# Voter Guide LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA 2020

50 OF ELECTIONS

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To provide outstanding voter services and accessible elections in Leon County with integrity, transparency, and accuracy.

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## **2020 Election Dates**

Presidential Preference Primary Election

February 2020							March 2020						
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#### **Primary Election**

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	General Election													
October 2020								November 2020						
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= Registration & Political Party Change Deadline
 = Early Voting Dates
 = Election Day



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## A Message from Mark S. Earley, Supervisor of Elections



Voting is the most important expression of our collective wisdom.

As your Supervisor of Elections, my job is to provide outstanding voter services and secure elections you can trust.



To this end, I pledge this office will:

- Always function in a wholly nonpartisan manner.
- Always use paper ballots as the method to capture your vote.
- Continually improve the security of elections.
- Provide materials such as this Voter Guide to help educate citizens about how, when, and where to vote.
- Provide full access to voting regardless of a voter's physical ability or language barriers. And,
- Lead the state in verifying that our results are true and accurate by conducting full, transparent, and timely audits of every ballot in every election.

Just as we are hard at work for you and our democracy, I ask you to do your part by taking an active role.

Be smart. Educate yourself about the candidates and issues. Don't necessarily believe the worst or most divisive reports you hear from any source – these stories are often gross exaggerations designed to sell advertisements or divide us as a nation. Consider working at the polls on election day, even running for office or advocating for a cause.

Most importantly — **VOTE in 2020**.

Mark S. Earlev

Leon County Supervisor of Elections

Para nuestros votantes que hablan español: por favor, consulte la página 7 de esta guía para obtener información sobre las boletas oficiales en español y otros recursos en español para ayudarle en la votación. ¡Queremos que su voto cuente!



## **CONTACT US!**

MARK S. EARLEY, LEON COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS Hours Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm In Person 2990-1 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32301 Call (850) 606-8683 Fax (850) 606-8601 Online LeonVotes.org or LeonVotes.org/es Email Vote@LeonCountyFL.gov Mail PO Box 7357 Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357 @LeonVotes

Check your voter status anytime at LeonVotes.org! Click Your Voter Info.

After registering, you must keep your registration information up to date. Your current name, address, and signature are critical for your vote to count. To update your voter information, choose from the following options:

#### Signature Change / Update (VERY IMPORTANT)

We use voter signatures to verify your identity on Petitions, Provisional Ballots, and Vote-by-Mail ballots. For your vote to count, we need an up-to-date signature on file. Update your signature by completing a Voter Registration form and sending it to us. Forms are available on our website at **Leonvotes.org**.

#### Address Change (no deadline)

- Go to LeonVotes.org/OVR or LeonVotes.org/update.
- Call our office.
- Submit a completed Florida Voter Registration Application.
- Submit a signed written notice that includes your name and date of birth or voter registration number.

#### Party Affiliation Change (deadline is 29 days before a primary election)

• Submit a completed Florida Voter Registration Application or a signed written notice that includes your name and date of birth or voter registration number.

### Name Change (no deadline)

• Submit a completed Florida Voter Registration Application or a signed written notice that includes your name and date of birth or voter registration number.



#### **BE VOCAL, VOTE LOCAL**

As a Leon County elector, voting is critical when it comes to taking part in governing your own community. Equally important is educating yourself about the offices, candidates, and issues on the ballot. Below is a list of the offices up for election in 2020. Links to more information are on LeonVotes.org. Be part of the decision-making process. Be vocal, vote local. **#VoteLocal** 

#### **OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION IN 2020**

All offices listed, if contested, will be on a 2020 ballot in Leon County. This list may change due to circumstances outside of the regular election schedule.

#### **Constitutional Officers**

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Property Appraiser Sheriff Superintendent of Schools Supervisor of Elections Tax Collector

#### **Board of County Commissioners**

Districts 2 and 4 At Large Group 1

#### City of Tallahassee

City Commission Seats 1 and 2

#### School Board Districts 2 and 4

#### **Special Districts**

Leon Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor, Seats 1, 3, and 5 Capital Region Community Development District Supervisor, Seats 2 and 4 Piney-Z Community Development District Supervisor, Seats 2 and 4

#### **Federal**

President and Vice-President United States House of Representatives, Districts 2 and 5

#### State

Public Defender State Attorney Florida Legislature, Senate District 3 Florida Legislature, House of Representatives Districts 7, 8, and 9

#### Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida (merit retention, 3 seats) Judge, 1<sup>st</sup> District Court of Appeal (merit retention, 4 seats) 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Court Judge, Groups 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, and 16 Leon County Court Judge Seats 1 and 5





## **VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

### Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

- 1. Vote and have her or his vote accurately counted.
- 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.
- Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

You may have other voting rights under state and federal laws. If you believe your voting rights have been violated, please contact the Florida Department of State's Voter Fraud Hotline at (877) 868-3737.

