2018 ELECTIONS!

CITRUS COUNTY

Easy Voter Guide

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WHO CAN VOTE

You May Register To Vote If:

- ★ You are a U.S. Citizen.
- ★ You are 18 years-of-age *(A person who is otherwise qualified may pre-register on or after that person's 16th birthday and may vote in any election occurring on or after that person's 18th birthday.)*
- ★ You are a legal resident of the Florida county in which you wish to vote.

Persons Not Entitled To Register:

- ★ Anyone convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent with respect to voting, may not register to vote until their civil rights or competency has been restored.
- ★ Any person who is not a citizen of the United States. *(F.S. 97.041)*

HOW TO REGISTER

You must fill out a voter registration application form.

Voter registration applications are available at:

- ★ Supervisor of Elections office
- ★ Driver's License offices
- ★ State agencies that provide public assistance
- ★ Libraries
- ★ County governmental offices
- ★ Call our office for an application (352) 341-6740 or (800) 655-6645
- ★ **Go online to download a form: www.votecitrus.com**
- ★ Register to vote, or update your voter record online: www.registertovoteflorida.gov

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RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov
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VOTE BY MAIL 2018

2018 ELECTION DATES

Register by: July 30, 2018
PRIMARY ELECTION
AUGUST 28, 2018

Register by: October 9, 2018
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

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CITRUS COUNTY
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS LOCATIONS

MAIN OFFICE
120 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, FL 34450
(352) 341-6740 • Fax: (352) 341-6749

CRYSTAL RIVER OFFICE
1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429
(352) 564-7120 • Fax: (352) 564-7121

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting Dates

PRIMARY ELECTION:
August 17th – 25th, 2018

GENERAL ELECTION:
October 26th – November 3rd, 2018

Early Voting Locations

Central Ridge Library – 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills, FL 34465
Crystal River Elections Office –1540 N. Meadowcrest Blvd., Crystal River, FL 34429
Homosassa Public Library – 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa, FL 34446
Inverness City Hall – 212 W. Main St., Inverness, FL 34450

Lack of photo and signature ID will require the voter to cast a provisional ballot. ***(F.S. 101.043(2))***

CLOSED PRIMARY STATE

What does it mean?

In a primary election, voters are limited to choosing candidates of the party in which they are registered.

If you register with the Republican Party, you are allowed to vote only for republican candidates.

If you register with the Democratic Party, you are allowed to vote only for democratic candidates.

If you register with a minor party or no party affiliation, you are allowed to vote for non-partisan candidates and referendums in the primary election.

NOTE: *A party change **must** be made in writing prior to the end of the **29th day before an election**.*

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

WHEN CAN YOU REGISTER

You may apply to register to vote at any time. However, there is a 29 day deadline prior to each election for registering to vote or for changing party affiliation.

The date your voter registration application is postmarked or hand delivered to your county Supervisor of Elections, will be your registration date.

When the registration books are closed for an election, address and name changes can be made. Voter registration and party changes will be accepted, but only for the purpose of subsequent elections.

(F.S. 97.055)

VOTER INFORMATION CARD

A voter information card will be mailed to you after your voter registration application is processed. Please check the card to make sure all your information is correct. You do not need this card to vote. It is for your information only. You will receive an updated voter information card if there are any changes.

A new voter information card will be mailed to you when there are any changes to your polling place.

UPDATE YOUR VOTER RECORD

It is the voter's responsibility to notify the Supervisor of Elections office if you:

Change your address (moved within the county) – By phone, fax, e-mail or in writing.

Change your address (moved from out of county), change your name, political party or to update your signature - Fill out a voter registration application and mail it to our office or visit any of our agencies and they will forward them to our office.

POLL WORKERS

- ★ Applications are available online at www.votecitrus.com.
- ★ Must be registered to vote in Citrus County.
- ★ Must be able to read and write the English language.
- ★ Must attend mandatory training classes.
- ★ Need persons with technical and computer skills.
- ★ Must have a valid email and computer access.

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Any qualified registered voter in Citrus County is entitled to a vote by mail ballot. The ballot may be requested in person, by mail, e-mail, fax or by phone. An immediate family member or legal guardian may request a vote by mail ballot for a voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse, parent, child, grandparent or sibling.

