voter Guide

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MANATEE COUNTY

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Do Your Part to Protect Our Freedom:

Register & Vote!

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2018 Elections Calendar

TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY
Primary Election
Election Day – March 20, 2018
Deadline to Register to Vote
February 19, 2018

SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL ELECTION
Election Day – March 20, 2018
Deadline to Register to Vote
February 19, 2018

PRIMARY ELECTION
Election Day – August 28, 2018
Deadline to Register to Vote
July 30, 2018

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
Election Day – November 6, 2018
Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach & Palmetto
Deadline to Register to Vote
October 9, 2018

GENERAL ELECTION
Election Day – November 6, 2018
Deadline to Register to Vote
October 9, 2018

TRAILER ESTATES
Election Day – December 4, 2018
Deadline to Register to Vote
Owner of Record
November 5, 2018

Early Voting for All Elections – To Be Announced
Polls will be open on Primary and General Elections from
7:00AM - 7:00PM local time
(See Sections 97.055, 100.011 and 101.657, Florida Statutes)

2019 Elections Calendar

TOWN OF LONGBOAT KEY
Election Day – March 19, 2019
Deadline to Register to Vote
February 18, 2019

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS
Election Day – November 5, 2019
Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach
Deadline to Register to Vote
October 7, 2019

BAYSHORE GARDENS
Election Day – December 3, 2019
Deadline to Register to Vote
November 4, 2019

TRAILER ESTATES
Election Day – December 3, 2019
Deadline to Register to Vote
Owner of Record
November 4, 2019
The Supervisor of Elections is a constitutional officer under the laws of the State of Florida. The goal of the Supervisor is to provide quality service to the public and the voters of Manatee County. The Supervisor of Elections is the official custodian of documents received related to voter registration. The Supervisor conducts all elections and is the custodian of all election records. He also maintains the records and is the filing officer for all financial disclosure records.

Website

The website, www.VoteManatee.com makes it easier for the public to get up-to-the-minute election information, including: how to request and track the status of a Vote By Mail ballot, sample ballots; voter registration locations; how to become a poll worker; information on candidates and elected officials; and polling locations. A translator feature is available on our website. During election cycles, our candidate profile section provides space for candidate photos and biographical information. On Election Night, precinct-by-precinct results will be posted on our home page as soon as results are tabulated. Our website is 508 compliant for web users that have special needs. In addition, our link to the Division of Elections provides access to election laws and procedures, statewide voter registration statistics and candidates, past election results, voting methods and systems, the Florida Elections Commission and the Florida Administrative Weekly. If you have Internet access, we encourage you to browse our website. E-mail us from our website...we’d love to hear your comments and answer any questions you may have.
Manatee County’s Voting System
ES&S DS200

The DS200 precinct vote scanner and tabulator combines the best attributes of a paper-based ballot system with the flexibility and efficiency of the latest digital-image technology – taking traditional optical-scan ballot vote tabulation to a new level. The DS200 is the industry’s most widely used digital precinct scanner. At Early Voting and on Election Day the DS200 will read and tabulate each ballot as it is inserted by the voter. Ballots printed from the ExpressVote machine will also be placed in this tabulator by the voter.

Express Vote

ExpressVote® is a Universal Voting System that combines paper-based voting with touch screen technology to create a breakthrough in voting solutions for early vote centers and on Election Day in precincts. As a universal voting system, ExpressVote allows all voters, including those with special needs, to cast their ballots privately and autonomously.
HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

Your DS200 system uses an optical scanner to read your ballot.
You must completely fill in the oval for your vote to count.

**CORRECT**

**INCORRECT**

Please, do not use a check mark; do not mark the oval with an X; and do not circle the oval.
How To Vote for a Write-In Candidate

You must write in the name of the qualified write-in candidate AND fill in the oval next to the name in order for your write-in vote to count.