### **VOTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### Each registered voter in this state should:

- 1. Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.
- 2. Maintain a current address with the Supervisor of Elections.
- 3. Know the location of her or his polling place and its hours of operation.
- **4.** Bring proper identification to the polling station.
- 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.
- Make sure that his or her completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

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



### Am I eligible to register to vote in Leon County, Florida?

#### You must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- · Be a Florida resident and live in Leon County
- Be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17)
- Not currently be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have a felony conviction, you must have had your right to vote restored

### **Voting Rights Restoration**

Starting January 8, 2019, convicted felons that have completed their sentences, including parole and probation, will have their voting rights automatically restored and will be eligible to register to vote.

**EXCEPTION:** Felons convicted of murder or sexual offenses are not eligible unless the Florida Commission on Offender Review, Office of Executive Clemency restores their voting rights.

### How do I know if my voting rights have been restored?

The voting rights for most convicted felons in Florida are automatically restored when all terms of your sentencing are completed.

If you are uncertain about the status of your sentencing obligations, the agencies listed below have resources to assist you.

- Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller (in the county where sentenced) in Leon County (850) 606-4000 / cvweb.clerk.leon.fl.us
- Florida Department of Corrections (850) 488-5021 / www.dc.state.fl.us
- Florida Commission on Offender Review, Office of Executive Clemency: Online: www.fcor.state.fl.us
   Phone: (800) 435-8286 or (850) 488-2952
   Fax: (850) 488-0695
   Mail: 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399

## Votaciones en Español

Si necesita ayuda en español, habrán recursos disponibles en su centro de votación y en nuestro sitio web: LeonVotes.org/es. En nuestro sitio web encontrarás información sobre el proceso electoral en el condado León, instrucciones sobre como votar-por-correo, la boleta oficial en español y como registrarse para votar o actualizar su información.

Si necesita ayuda en español por teléfono, llame a nuestra oficina para hablar con un miembro del personal que puede ayudarle.

Una guía de votación completa en español se podrá encontrar en cada centro de votación, en nuestro sitio web LeonVotes.org/es o puede ser recogida en nuestra oficina: 2990-1 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

¡Necesitamos trabajadores electorales que hablen español! Para someter una aplicación, visite leonvotes.org y haga clic en Poll Worker Info, o visite nuestra oficina. Contacte a nuestra oficina para más información sobre convertirse en un trabajador electoral.



**3 Ways to Register** 

Registration applications for new voters must be completed and submitted 29 days before an election to be effective for the upcoming election. Go to **LeonVotes.org** (*click Register to Vote*) for more info on how to register to vote. Or, contact our office.



### **Try Online Voter Registration!**

You can register to vote or update your existing registration online at LeonVotes.org/OVR. Online Voter



Registration (OVR) requires a Florida driver's license or Florida identification card and the last four digits of your Social Security number.



### **Register In Person**

Register to vote in person at the Leon County Supervisor of Elections office, at a voter registration agency, or at a community outreach event.

Voter registration agencies in Leon County include:

- Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
- Leon County Tax Collector offices
- Public assistance offices
- · Offices that serve persons with disabilities
- Public library branches
- Public education institutions



## **Register By Mail**

To get a Florida Voter Registration Application:

- Visit our website to print the application.
- Visit our office or a voter registration agency.
- Or, call our office to have an application mailed to you.

Then, mail your completed application to: Mark S. Earley, Supervisor of Elections PO Box 7357, Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357





Contact our office online, in

person, by phone, or by mail to

request your Vote-by-Mail ballot before Election Day.

## 2 Vote Early

Cast your ballot at any of

our convenient locations before

Election Day. Go to LeonVotes.org

to see a list of Early Voting sites in Leon County.

## Pote at Your Precinct

It's your last chance to vote!

If you choose to vote on

Election Day, you must cast



To find your polling place, call us or go to

LeonVotes.org (click Your Voter Info).







## **Voting In Person**

## Voting in person in Florida requires a valid ID containing your photo and signature. The photo and signature may come from a combination of IDs from the following list:

- Florida Driver's License or Florida Identification Card as issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- US Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Veteran Health ID issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- Concealed Weapon / Firearm
  License issued pursuant to 790.06, F.S.
- Employee ID issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the State, a county, or a municipality

Your Voter Information Card <u>does not count</u> as valid ID to vote. If you are not able to produce proper ID, you can still vote using a Provisional Ballot.









### Requesting a Vote-by-Mail ballot is easy!

- In Person 2990-1 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32301 Open: Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
  - Call (850) 606-8683
  - **Online LeonVotes.org** (click Vote-by-Mail)
    - Mail LeonVotes.org (click Vote-by-Mail), download the Mail Ballot Printable Request Form, and send to Leon County Supervisor of Elections, PO Box 7357, Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357
      - Fax (850) 606-8601

You may request your Vote-by-Mail ballot up to 10 days before an election. You may return your voted mail ballot to our office or drop it off with an election official at any Early Voting site during voting hours. **NOTE:** Mail ballots are <u>not</u> accepted at the polls on Election Day.

