

## 2024 ELECTIONS

### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

### PRIMARY ELECTION

March 19, 2024

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August 20, 2024

### GENERAL ELECTION

November 5, 2024

## REGISTRATION AND PARTY CHANGES

Voter registration and party change deadline is 29 days prior to each election. After this date you cannot register to vote or change your party affiliation for the upcoming election. The only changes you can make to your voter record after the deadline are address or name changes and signature updates. F.S. 97.055

## OFFICE LOCATIONS

### Brooksville Main Office

*Mailing Address*

16264 Spring Hill Drive  
Brooksville, FL 34604

**Phone:** 352-754-4125

### Spring Hill Office

*Does not accept mail*

7443 Forest Oaks Blvd.  
Spring Hill, FL 34606

**Fax:** 352-754-4425



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# VOTER GUIDE

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*"It is the mission of the Supervisor of Elections office to ensure the integrity of the electoral process and empower each voter through continuous education."*

## HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE - F.S. 97.052

You are now able to register to vote and make changes to your existing voter registration online by visiting:

**RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov**

You may also fill out a voter registration application form.

Voter registration applications are available at:

- Supervisor of Elections Offices
- Driver's License/Tax Collector Offices
- State Agencies that provide public assistance
- Libraries
- County Governmental Offices
- Our website: **HernandoVotes.gov**

**Mail or return your completed application form to:**

Shirley Anderson

Hernando County Supervisor of Elections

16264 Spring Hill Drive

Brooksville, FL 34604

**By mail:** Envelope must be postmarked at least 29 days prior to an upcoming election, if you wish to vote in that election.

**In person:** Form must be delivered to the Elections Office before 4:30 p.m. or to a county library or a Florida Driver's License Bureau before its time of closing, at least 29 days before an upcoming election.

## VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS - F.S. 101.031

**Each registered voter in this State has the right to:**

- Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.
- Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.
- Ask for and receive assistance in voting.
- Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.
- An explanation of his or her registration or identity is in question.
- If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.
- Written instructions to use when voting, and upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.
- Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.
- Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

## VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES - F.S. 101.031

**Each registered voter in this state should:**

- Familiarize yourself with the candidates and issues.
- Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current residential address.
- Know the location of your polling location and its hours of operation.
- Bring proper identification to the polling location.
- Familiarize yourself with the operation of the voting equipment in your polling location.
- Treat election workers with courtesy.
- Respect the privacy of other voters.
- Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.
- Ask questions, if needed.
- Make sure that your completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling location.

**NOTE TO VOTER:** Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

## CHANGES IN YOUR VOTER'S REGISTRATION

It is the responsibility of the voter to keep his or her registration information current with the Elections Office. You can fill out a voter registration application if you change your:

**Name, residence address, mailing address, signature, or party affiliation.**

Address changes can be taken over the phone if the move is from one residence to another inside of Hernando County or from another county in Florida into Hernando County. If you move to another state you must register with that state. It is important to notify the Elections Office if you move because it is a felony to vote in a precinct in which you do not live. If you don't have access to your voter registration information, call the Elections Office for assistance.

FS 101.045

**NOTE TO VOTER:**

If you make a change to your voter registration record, you will be sent a new voter information card. If you do not receive a new card within two weeks of submitting your application for change, call the Elections Office at (352) 754-4125.

## CLOSED PRIMARY STATE - F.S. 101.021

**Florida is a closed primary state.** In a closed primary election, a voter is limited to choosing candidates of the party they are registered with. If you register with the Republican party, your ballot will have Republican candidates, non-partisan races and referendums. If you register with the Democratic party, your ballot will have Democratic candidates, non-partisan races and referendums. If you register with a minor party or no party affiliation, your ballot will have non-partisan races and referendums.

In a general election a voter can vote for any candidate they choose, regardless of party affiliation.

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

## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida ID
- Debit or Credit Card
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Florida Concealed Weapon or Firearm License
- U.S. Passport
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Government Employee ID Card
- Veteran Health ID Card

**NOTE TO VOTER:** If a voter is unable to provide photo and signature identification, the voter will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot.

Provisional ballots provide a safeguard to voters whose eligibility is in question. Provisional ballots may be issued at early voting sites prior to Election Day or at polling locations on Election Day. 101.048

## PROVISIONAL BALLOTS - F.S. 101.048

**Some reasons for issuing a provisional ballot:**

- Voter is unable to provide photo and signature ID
- Voter's eligibility status is in question.
- A challenge has been made about the eligibility of a voter.