EXAMPLE

U.S. Senator (vote for one)

- Abraham Lincoln
- John F. Kennedy
- **Thomas Jefferson**
  Write-in

IMPORTANT: the write-in candidate must be a QUALIFIED write-in candidate. Check with your Supervisor of Elections for a list of qualified write-in candidates.
Voter Registration Information

Who can Register and Vote

To register and vote, you must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States of America and a legal resident of Florida and of the county where you intend to vote. A person who is otherwise qualified may pre-register on or after that person’s 16th birthday and may vote in any election held on or after that person’s 18th birthday.

(See section 97.041, Florida Statutes)

Persons not Entitled to Register or Vote

- Persons who have been found by a court in this or another state to be mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not had their right to vote restored.
- Persons who have been convicted of any felony in any court and who have not had their right to vote restored.
- Any person who is not a citizen of the United States of America.
- A person who is not registered to vote may not vote.

(See Section 97.041, Florida Statutes)

How to Register

To register to vote, you must fill out a voter registration application. This can be accomplished online by going to www.registertovoteflorida.gov. On this website you can: register to vote, update your voter information, and request to replace your voter information card.

You may also visit the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections office to fill out an application in person or visit our website at www.VoteManatee.com and print off and fill out an application and send or drop off at our office. You may also register at the driver’s license offices, state agencies that provide public assistance, state agencies that serve persons with disabilities, public libraries, and armed forces recruitment offices.
A voter registration application is complete if it contains:

- Your name
- Your legal residence address
- Your date of birth
- Your valid Florida driver’s license number or Florida identification card number. If you do not have either of these, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued a Florida driver’s license, a Florida identification card, or a Social Security number, you must indicate “none” in the box provided for this information.
- A mark in the check box affirming that you are a citizen of the United States of America
- A mark in the check box affirming that you have not been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, you have had your civil rights restored.
- A mark in the check box affirming 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.
- You must sign the oath printed on the form swearing or affirming under the penalty for false swearing that the information contained in the registration application is true. (Power of attorney is not accepted.)

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

(See section 97.053, Florida Statutes)

**When can you Register**

You can apply to register to vote at any time either by mail or in person. However, the registration books will be closed on the 29th day before each election. You must be registered for at least 29 days before you can vote in an election. The date your voter registration application is postmarked or hand delivered to your county Supervisor of Elections, the Division of Elections, a driver’s license office, or a voter registration agency (i.e., any office that provides public assistance, any office that serves persons with disabilities, any center for independent living, any armed forces recruitment office or any public library) will be your registration date. If your application is complete and you are qualified as a voter, a voter information card will be mailed to you.

When the registration books are closed for an election, new voter registrations will be accepted, but only for the purpose of subsequent elections. Changes to your political party made while the books are closed for a primary election will not be effective until after the primary.

(See sections 97.053 and 97.055, Florida Statutes)
First-Time Voters who Register by Mail

Special identification requirements apply if you register by mail and you are a first-time voter in the State and you have not been issued a Florida driver license number, Florida identification number, or a Social Security number. Instead, you must provide one of the following forms of identification in order to register if it contains your name and photograph:

- United States Passport
- Military identification
- Debit or credit card
- Student identification
- Retirement Center identification
- Public assistance identification
- Neighborhood association identification

Or you can provide instead a copy of a current and valid utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document containing your name and current residence address. Do not send original identification documents to the Supervisor of Elections. To avoid any potential problems when you go to vote, it is best that you submit a copy of the required identification with your voter registration form. If you wait until you go to the polls to vote, you have to provide a photo and signature ID before you can vote a regular ballot. If you wait until later and Vote By Mail, you must provide a copy of the identification with your Vote By Mail ballot or your ballot will not count.

