What is a Closed Primary State?

In a primary election, voters are limited to choosing candidates of the party they are registered. However, all voters, regardless of party affiliation may vote in non-partisan races and referendums.

If you are register with the Republican Party, you are allowed to vote only for republican candidates. If you are registered with the Democratic Party, you are allowed to vote only for democratic candidates. If you registered with a minor party or no party affiliation, you are allowed to vote for non-partisan candidates and referendums in the primary election.

There are 12 states that use a strictly closed primary process, including Florida; Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Wyoming.

Are you ready for the 2016 Presidential Preference Primary?

Being prepared for voting in the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) will take the stress out of your voting experience.

Are you one of the over 18,000 voters who has requested a mail ballot? If you have not requested a mail ballot and would like to vote by mail, call the elections office at 341-6740 or email us at vote@votecitrus.com

If you are one of the over 25,000 registered voters who are registered with no party affiliation or in a minor party and wish to vote in the PPP, you will have to change your political party at least 29 days prior to the PPP election (February 16, 2016).

Do you want to vote at an early vote site? The early vote locations are the Inverness City Hall, Central Ridge Library, Homosassa Library and the Meadowcrest Elections Office. The hours are 10 am - 6 pm for the PPP.

Do you want to vote at your polling place on Election Day? There are 31 polling places and voters must vote at their assigned polling place on Election Day. Make sure you know where yours is located. If you don’t know where your polling place is located, go online at votecitrus.com or call us at 341-6740.

Changed your address or name? Contact the elections office to update your voter record information.

The message is clear... a little preparation will ensure a smooth voting experience.
Candidates/Offices Up for Election in 2016

**FEDERAL**
President and Vice President
U.S. Senate
U.S. House of Representatives – District 11

**STATE**
State Senate – District 5
State House of Representatives – District 34
State Attorney
Public Defender

**JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT**
Retention of 4 Justices

**CIRCUIT JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**
Group 1, 2, 9, 15, 21, 23, 24, 25

**CITY OF INVERNESS**
City Council, Seat 2
City Council, Seat 4

**Mosquito Control Board**
Seat 2

**Citrus County Charitable Foundation, Inc.**
Seat 1
Seat 2

**CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER**
City Council, Seat 1
City Council, Seat 3
City Council, Seat 4

**Homosassa Special Water District**
Seat 1
Seat 3
Seat 5