Voter Guide

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA 2024



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Not registered to vote?

 Register now so you can make your voice heard!

Already registered?

 Please check your info and update if needed!

Want to vote by mail?

- Request your ballot today!
- Due to a recent change in election law, you must renew your Vote-by-Mail ballot request each election cycle.

And most important, get out and vote!

Visit **LeonVotes.gov** to register, check your info, update, or request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot.

Do it online and save some time!



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A Message from Mark S. Earley, Supervisor of Elections

2024 is going to be busy election year! Traditionally, presidential elections have higher turnout than other years, and we also have an entire third election on the calendar. The March 19 Presidential Preference Primary Election is just the beginning of the 2024 Election Cycle. And with such a busy year, I encourage you to be **Election Ready**.

Take a few minutes to check your voter information, such as your address and party affiliation, as your ballot can depend on both. And if you want to vote by mail, make sure to request your Vote-by-Mail ballot. You can take care of all of this at **LeonVotes.gov**.

And of course, make sure to educate yourself about the candidates and issues, so that you can cast an informed ballot. By doing so, you will be **Election Ready** in 2024.

At the Elections Office, we are committed to providing Leon County voters with the outstanding voter services and and secure elections we all deserve. To this end, I pledge that this office will:

- Always function in a nonpartisan manner.
- Always use paper ballots as the method to capture your vote.
- Continually improve the security of elections.
- · Advocate for common sense, voter friendly election laws
- Provide materials such as this Voter Guide to help educate citizens about changing election laws and 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.

So, lets all do our part to be **Election Ready**! And most importantly, get out and **VOTE!**

Mark S. Earley

Leon County Supervisor of Elections



We are committed to accuracy and transparency.

That is why we conduct an independent 100% recheck audit of every election. The audit double checks every vote using an independent system to ensure the election results are accurate. The audit confirmed the accuracy of the 2022 general election results to within 99.9926 percent across every vote on every ballot. These steps ensure voters can be confident in the election results. Our systems are certified by the Florida Department of State and we test them before and after each election. And critically, all voting in Florida is done using a paper ballot.

There are layers of security and procedures that maintain the integrity of our elections. We conduct maintenance on the voter registration list every year to ensure that only eligible voters are registered. And before someone can be added to the voter rolls, we verify their identity.

Voting-by-Mail has similar safeguards. We only mail out ballots when a voter has requested one. When we receive the ballot back, we do not remove it from the envelope until after we have confirmed that it was returned by the voter through signature verification.

All this activity takes place in a public environment. Poll watchers observe in-person voting. We only open and count Vote-by-Mail ballots during public meetings. And, nearly every record related to the election is a public record open to inspection or copying.

Our elections are secure, and the results can be trusted. Learn more at **LeonVotes.gov/Trust**.



OUR MISSION

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

CONTACT US!

Mark S. Earley, Leon County Supervisor of Elections

Hours Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In Person Leon County Elections Center

2990-1 Apalachee Parkway

Tallahassee, Florida

Call (850) 606-8683

Fax (850) 606-8601

Online LeonVotes.gov

Email Vote@LeonVotes.gov

Mail P.O. Box 7357

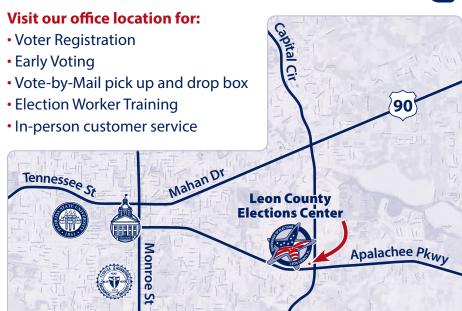
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The offices listed on this page are up for election in 2024. Leon County voters will have the opportunity to vote on them if more than one candidate is running in a race. The races and candidates that appear on your ballot depend on your address and party affiliation. See next page for more info.