If you Vote By Mail and fall into one of the following categories, you do not have to satisfy these special identification requirements, provided you swear or affirm under penalty of oath on your ballot certificate that you are exempt:

- Are 65 years of age or older
- Have a temporary or permanent physical disability
- Are a member of the uniformed services on active duty or a spouse or dependant thereof, who, by reason of such active duty, is absent from the county on Election Day.
- Are a member of the Merchant Marine or a spouse or dependent thereof who, by reason of service in the Merchant Marine, is absent from the county on Election Day.
- Are residing outside the United States but are eligible to vote in Florida

(See section 97.0535, Florida Statutes)

You Can Only Register to Vote in One State

If you own property in Florida and in any other state, you must choose which state you will register to vote. You cannot register to vote in more than one state, this includes ownership of property affiliated with a Community Development District.
Placement on Inactive Voter Rolls and Removal

If the Supervisor of Elections receives information from the post office or another source indicating a voter’s residence may have changed to another address in Florida, the voter’s registration record will be changed to reflect the new address and the voter will be mailed an address change notice with a request to verify the new address. If the information indicates the voter has moved outside the state, an address confirmation final notice will be sent to the voter. All voters who have been mailed an address confirmation final notice and who do not return the form within 30 days will be placed on the inactive voter registration list. Voters on the inactive list can be restored to active status by updating their voter registration, appearing to vote, or requesting a Vote By Mail ballot. However, after two general (federal) elections from the date the notice was sent, all inactive voters who show no activity will be removed from the registration record and must register again in order to vote.

(See section 98.065, Florida Statutes)

Registration Is a Public Record

In Florida, voter registration records are open to the public and may be examined or copied by any person. However, the following registration information is confidential: location of voter’s place of registration, location of place of registration update, Social Security number, driver’s license number, and Florida identification number. A voter’s signature may be viewed but may not be copied.

(See section 97.0585, Florida Statutes)

MILITARY AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS

Registering and Voting By Mail

If you are a United States uniformed services member on active duty, a Merchant Marine member, spouse or dependent thereof, or a United States citizen residing outside of the United States, you can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) either to register to vote or to request a Vote By Mail ballot (if you are already registered), or to do both at the same time. You get the FPCA from a Voting Assistance Officer or through the Internet at www.fvap.gov. The FPCA request for a Vote By Mail ballot will be effective as a request for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the second ensuing regularly scheduled general election after the date of the request. If the FPCA is not available, phone or send a written request by mail, fax, or e-mail to the
Supervisor of Elections and a voter registration application or Vote By Mail ballot will be sent to you however you want it sent (i.e., by mail, fax or e-mail).

By law, Vote By Mail ballots for requests on file must be transmitted to military and overseas citizens at least 45 days before each election. If you have not received your ballot two weeks before an election, contact your county Supervisor of Elections. If you are already registered, you can also request at any time up through Election Day to have a Vote By Mail ballot sent by fax or e-mail to you instead of receiving it by regular mail. You can make the request by phone, by fax, by mail, or online. If you include an e-mail address with your Vote By Mail ballot request, the Supervisor will use that e-mail address to notify you when your request was received; the estimated date the ballot will be sent to you; and when your returned, voted ballot was received.

Once your Vote By Mail ballot is received, carefully follow the instructions sent to you with your Vote By Mail ballot or else your ballot may not count. Sign and date the ballot certificate to ensure that your ballot is counted. Return the voted ballot so that the Supervisor of Elections receives it no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day. If you are overseas, you can return your voted ballot by fax or mail by following the instructions with your ballot. Otherwise, if you are a uniformed services member absent stateside, you must return your voted Vote By Mail ballot by mail.

You can track the status of your Vote By Mail ballot request and the ballot through the online voter registration lookup link at http://elections.myflorida.com or through your Supervisor of Elections website, www.VoteManatee.com. (See sections 101.6952 and 101.697, Florida Statutes; R1S-2.030, Florida Administrative Code)

Changes in Address, Name, Party or Signature

When Voters Move

Whenever you change your residence within the State of Florida, you should update your voter registration record. If you contact your Supervisor of Elections in the county of your new residence directly, you can make that change in person, by phone, by fax, by e-mail, or by other signed written notice (including a voter registration application), provided it includes your date of birth. If you submit your change to any other Supervisor of Elections in the state, to the Division of Elections, to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or any voter registration agency, you must use a voter registration application.
It is very important to update your address because, by law, you can only vote in the precinct in which you reside. However, if you are temporarily living outside your home county and have no permanent address in the county, you can apply to be registered and vote in the precinct that contains the main office of the Supervisor of Elections. You will not, however, be allowed to vote in municipal elections.

