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Leon County Supervisor of Elections Mails Ballots for 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election

Leon County, FL – Mark S. Earley, Supervisor of Elections for Leon County, announces the initial mailing of Vote-by-Mail ballots for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election (PPP). “During the next week, my office will mail over 7,300 Vote-by-Mail ballots to Leon County voters,” said Supervisor Earley. “In addition, we have already sent out over 100 ballots to military and overseas voters so they have extra time to receive and return their ballot.”

Voters who have already requested a Vote-by-Mail ballot can expect delivery next week. A recent change in Florida law requires voters to renew their request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot each election year. If you have not yet renewed your request for 2024, there is still time. The deadline to request a mail ballot is twelve days before Election Day. For the PPP, that date is March 7. Requests can be made online at LeonVotes.gov by clicking “Vote-by-Mail,” or by calling the Elections Office. Voters can also pick up a Vote-by-Mail ballot from the Elections Office up to and including Election Day.

The Elections Office must receive voted ballots by 7 p.m. on Election Day, March 19 or they cannot be counted. There is a special 10-day extension for ballots from overseas voters. The United States Postal Service recommends that voters mail their voted ballots back to the Elections Office at least one week before Election Day. Alternatively, voters can drop off voted Vote-by-Mail ballots into a Secure Ballot Intake Station (also known as a drop box) at any Early Voting site during voting hours. Early Voting starts on Saturday, March 9 and runs through Sunday, March 17. Voters can also return ballots directly to the Elections Office during business hours. Ballots must be returned in the green envelope, with the voter’s signature and date signed. Voters can find hours, locations, and more at LeonVotes.gov.

The PPP is part of how political parties select presidential candidates. Since the Florida Democratic Party nominated Joe Biden as their sole candidate and there are no other contests on the ballot, only voters registered with the Republican Party of Florida will have a ballot in the Leon County PPP. Voters registered with the Democratic Party, a minor party, or no party will not receive a ballot in this election. The deadline to register to vote or change party affiliation in time for the PPP is February 20.

Voters with questions are encouraged to contact the Supervisor of Elections Office by email at Vote@LeonVotes.gov, or by phone at (850) 606-8683, Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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