Requesting a Vote by Mail Ballot

The voter making the request must disclose the following information:

- ★ Voter's Name
- ★ Voter's Address
- ★ Voter's Date-of-Birth
- ★ Voter's Signature (written requests only)

If the voter has designated an immediate family member or legal guardian to request a vote by mail ballot, the requester must provide the above information and the following information:

- ★ Requester's Name
- ★ Requester's Address
- ★ Requester's Driver's License Number (if available)
- ★ Requester's Relationship to Voter
- ★ Requester's Signature (written requests only)

Voters may request a vote by mail ballot for a specific election or for all elections through two general election cycles.

Vote by mail ballots are mailed to voters 35 to 28 days before an election.

Vote by mail ballots are mailed non-forwardable, return-if-undeliverable, to those voters who have requested a vote by mail ballot.

If the ballot is requested to be mailed to an address other than the voter's address on file, the request must be made in writing and signed by the voter. *(F.S. 101.62 (1)(b))*

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS CANNOT BE FORWARDED.

RETURNING YOUR MAIL BALLOT

NOTE: Voters, when returning your VOTE BY MAIL ballot by the US Postal Service, please allow for extra delivery time.

Your mail ballot may be returned to the Supervisor of Elections office in person or by mail. However you choose to return your ballot, *it must be received in the Supervisor of Elections office in Inverness by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.*

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT A POLLING PLACE.

ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

Polls are open from 7:00a.m. until 7:00p.m.

The name and address of your polling location will be on your voter information card.

REMEMBER: You must show photo and signature identification. Both the photo and signature may be on one ID or they may be on two separate ID's. Lack of photo and signature ID will require the voter to cast a provisional ballot. *(F.S. 101.043 (2))*

You must show a photo and a signature identification!



ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PHOTO & SIGNATURE ID (Must be current and valid)

- ★ Florida Driver's License
- ★ Florida ID
- ★ U.S. Passport
- ★ Military ID
- ★ Student ID
- ★ Retirement Center ID
- ★ Debit or Credit Card with Photo
- ★ Neighborhood Association ID
- ★ Public Assistance ID
- ★ Veteran Health Identification Card Issued by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs
- ★ A License to Carry a Concealed Weapon or Firearm Issued Pursuant to S. 790.06
- ★ Employee Identification Card Issued by any Branch, Department, Agency, or Entity of the Federal Government, the State, a County, or a Municipality

VOTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT

What is a Provisional Ballot?

(F.S. 101.048)

Provisional ballots provide a safeguard to voters whose eligibility is in question. Provisional ballots may be issued at polling precincts on Election Day or at early voting sites.

Some reasons for issuing a provisional ballot:

- Voter does not show photo and signature ID when voting.
- Voter's eligibility status is in question.
- A challenge has been made about the eligibility of a voter.

Provisional ballots are sealed in a special envelope and kept separate from regular ballots. The county canvassing board is responsible for examining the provisional ballot envelope and making a determination as to the voter's eligibility.

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EXPRESSVOTE

The Supervisor of Elections office provides voting to aid persons with disabilities. The *ExpressVote* ballot marking device allows blind and visually impaired voters to vote independently by accessing the systems audio feature. An *ExpressVote* device will be available in each early voting site and polling precinct.



HOW TO MARK YOUR CITRUS COUNTY BALLOT

Citrus County uses a DS200 voting machine to count your ballot. This is an optical scan system with a paper ballot. You must completely fill in the oval for your ballot to be read correctly. Any other mark may not be read by the scanner.

USE A BLACK PEN.

TO MARK YOUR BALLOT CORRECTLY, FILL IN THE OVAL NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.



IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE

If you make a mistake on your ballot, please do not erase or use white out. If you are voting at your polling place, ask for another ballot. If you are voting by mail, please call the Supervisor of Elections office at (352) 341-6740 for instructions.

Scan this code to visit our website!

Need a Demonstration?

Call us if your organization or club would like a demonstration on the voting machine.

Call: (352) 341-6740

FAX: 352-341-6749

VOTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND BILL OF RIGHTS

VOTER'S 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 operations.
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 the election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
9. Ask any 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.*

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 election officers.
8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by election 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.

(F.S. 101.031)