In order to avoid delays at the polling place, you should update your address before you go to vote. If you do not update your address by the time you vote, it may affect how you vote as follows:

1. If you moved within the same county or you are an active uniformed services personnel or a family member thereof moving within the same county or from another Florida county, you will have to execute a change of address at the polls before you can vote a regular ballot.

2. If you moved from another Florida county (and are not an active uniformed services personnel or family member thereof), you will not be able to vote a regular ballot but you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. Your provisional ballot will count unless the canvassing board determines that you are not registered, that you voted in a precinct other than the one that corresponds to your new address as you wrote on your ballot certificate, that you already voted, or that you are or might be committing actual fraud.

If you move overseas indefinitely and the last place you lived in the U.S. was in Florida with no permanent residence, and you are still a registered Florida voter, you can still vote but in federal elections only.

(See sections 97.1031 and 101.045, Florida Statutes; Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff)

**When Voters Change their Name**

If you change your name by marriage or other legal process, you must notify the Supervisor of Elections of such change by completing a voter registration application or other signed written notice. Your date of birth is required. If you have not provided this information prior to going to vote, you will have to fill out a name change form at the polls before voting.

(See section 97.1031 and 101.045, Florida Statutes)

**When Voters want to Change their Party Affiliation**

If you want to change your party affiliation, you must notify the Supervisor of Elections of such change by using a voter registration application or other signed written notice. Your date of birth is required. You cannot change your party at the polling place. To be effective for a primary election, a party change...
must be made at least 29 days prior to a primary election.

(See section 97.1031, Florida Statutes)

**Signature Updates**

It is very important for you to keep your signature current with the Supervisor of Elections. Signatures on your registration record are used to verify signatures on petitions and on provisional and Vote By Mail ballots. If your signatures do not match, your petition or ballot will not count. Signature updates for provisional and Vote By Mail ballot verification purposes must be submitted no later than the start of the canvassing of Vote By Mail ballots. Canvassing may start as early as 15 days before Election Day. To update your signature, provide the Supervisor of Elections with a voter registration application indicating a signature update.

(See section 98.077, Florida Statutes)

**What to Expect at the Polls**

Polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. local time. To determine your polling place, check your voter information card or contact your Supervisor of Elections. You may find your precinct on our website, www.VoteManatee.com, by using our “Where Do I Vote?” option.

You will be asked to show a photo and signature identification when you go to the polls to vote. Acceptable forms of photo identification include:

- Florida driver license – No other state accepted
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- Current U.S. passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification
- Veteran Health I.D. Card
- Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to S79P.06
- Employee I.D. Card issued by U.S. Federal, State or Local Government

If your photo identification does not contain your signature, you will be required to show an additional identification that provides your signature.

Once your identity has been established, you will be asked to sign the precinct register or electronic device and then you will be allowed to vote.

If you need assistance in marking your ballot, please inform the poll worker.
If you make a mistake when voting on a paper ballot, ask for a replacement. You may receive up to two replacements, or a total of three ballots.

If your eligibility to vote cannot be determined, or you do not have the proper identification, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. A person casting a provisional ballot may present written evidence supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the Supervisor of Elections by no later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election. If you voted a provisional ballot solely because you did not bring photo and signature identification to the polls, you do not have to present further evidence of eligibility. The local canvassing board will simply compare your signature on the provisional ballot certificate with your signature on the voter registration record. If the signatures match, your provisional ballot will count (provided you were in the proper precinct).