A provisional ballot is sealed in a provisional ballot envelope and is 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.

## THREE WAYS TO VOTE

**Voting in Florida has never been easier. You can choose one of three ways to cast your ballot.**

### 1) Early

For most elections in Hernando County, early voting is offered to all eligible voters at multiple locations throughout the county. Early voting begins a minimum of 10 days prior to Election Day. For complete information on early voting times and locations, visit [HernandoVotes.gov](http://HernandoVotes.gov), contact us by phone or e-mail, or refer to your sample ballot.

### 2) Vote-By-Mail

You may request a Vote-By-Mail ballot by contacting our office by mail, phone, fax, e-mail, or through our website. Requests for a ballot to be mailed to you must be received by 5:00 p.m. no later than 12 days prior to Election Day. Follow the instructions included to complete your ballot. Voted ballots must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day and may be returned by mail or hand delivery. Vote-By-Mail ballots may not be forwarded, so be sure your address is correct. You can track the status of your ballot at [HernandoVotes.gov](http://HernandoVotes.gov).

### 3) Election Day

Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Election Day. The name and address of your polling location is printed on your voter information card. You must provide photo and signature identification in order to vote. Both photo and signature may be on one ID or they may be on two separate forms of ID. 101.043

## ACCESSIBLE VOTING

**Voters with Disabilities**

Hernando County has one ballot marking device available at each polling place and early voting location to assist persons with disabilities. This ballot marking device allows voters the option of an audio headset with keypad to mark their ballot. The screen has large-print capability and adjustable screen contrast for better viewing. Voters can also sign up to receive an ADA accessible Vote-By-Mail ballot.

## VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS - F.S. 101.62

Qualified registered voters in Hernando County are entitled to use a Vote-By-Mail ballot. The ballot may be requested in person, by mail, by phone or on our website. 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, grandchild or sibling.

## REQUESTING A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

The voter making the request must disclose the following: Voter's Name, Voter's Address, Voter's Date of Birth, Voter's Driver's License Number or last four digits of Voter's Social Security Number, and 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 requestor must provide the above information and the following information:

Requestor's Name, Requestor's Address, Requestor's Driver's License Number or last four digits of their Social Security Number, Requestor's Relationship to Voter, Requestor's Signature (written requests only).

A voter may request a Vote-By-Mail ballot for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election.

**NOTE TO VOTER: Vote-By-Mail ballots cannot be forwarded and will be returned to the Elections Office as undeliverable. All future requests will be canceled.**

## RETURNING A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

Your Vote-By-Mail ballot will arrive with instructions. Follow the instructions for completing your Vote-By-Mail ballot and Vote-By-Mail ballot envelope. If you make a mistake, contact the Elections Office for further instruction.

Vote-By-Mail ballots may be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office in person or by mail. For drop box information visit [HernandoVotes.gov](http://HernandoVotes.gov)

Ballots must be received in the Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day. FS 101.6103

**NOTE TO VOTER:** A voted Vote-By-Mail ballot cannot be accepted at a polling place for return to the Elections Office. There are no exceptions to this law.

## TRACK YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT

Sign up today for BallotTrax at [HernandoVotes.gov](http://HernandoVotes.gov) to receive status update notifications for your Vote-By-Mail ballot through text messaging (SMS) and email!

This trusted and secure alert system will track the full life of your ballot from printed to accepted.

**Note:** The system does not change or update your voter registration.

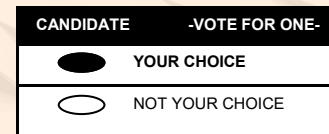
Scan the QR code below to sign-up directly!



## HOW TO VOTE YOUR BALLOT

Hernando County's voting method is by paper ballot tabulation through a digital scanner.

- To vote, simply mark your ballot by completely darkening the oval to the LEFT of your choice, as illustrated.



- For write-in candidates, if applicable, darken the oval to the LEFT of the words "Write-in", and write the qualified write-in candidate's name on the blank line provided.
- After reviewing your ballot, insert it into the digital scan tabulator.
- If you make a mistake, simply ask for a replacement ballot.
- If you need any assistance, see an election worker.