Federal

President and Vice President U.S. Senate (one of two seats) U.S. House of Representatives (District 2)

Florida Legislature

Florida Senate (*District 3*) Florida House of Representatives (*Districts 7, 8, and 9*)

Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court of Florida (*Terms expiring in 2025*)
Judge, 1st District Court of Appeal (*Terms expiring in 2025*)
Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit (*Groups 2, 5, 6, 7, and 12*)
County Judge (*Seats 3 and 4*)
Public Defender
State Attorney

Leon County Clerk of Court

Property Appraiser
Sheriff
Superintendent
Supervisor of Elections
Tax Collector
Board of County Commissioners
(Districts 2, 4, At-Large Group 1)
School Board (Districts 2 and 4)

City of Tallahassee

City Commission (Seats 1 and 2)

Special Districts

Leon Soil & Water Conservation
District (Seats 2, 3, and 4)
Capital Region Community
Development District
(Seats 2 and 4)
Piney-Z Community
Development District
(Seats 2 and 4)



Florida is a **closed primary** election state. The races and candidates that appear on your primary election ballot depend on your party affiliation. If you do not select a political party when you register, you will be registered with No Party Affiliation.

Presidential Preference Primary Election

In this election voters with a party affiliation vote for the presidential candidate they want to represent their party in the General Election. If your party is not participating in the PPP or you are registered with No Party Affiliation, you will not receive a ballot in this election.

Primary Election

In this election, voters receive a ballot based on party affiliation. You may only vote in a partisan race if you are a registered member of that party.

There are also non-partisan races on the ballot and all voters can vote in these races regardless of party.

In addition, if all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation, and the winner of the primary will be elected to office, then all voters can vote in that race regardless of party affiliation. This is known as a universal primary.

General Election

In this election, voters receive the same ballot regardless of party. You can vote for any candidates on your ballot.



	Presidential Preference Primary Election	Primary Election	General Election
Initial Vote-by-Mail mailout to military and overseas voters	By February 3	By July 6	By September 21
Initial Vote-by-Mail mailout to domestic voters	Between February 8 – 15	Between July 11 – 18	Between September 26 – October 3
Voter Registration and Party Change Deadline	February 20	July 22	October 7
Deadline to request to be mailed your ballot	5 p.m., March 7	5 p.m., August 8	5 p.m., October 24
Early Voting Period	March 9 – March 17	August 10 – 18	October 21 – November 3
Election Day	March 19	August 20	November 5

We must receive your Vote-by-Mail ballot by 7 p.m. on Election Day in order to count it. There is a special 10-day extension for ballots from overseas voters in the Presidential Preference Primary and General Elections.



Requirements

To register to vote in Leon County, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A Florida resident and live in Leon County
- At least 18 years old (you can pre-register when you are at least 16)

You lose your right to vote if you are:

- Adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting. When this happens, your right to vote must be restored by court.
- Convicted of a felony. See next page about restoration of voting rights if you have been convicted of a felony.

How to Register

Online Voter Registration (OVR)

 Register online by visiting RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov, Florida's online voter registration system.



- OVR requires a Florida driver's license or ID card, and last four digits of Social Security number.
- If you do not have a Florida driver's license or ID card, you can use OVR to fill-out a paper application for print/mail to our office.



Register By Mail

- Complete a paper application and mail it to our office.
- You can print the application at LeonVotes.gov.
- Call us and we will mail you an application.

Register In Person

 Register in person at the Elections Center, DMV/Tax Collector, voter registration agency, public library, or at a community outreach event.

Voter Registration Deadline

You can register to vote at any time. However, to vote in an election you must be registered 29 days before that election.



If you are convicted of a felony, you lose the right to vote in Florida. However, that right can be restored.

Automatic Restoration

For most crimes, voting rights are automatically restored once the person convicted of a felony has completed all terms of their sentence. This includes parole, probation, and payment of fines and fees. Automatic restoration does not apply to felons convicted of murder or sexual offenses.

Questions about how fines, fees, costs, and restitution affect the restoration of your voting rights?

Contact the Division of Elections.

Online: dos.myflorida.com/elections

• Phone: (850) 245-6290

• Email: DivElections@dos.myflorida.com

Restoration by Executive Clemency

Clemency allows felons to ask for relief from punishment and seek restoration of civil rights, including the right to vote. The power to grant clemency is vested in the Governor and Cabinet. People convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense can only have their voting rights restored through clemency.