To ensure your vote is counted,

- Make sure we have an up to date signature for you.
- The Leon County Supervisor of Elections office <u>must receive your</u> <u>ballot by 7:00 pm on Election Day</u>.
- · Carefully follow all instructions on your mail ballot.
- Sign the Voter's Certificate on the envelope with a good signature.
- Allow up to 5 business days if returning by mail.

Check the status of your mail ballot any time at **LeonVotes.org**! Click *Your Voter Info*.



Has your signature changed since you first registered to vote?

If so, you need to update your signature with our office or we may not be able to accept your ballot.



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## **Early Voting**

Early Voting is provided for all voters in Leon County before an election. Voters can cast a ballot in person at any Early Voting site during voting hours. Voting in person requires a valid ID containing your photo and signature. Montoest Visit LeonVotes.org or call Thomasville p (850) 606-8683 for dates and voting hours.

Lake Jackson **Community Center** 3840 N. Monroe St, Ste 301 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Northeast **Branch Library** 5513 Thomasville Rd 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Eastside **Branch Library** 1583 Pedrick Rd 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Blountstown Hwy **FSU Tucker Center** 

505 W. Pensacola St East Entrance 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Tennessee St

**Fort Braden Community Center** 16387 Blountstown Hwy 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr.

**Branch Library** 2817 S. Adams St 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Capital Cir

**Leon County Courthouse** 301 S. Monroe St **First Floor Plaza** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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**FAMU Student Union Multi-Purpose Room D** 1628 S. M.L. King, Jr. Blvd 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Woodville

**Leon County Election Center** 

2990-1 Apalachee Pkwy 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

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**Fort Braden** Community Center

**Woodville Community Center** 8000 Old Woodville Rd 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

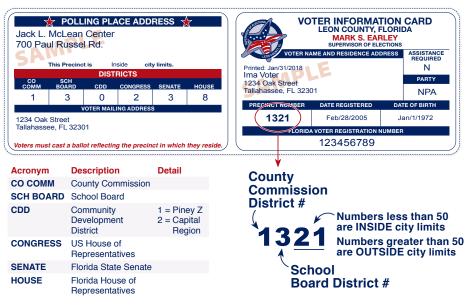


### Election Day is your last chance to vote!

If you choose to vote on Election Day, you must cast a ballot at your assigned polling location. Your **polling location** is a building that serves voters of one or more precincts. It is based on your **precinct**, which is a geographical area defined by overlapping governmental districts.

Your polling location and precinct number are listed on your Voter Information Card for your reference. Voter Information cards are mailed routinely to confirm new registrations, voter updates, or changes in precincts or polling locations.

Note: Your Voter Information Card does not count as valid ID to vote.



### **Avoid The Rush**

Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The busiest voting times happen right at the opening and closing of the polls. We suggest you vote between 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM to avoid long lines.



## What to Expect at the Polls

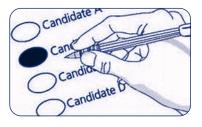
Voting should be a quick, satisfying experience. Ask a poll worker for assistance if needed.

Voters must present valid ID with a photo and signature. After verification, voters must sign the precinct register (an electronic pollbook). Then, voters receive a paper ballot and a privacy folder.

Voters may bring their marked sample ballots or other materials for reference when marking their official ballot at the polls.

1. Fill in your ballot correctly. <u>Completely</u> fill in the oval to the left of the candidate or issue of your choice. For a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left and write the name on the line provided.







- **2. Review your ballot.** If you wish to change anything, ask a poll worker for a new ballot. You are allowed up to 3 attempts to properly mark your ballot.
- **3. Cast your ballot.** Place your ballot into the voting machine, wait for the machine to accept your ballot, and then return the privacy folder to the poll worker. Exit the voting area.



## **Voting Machines**



- Voters can only cast one ballot in any election.
- Voters are allowed up to 3 attempts to properly mark their ballot.
- When voting in person, use the marker provided in the privacy booth.
- Before you cast your ballot, be sure your ballot reflects your choices.
- Once your ballot is cast, you cannot receive another ballot in that election.

All precincts are equipped with optical scan voting machines, which count paper ballots with ovals filled in by the voter. All of our optical scan voting machines feature an ADA compliant voting device to allow voters with disabilities to vote independently using:

- Enlarged font
- Audio ballot
- Controller (input buttons in Braille)
- Sip-and-puff
- Two-switch device

The ADA compliant voting device is made available upon request.



