WHAT'S NEW

Under a 2021 law, voters who had a standing vote-by-mail ballot request will no longer get those automatically. If you want a vote-by-mail ballot, you must submit a new request each election cycle.

Redistricting in 2022 changed the boundaries of certain U.S. congressional and state legislative districts and may affect which candidates appear on your ballot. As of press time, litigation over the state's congressional districts was ongoing.

WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

How can I register to vote?

The deadline to register is Monday, Oct. 7. **Online:** Visit registertovoteflorida.gov to register, check your registration status or update your information. You'll need a Florida driver's license or state-issued ID card, the issue date of your license or ID, and the last four digits of your Social Security number.

If you do not have this information, you may still use the online system to prefill a voter registration application. Then print, sign and mail or hand-deliver the form to your county supervisor of elections. For addresses, go to dos.fl.gov/elections/contacts and click on Contact Your County Supervisor of Elections.

By mail: Visit dos.fl.gov/elections/forms-publications/forms and select Form DS-DE 39 under Master Form List. Mail the completed form to your county elections office. It must be postmarked by Monday, Oct. 7.

In person: Go to your county elections office to pick up, drop off or fill out an application. Other locations to get a form include public libraries, public assistance agencies and offices authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to issue fishing, hunting or trapping permits.

IMPORTANT: As of press time, election issues were being contested in some states. AARP strongly recommends confirming details at the Florida Division of Elections website at dos.fl.gov/elections. Also find updates at aarp.org/flvotes.

Reach the state's toll-free voter assistance hotline at 866-308-6739, or scan here for the state's website.

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HOW TO VOTE IN THE 2024 ELECTION

KEY DATES

Voter registration deadline Monday, Oct. 7

Deadline to request a vote-bymail ballot be sent to you Thursday, Oct. 24

Deadline for county to receive vote-by-mail ballot Tuesday, Nov. 5, by 7 p.m.

> Early in-person voting Saturday, Oct. 26, to Saturday, Nov. 2

Election Day Tuesday, Nov. 5; polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



How can I get a vote-by-mail ballot?

Any registered voter can request a vote-by-mail ballot. Formore, visit dos.fl.gov/elections/for-voters, click on Voting, then scroll down and select Vote-by-Mail.

By mail, email or fax: Go to dos.fl.gov/elections/forms-publications/forms and scroll down to Form DS-DE 160. Send the completed form to your county supervisor of elections. Requests for a ballot to be mailed to you must be received by Thursday, Oct. 24. In person: Call or visit your supervisor of elections to request a ballot. The deadline to pick up a vote-by-mail ballot is 7 p.m. on Nov. 5. You may need to fill out a special affidavit.

How do I submit my vote-by-mail ballot?

By mail: Follow the instructions included with your voting materials to complete and mail your ballot. It must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Officials urge voters to mail their ballots at least a week in advance to ensure timely delivery.

In person: Submit your ballot at a secure ballot drop box at your county elections office, or contact that office for additional locations.

To check the status of your ballot, visit dos .fl.gov/elections, and click on Vote-by-Mail Ballot Information and Status Lookup under Voter Information.

When is in-person early voting?

Saturday, Oct. 26, to Saturday, Nov. 2. Some counties may offer additional days. Check with your county elections office for details.

When is Election Day?

Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. To find your polling place, visit dos.fl.gov/elections; under the For Voters drop-down, click on Voter Precinct Lookup.

Do I need an ID to vote?

You will need to bring a current and valid photo ID with a signature, such as a state-issued driver's license, military ID or U.S. passport. If your photo ID does not include your signature, you will be asked to provide another ID that has your signature. If you do not bring proper ID, you will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot.

What about voters with disabilities?

Accessible voting technology is available at polling places during early voting and on Election Day. For other options, visit dos.fl.gov/elections, under the For Voters drop-down, click on Voting, then click on Accessible Voting for Persons with Disabilities.

What about military or overseas voters?

See dos.fl.gov/elections, under the For Voters drop-down; click on Voting, then scroll to Military and Overseas Citizens Voting.

-Michelle Tuccitto Sullo

RACES TO WATCH

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○ U.S. Senate: 1 of 2 seats

○ U.S. House: All 28 seats

☐ State Senate: 20 of 40 seats

○ State House: All 120 seats

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