All voters who vote provisionally, regardless of the reason, are to be given a written notice of rights that includes:

1. A statement that the provisional ballot voter has until 5 p.m. of the second day following the election to bring to the Supervisor of Elections written evidence of his or her eligibility.
2. A statement that a voter who votes a provisional ballot because he or she did not bring identification does not need to bring in further evidence of eligibility. If the voter voted in the right precinct and the signature on the provisional ballot certificate matches the signature on the voter registration record, the provisional ballot will be counted.
3. A statement that if the voter voted the provisional ballot because his or her personal identifying number could not be verified, the card with the identifying number or a copy of the card may be provided to the Supervisor of Elections by the deadline.
4. Instructions on how the provisional ballot voter may find out if his or her provisional ballot was counted, and if not, the reason(s) why.
5. A statement that if this is a primary election, the person should contact the Supervisor of Elections office immediately to confirm that the person is registered and can vote in the general election.

(See sections 101.048 and 101.043, Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.037, Florida Administrative Code)
Primary Election

Florida is a closed primary state. That means that only voters who are registered members of political parties may vote for their respective party’s candidates in a primary election. Voters without party affiliation are not eligible to vote for party candidates in a primary election. However, Article VI, Section 5(b), Florida Constitution, provides that if all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary election for that office. This is known as a Universal Primary Contest.

Nonpartisan judicial and school board offices, nonpartisan special districts, and local referendum questions are included in some primary elections. All registered voters, including those without party affiliation are entitled to receive and vote these ballots.

(See sections 100.061 and 101.021, Florida Statutes, and Article VI, Section 5 (b), Florida Constitution)

Assistance in Voting

All polling places are equipped with accessible voting systems for persons with disabilities to enable such persons to vote without assistance. However, if a person with a disability or who cannot read or write wishes someone to assist him or her, he or she may designate someone of his or her own choice, other than an employer or an officer or agent of the person’s union, to provide such assistance. Election officials may also provide assistance.

(See sections 97.061 and 101.051, Florida Statutes)

Nonpartisan Judicial Elections

Candidates for the Florida Supreme Court and District Courts of Appeal will appear on the ballot in the general election for a vote on their retention. Candidates for circuit and county court judge will appear on the primary ballot and on the general election ballot, if necessary, for election.

(See section 105.041, Florida Statutes)

Poll Watchers

Each political party, each political committee with issues on the ballot that they are registered to support or oppose, and each candidate may have one poll watcher in each polling room or early voting area at any one time during an election. Poll watchers must be registered voters in the county and cannot be candidates or law enforcement officers. Each political party, each political committee, and each candidate requesting to have poll watchers
must designate, in writing to the Supervisor of Elections, poll watchers for each precinct prior to noon of the second Tuesday preceding the election. Poll watchers for early voting shall be requested in writing to the Supervisor at least 14 days before early voting begins.

*(See section 101.131, Florida Statutes)*

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**VOTE BY MAIL VOTING**

**Who can Vote By Mail**

All qualified voters are permitted to Vote By Mail under Florida law.

*(See sections 97.021(1) and 101.62, Florida Statutes)*

Please note: By law, ballots will not be forwarded. You must have submitted a mailing address if it is different from your residence.

**How to Vote By Mail**

A voter, or, if directly instructed by the voter, a member of the voter’s immediate family or the voter’s legal guardian, may request a Vote By Mail ballot from the Supervisor of Elections in person, by mail, telephone, fax or online through our website, www.VoteManatee.com. One request can cover all elections through the end of the calendar year following the second ensuing regularly scheduled general election. The person requesting a Vote By Mail ballot must disclose:

- The name of the voter for whom the ballot is requested
- The voter’s address
- The voter’s date of birth
- If the requester is other than the voter, the following additional information must be provided:
  - The requester’s name
  - The requester’s address
  - The requester’s driver license number, if available
  - The requester’s relationship to the voter
  - The requester’s signature (written request only)

A request for a Vote By Mail ballot to be mailed to a voter must be received by the Supervisor of Elections no later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the election. Vote By Mail ballots will be mailed by non-forwardable mail to the voter’s current mailing address on file with the Florida registration system. If the ballot requested is to be mailed to an address other than the voter’s address on file in the Florida registration system, the request must be made in writing and signed by the voter. However, an absent uniformed service or overseas voter is not required to submit a written request.
Instead of having the Vote By Mail ballot mailed, a voter may pick up his or her ballot at any time after the ballots are printed, but before 7 p.m. on Election Day.

