

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

Voter Tips



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ELECTION DATES

PRIMARY ELECTION

Registration Closes

July 26, 2010

Early Voting

Begins: August 9, 2010

Ends: August 21, 2010

Election Day

(Polls open from 7 AM - 7 PM)

August 24, 2010

GENERAL ELECTION

Registration Closes

October 4, 2010

Early Voting

Begins: October 18, 2010

Ends: October 30, 2010

Election Day

(Polls open from 7 AM - 7 PM)

November 2, 2010

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

You must fill out a Florida Voter Registration Application form and submit it to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Florida Voter Registration Applications are available at:

Supervisor of Elections Office • Online at www.sjcvotes.us

Florida Driver's License offices • Public Libraries

County governmental offices • Armed Forces Recruitment Offices

State agencies that provide public assistance
and serve persons with disabilities

Voter registration closes 29 days prior to each election. In order to be eligible to vote in an election, you must be registered prior to this deadline.

UPDATE YOUR VOTER RECORD

It is the voter's responsibility to notify the Supervisor of Elections Office of any:

Change of address – If within St. Johns County, you may call the Elections Office, use the back of your voter information card, or complete a Florida Voter Registration Application. If outside St. Johns County, you must complete a Florida Voter Registration Application.

Change of name – You must complete a Florida Voter Registration Application.

Change of party – You must complete a Florida Voter Registration Application. Party changes must be made 29 days prior to an election to be valid for that election.

A new voter information card will be mailed to you anytime your registration is updated or when changes to polling places or precincts are made.

SAMPLE BALLOTS

Sample ballots will be mailed to all registered voters approximately three weeks prior to each election. They are also posted on our website and available approximately 40 days prior to each election.

THREE WAYS TO VOTE

VOTE BY MAIL

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot by calling the Elections Office at (904) 823-2238 or by visiting our website at www.sjcvotes.us.

It is imperative your signature be kept current at all times, especially if you vote by absentee ballot.

In order for an absentee ballot to count, the Supervisor must compare the signature on a voter's record with the signature on the absentee ballot and the two must match, according to section 101.68, F.S.

To update your signature, provide the Supervisor of Elections Office with a Florida Voter Registration Application indicating a signature update.

EARLY VOTE

Early voting begins two weeks prior to each election. All eligible, registered voters may cast their ballot at ANY Early Voting Site.

For information on dates, times and voting locations, contact the Elections Office or visit our website at www.sjcvotes.us.

ELECTION DAY

Polls are open from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

On election day, you must vote in the precinct of your legal residence.

Polling locations are listed on your Voter Information Card, or check the precinct locator on our website.

Confirm your address. If different than the address listed on your voter information card, call the Elections Office at (904) 823-2238 before going to vote.

Take current, valid photo and signature ID with you when you vote.
If you do not have proper ID, you must vote a provisional ballot.
(F.S., 101.043)

VOTING SYSTEM

The optical scan tabulators are the foundation of the St. Johns County voting system.

In 2010 the Elections System & Software DS200s were purchased to replace the outdated Optech III-P Eagles. Voters will continue to receive a paper ballot, mark their ballot by completing an oval next to the voter's choice, and place it into the DS200 for immediate tabulation. Improperly marked ballots are returned to the voter to allow the voter an opportunity to review their ballot and obtain a replacement when necessary.

Additionally, iVotronic touch screen tabulators (DREs) are provided to aid persons with disabilities. Touch screen voting is a federal and state mandate which allows voters with disabilities to vote privately. An audio feature is available for persons who are blind or visually impaired. One iVotronic is provided at each precinct and early voting site.

Absentee ballots are counted on a high speed tabulator at the Main Elections Office. Results from early voting, precincts, and absentee ballots are tabulated together at the Main Elections Office. After the polls close, the election results are released to the public and posted on our website.

HOW TO MARK A BALLOT

Beginning 2010, St. Johns County voters will complete the oval to vote. Using a black pen, voters fill in the oval on their paper ballot, to the left of their choices.



After marking the ballot, the voter inserts their paper ballot into the DS200 (optical scan machine at the polls or early voting sites), where it is tabulated immediately.