A Provisional Ballot is a voter protection tool for a voter whose eligibility to vote is uncertain. It allows the Supervisor of Elections office to count the voter's ballot after the office determines that the voter is eligible. **Voters may track their Provisional Ballot status at LeonVotes.org or by contacting our office.** 

Some Provisional Ballot voters may be required to submit additional eligibility documentation by the second day following the election to the Supervisor of Elections office for their ballot to be counted.

The Leon County Canvassing Board decides if the Provisional Ballot will be counted when it meets on the third day following the election.

## Provisional Ballots are often *issued* when:

- The voter does not show proper ID when voting in person.
- The voter's name is not found in the precinct register (electronic pollbook).

## Provisional Ballots are often *not counted* when:

- The voter arrives to vote in the wrong polling location on Election Day.
- The voter did not register 29 days before the election.

For more information on Provisional Ballot voting, contact our office.



## Florida's Closed Primary Elections

You are not required to register with a political party. However, Florida is a closed primary state. That means you may only vote in a partisan contest in a Primary Election if you are a registered member of that political party.

## Political party affiliation changes must be submitted 29 days prior to the Primary Election.

In a Primary Election, often there are many non-partisan offices up for election. Regardless of political party affiliation, voters may vote in these contests when they appear on the ballot.

When does a Universal Primary contest occur? A Universal Primary contest occurs when two candidates of the same political party affiliation appear on the Primary Election ballot and face no opposition in the General Election. In a Universal Primary contest, all eligible voters, regardless of political party affiliation, may participate.

In a General Election, voters may select the candidate of their choice regardless of political party affiliation.



## **Voting Rights Restoration**

If you are a former convicted felon and you have completed all terms of your sentence, you are eligible to register to vote under s. 4, Art. VI of the State Constitution. To register to vote, visit **LeonVotes.org/OVR**. Complete and submit a Florida Voter Registration Application (online or download paper form).

## **Pre-register to Vote**

If you are 16 or 17 years old, you may pre-register to vote. Complete and submit a Florida Voter Registration Application *(online or download paper form)*. Then, you may vote in any election occurring on or after your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **Homeless Residing in Leon County**

If you are homeless you may register to vote using a shelter address as your residence, and if you have a place where you receive your mail, that address should be used as your mailing address.

## U.S. Military / U.S. Citizens Overseas

If you are U.S. military or a U.S. citizen residing overseas, you may find detailed information about voter registration and voting at **www.FVAP.gov** or **LeonVotes.org** (click *Vote-by-Mail*).

## **College Students Residing in Leon County**

If you reside in Leon County for school, you are eligible to register to vote here. This may be the most convenient option considering that many voting precincts and early voting sites are located on or near our local campuses.

If you choose to register or keep your registration active in your home county, contact your home county's Supervisor of Elections for more information about the Vote-by-Mail process and request options.





You can request any of the services below using the Community Involvement Request form online at LeonVotes.org.

Email Vote@LeonCountyFL.gov or call (850) 606-8683 for more information about these services.

**Request a Speaker** – The Supervisor of Elections or staff from the Elections Office will speak to your class, club, organization, or group about the election process and voting.

**Invite The Elections Office To Your Event** – A representative from the Supervisor of Elections Office will set up a non-partisan voter registration table at your event as scheduling permits.

**Student Government Elections** – The Elections Office offers one no-cost election per year to any school in Leon County as a means of voter education. Participating schools and students may vote for school offices using official ballots and voting machines.

**Voter Registration / Education Program** – Election staff provides voter registration and education services to area high schools, Tallahassee Community College, Florida State University and Florida A&M University.



We need poll workers! Each election year, we recruit a diverse pool of public servants of all skill levels to carry out official election duties at the polls. We are ready to teach you everything you need to know to do the job. The job is easy and anyone who has worked at the polls will tell you it is one of the most rewarding ways to help your community.

We need poll workers who speak Spanish! To apply, go to **LeonVotes.org** (click *Poll Worker Info*) or visit our office to fill out an application. Contact our office for more information about becoming a poll worker.

¡Necesitamos trabajadores electorales que hablen español! Para someter una aplicación, visite **LeonVotes.org** y haga clic en *Poll Worker Info*, o visite nuestra oficina. Contacte a nuestra oficina para más información sobre convertirse en un trabajador electoral.

## Top **5** Reasons to **Become a Poll Worker**

- 5 You will work side by side with your neighbors and meet new people.
- You will play a vital role in the democratic process.
- Your community needs you. Leon County must recruit 1,500 poll workers this year for our elections to run smoothly.
  - It is a great opportunity to help people, serve your community, and have fun doing it!

You get paid to do a good thing!





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Apalachee Pkwy

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### Visit our new location for :

- Voter Services
- Early Voting
- Poll Worker Training
- Administrative Services

Skip the drive: Register to vote or update your voter information online 24/7! LeonVotes.org/OVR