A designee may pick up a Vote By Mail ballot for a voter on Election Day or up to five days before Election Day. A designee may only pick up two Vote By Mail ballots per election, other than his or her own ballot or ballots, for members of his or her immediate family. Designees must have written authorization from the voter, present a photo I.D., and sign an affidavit.

Voted ballots must be mailed or delivered in person, reaching the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. Do not return your voted Vote By Mail ballot to a polling place. You may track the status of your Vote By Mail ballot on our website at www.VoteManatee.com.

If you have obtained a Vote By Mail ballot but want to vote in your precinct on Election Day, you must take the Vote By Mail ballot with you to the polls, whether or not it has been marked, so that it can be cancelled. However, if you are unable to return the ballot, and the status of your ballot cannot be verified, you may vote a provisional ballot.

(See sections 101.62 and 101.69, Florida Statutes)

EARLY VOTING

Early voting will begin no later than 10 days before an election and end on the 3rd day before an election. There are several Early Voting locations. For this and more information contact the Supervisor of Elections office for Manatee County at 941-741-3823, or visit our website at www.VoteManatee.com.

(See section 101.657, Florida Statutes)

VIOLATIONS

How to Report Election Law Violations

Violations relating to chapters 104 and 106 and section 105.071, Florida Statutes, should be reported by sworn written complaint to the Florida Elections Commission, Suite 224 Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, 850-922-4539.

The Florida Elections Commission is an entity not aligned or affiliated with the Department of State, Division of Elections.

(See section 106.25, Florida Statutes)

Violations of either the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, or the Help America Vote Act of 2002, or any irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, candidate petitions or issue petitions, removal procedures, or voting under the Florida Election Code should be reported in writing to the Division of Elections, Room 316, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, 850-245-6200.

All other violations should be reported to the local state attorney.

(See sections 97.012(15), 97.023 and 97.028, Florida Statutes)
Only YOU Can Make Sure Your Vote Counts!

AT THE POLLS:

★ Use the *pen provided* in the voting booth at the polls.
★ Mark only *one* choice per race… unless indicated otherwise.
★ If you wish to change or correct your vote, a poll worker will give you a new ballot.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT:

★ Use a *black pen* when voting your Vote By Mail ballot.
★ If you *make a mistake* on your Vote By Mail ballot, do *not* erase or use white out. Please call the Elections Office for instructions (941-741-3823).

IS YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CURRENT?

★ **HAVE YOU MOVED SINCE THE LAST ELECTION?**
Florida law requires you to vote in the precinct where you live. Notify the Elections Office when you change your address.

★ **DO YOU WISH TO CHANGE YOUR PARTY AFFILIATION?**
Party changes must be made in writing 29 days prior to an election.

★ **HAS YOUR NAME CHANGED?**
You will need to change your name with the Elections Office so that your *correct* name will appear in the precinct register at the polls.
If you have any questions, please call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 941-741-3823.
**VOTER’S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:
1. Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
2. Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that 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 or her registration or identity is in question.
6. If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
7. Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
9. Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

**VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each registered voter in this state should:
1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address.
3. Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.
6. Treat precinct workers with courtesy.
7. Respect the privacy of other voters.
8. Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask questions, if needed.
10. Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

**NOTE TO VOTER:** Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.
Create Your Own Precinct
Vote at Home!

Request a Vote By Mail Ballot

Did you know...
- Any registered voter may vote by mail
- You can request a ballot for a specific election
- You can return your ballot by mail or deliver it to the Supervisor of Elections Office up to 7:00pm on Election Day

Consider this...
- Voting at home allows you to discuss and consider the best candidate
- You have time to research candidates and issues to make the best decision
- Convenient and saves you time and money

To Request a Vote By Mail Ballot:
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Not registered? Visit our website: www.VoteManatee.com to learn more about how you can get registered to vote.