Questions about clemency?

Contact the Florida Commission on Offender Review.

Web: fcor.state.fl.us

Phone: (850) 922-0000



Pre-Register to Vote

If you are 16 or 17 years old, you can pre-register to vote. Simply complete and submit a regular voter registration application. Then, when you turn 18, we will mail your voter information card.

Homeless Residing in Leon County

If you live in Leon County, but you do not have a traditional home or address, you can still register to vote. Please contact us directly so that we can assist you.

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

If you are U. S. military or a U. S. citizen residing overseas, you have special voter registration and voting options. Visit **LeonVotes.gov** to learn more.

College Students Residing in Leon County

Register in Leon County

If you live in Leon County for school, you can register to vote here even if you use your home address for other documents. If you live off-campus, you can use that address as your residence address. If you live on campus, use the name of your dorm and room number as your residence address.

Register in Home County

You can register or keep your voter registration in your home county/state. You will need to request a Vote-by-Mail ballot from your home election office, or travel back home to vote in person.

Please keep your registration information up to date! Check your current voter information anytime at **LeonVotes.gov**! Click Your Voter Info.



Address Change

Where you live determines your Election Day polling place and which races appear on your ballot. We also send important election mail to your address. If you move and do not update your address, your registration may become inactive and eventually removed from the voter rolls.

Update your address anytime by completing a voter registration application or through **RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov**.

Political Party Change

Your party affects which candidates you can vote for in a Primary Election. Update your party by completing a paper voter registration application or by visiting **RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov**. You must update your party at least 29 days before a primary election for the change to affect that election.

Name Change

Update your record by completing a paper voter registration application or through **RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov**.

Signature Update

We use your signature to verify petitions, Vote-by-Mail ballot certificates, and other documents. A signature mismatch could cause your Vote-by-

Mail ballot to be rejected.

Has your signature changed since you first registered to vote?

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

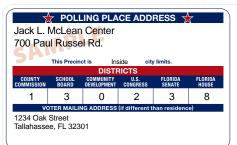
If your signature has changed over time, update the record with our office. Update your signature by completing a paper voter registration application and sending it to us.



After you register to vote, we will mail you a voter information card. We will also mail you a card when you update your record.

The card lists your party affiliation, where you vote on Election Day, and other information.

The card serves as proof of your registration, but it is not legal verification of your eligibility to vote. **It cannot be used as ID at the polls.**





County
Commission
District #

13<u>21</u>

Numbers less than 50 are INSIDE city limits
Numbers greater than 50 are OUTSIDE city limits

School Board District #



Three Ways to Vote



Vote-by-Mail

Request a Vote-by-Mail ballot and vote from the comfort of your home. Return the ballot by mail or drop box.



Vote Early

Cast your ballot at any of our convenient Early Voting sites in Leon County before Election Day.



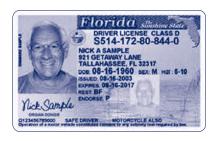
Vote on Election Day

It's your last chance to vote!
On Election Day you must vote at your assigned polling place.



You need to bring ID to vote at an Early Voting site or your Election Day polling place. You can use any combination of the following IDs that show picture and signature:

- Florida Driver's License or Florida Identification Card 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 does not count as ID to vote.

If you forget to bring ID with you, you can vote using a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will count if you are eligible to vote and in the proper precinct.



All voters in Florida can Vote-by-Mail in each election if they request to do so.

How to Request your Vote-by-Mail Ballot

Online LeonVotes.gov

(click Your Voter Info)

In-Person Leon County Elections Center

2990-1 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee Mon through Fri 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call (850) 606-8683

Mail Send Vote-by-Mail Ballot request form (available at **LeonVotes.gov**) to

P.O. Box 7357, Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357

Your Voter Info

When requesting your Vote-by-Mail ballot, you must provide your Florida driver's license / ID card number or the last four digits of your Social Security number.

Voting Your Ballot

Follow these steps to ensure your Vote-by-Mail ballot is counted.

- Confirm we have your Vote-by-Mail ballot request on file.
- Make sure we have your up-to-date signature and address.
- Follow the instructions included with your mail ballot.
- Sign the Voter's Certificate on the envelope with a good signature.
- Mail at least one week before Election Day. Or, you can return your ballot by drop box.

We must receive your ballot by 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the status of your mail ballot any time at **LeonVotes.gov!** Click *Your Voter Info*.

Military and Overseas

Military and overseas voters, also known as "UOCAVA voters," have special Vote-by-Mail options. Contact us for more information.



You can return your Vote-by-Mail ballot using one of our drop boxes (also known as secure ballot intake stations). Every day we empty the drop boxes and securely transfer the ballots directly to the Elections Center. Each drop box is staffed by election workers to ensure your ballot is safe.

- Ballot must be sealed in the special return envelope.
- Make sure to sign the envelope.

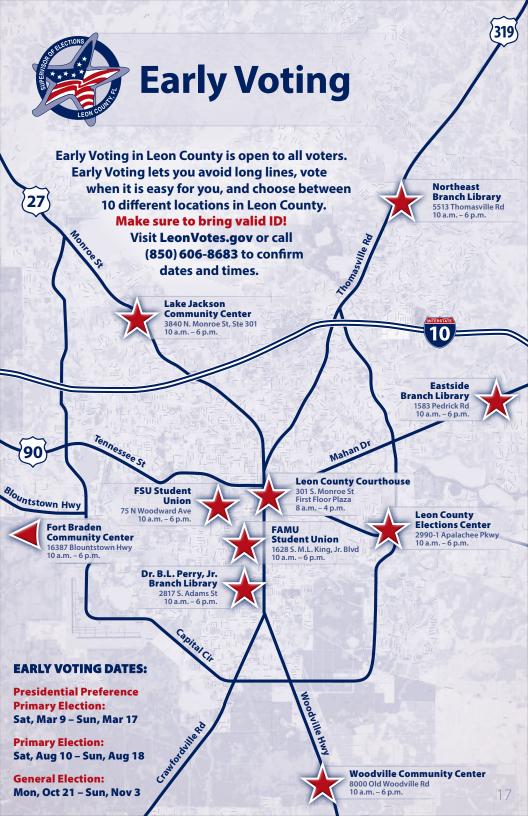
You cannot drop-off your Vote-by-Mail ballot at Election Day polling places. However, as long as you have not cast your Vote-by-Mail ballot, you can instead vote in person at your

Election Day polling place.



Drop Box Locations and Hours

- At each Early Voting site during the hours and days of Early Voting.
- At the Elections Center during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Election Day.





Election Day is your last chance to vote! Remember to bring valid ID! See page 14 for more info.

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are waiting in line at 7 p.m., you are allowed to vote.

The busiest voting times happen right at the opening and closing of the polls. To avoid lines, we suggest you vote between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where Do I Vote on Election Day?

On Election Day, you must cast a ballot at your assigned polling place.

Your polling place is listed on your voter information card. You can also use the Voter Info lookup on **LeonVotes.gov** or call us at **(850)** 606-8683.





What to Expect When you Vote in Person

Voting in person should be a quick and easy experience. This is what you can expect when you vote in person:

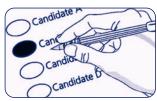
- **1.** Present valid ID with a photo and signature. The election worker will verify your information.
- 2. Sign the electronic poll book.
- **3.** The election worker will give you your paper ballot and a privacy folder.
- 4. Walk to an open privacy booth.
- **5.** Vote your ballot using the marker provided in the privacy booth. Make sure to bubble in the ovals completely.
- **6.** Review your ballot. If you wish to change anything, ask an election worker for a new ballot.
- **7.** Place your ballot into the voting machine, and wait for the machine to accept your ballot.
- **8.** Collect your "I Voted" sticker as you exit the voting area.

If you need help ask an election worker for assistance.



All voting in Florida is done using paper ballots. We only use machines that are certified by the Florida Department of State. Before each election we test all the equipment to ensure it is properly counting votes. Then we publicly audit the results to ensure they are correct.











We are committed to aiding voters with disabilities and ensuring that everyone can exercise their right to vote. If you need assistance when voting, ask the clerk at the voting site and they will be happy to help.

Assistance at the Polls

You can bring a helper with you to vote. They can be in the privacy booth with you to assist you with marking and voting your ballot. You can also request help from election workers.

Voting Equipment

All Early Voting sites and Election Day polling places are accessible and supplied with equipment that helps voters with disabilities cast their ballots. You can use it to mark your ballot in secret with little or no help from other people. For voters with blindness or low vision, the system has an audio feature that will read the ballot to you.

Voting-by-Mail

With a Vote-by-Mail ballot, you can vote from the comfort of your home. You can have someone help you mark your Vote-by-Mail ballot, but you must sign the certificate on the envelope. We have an accessible Vote-by-Mail option for voters with disabilities. Contact us to learn more.

Language Assistance

Ballots and other documents are available in both English and Spanish, including Vote-by-Mail ballots.

We use a translation hotline that can translate hundreds of languages into English. Using this service, we can provide you with assistance in your native language. This service is available over the phone, at each Early Voting site, and each Election Day polling place.

If we are unable to confirm that you are eligible to vote, you will not

be turned away. Instead, election workers will give you the option to complete a provisional ballot. This back up voting option protects your right to vote while preventing fraud.

An election worker will help you if you need to vote using a provisional ballot.

Reasons for Voting a Provisional Ballot

- Your voter record cannot be located.
- You did not bring proper ID.
- Your eligibility to vote cannot be verified at the voting site.
- Your eligibility to vote has been challenged.
- You may be at the wrong Election Day polling place.
- You may have already voted in the election.

Counting Provisional Ballots

After Election Day, election staff will research your voter information. You can provide us with additional evidence to support your eligibility to vote. Election staff will give the research and evidence to the Canvassing Board, who will decide whether to accept or reject your ballot.

If you completed a provisional ballot because you forgot to bring ID to the polls, you do not need to provide additional evidence.

You can check on the status of your provisional ballot at **LeonVotes.gov** or by calling **(850) 606-8683**.



VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

- I. 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.

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:

- I. 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.
- 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.



Community Engagement and Outreach







We are committed to engaging with our local community by providing opportunities to register and learn about voting. You may see our staff at events throughout Leon County.

If you are hosting an event, contact us at (850) 606-8683 to learn about the voter registration and education services we can provide.

Request a Speaker – The Supervisor of Elections or staff are available to speak at groups or events in Leon County.

Voter Registration Table – We can set up a voter registration table at non-partisan events and assist voters with registering to vote.

Use Voting Equipment – Organizations can request use of the official voting equipment to conduct their elections.

Voter Registration Training Workshops – We provide training to individuals and organizations that are interested in voter registration drives.

Voter Education Programs at Schools and Universities – Each year we offer a voter registration and education program in Leon County public high schools to educate students on elections and voter registration.

We also organize a yearly voter registration / education program on each college campus in Leon County. This includes setting up a voter registration table as well as attending campus events or forums.



Our elections rely on dedicated election workers (also known as poll workers) to serve every voter and ensure that ballots are counted accurately.

Each election cycle, we must recruit hundreds of election workers, so we are always looking for new team members. We are ready to teach you everything you need to do the job. It is one of the most rewarding ways to help your community.

Top 5 Reasons to Become an Election Worker



- 5 You will work side by side with your neighbors and meet new people.
- 4 You will play a vital role in the democratic process.
- **Your community needs you.**
- You will learn how elections work.
- You get paid to do it!

Requirements

To serve as an election worker, you must be a registered or pre-registered voter in Leon County. You must also be able to speak, read, and write in English. You cannot be a candidate on the ballot.

How Do I Apply?

Visit **LeonVotes.gov** to complete an application. Call **(850) 606-8683** to learn more.



2024 Elections – **Key Dates**

■ = Voter Registration Deadline
■ = Early Voting Period

= Election Day

Presidential Preference Primary

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Primary Election

OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS. BALLOT DEPENDS ON PARTY.

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	August 2024							
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General Election

OPEN TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS. SAME BALLOT REGARDLESS OF PARTY.

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