Voting 101

A Voter's Guide



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Supervisor of Elections

Mission Statement

As a gatekeeper of the democratic process, the Supervisor of Elections will uphold the election laws of the State of Florida and the Constitution of the United States. The mission of the Supervisor of Elections is to enhance public confidence; encourage citizen participation; and increase voter awareness and education for citizens of all ages.

Elections Center

Monday thru Friday 8 am – 5 pm

135 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Stuart FL 34994

> PO Box 1257 Stuart FL 34995

Office – (772) 288-5637 TTY – (772)692-7320 Spanish hotline – (833) 912-1314 Fax – (772) 288-5765

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Dear Martin County Voter,

As Supervisor of Elections, my primary goals are to help inform and educate the voters of Martin County and to promote a higher voter turnout. This guide will provide answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about registration and voting procedures. I hope you will find it useful, and I encourage you to keep it handy.

You can receive the most current voting information by visiting my official website www.MartinVotes.gov or by contacting the Elections Center at (772) 288-5637.

Thank you for taking the time to read this voter information guide. I look forward to providing you with the information you need to be an active and informed participant in the elections process.

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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 elections officers
- 8. Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections 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

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 operation
- 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 election laws to the Supervisor of Elections
- 9. Ask 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

2026 Election Dates

Primary Election

Registration Deadline

Early Voting

August 18, 2026 July 21, 2026 August 8 - 13

8 to 5 daily

Early Voting Locations

Elections Center

135 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd

Stuart FL 34994

Elisabeth Lahti Library

15200 E Thelma Waters Ave

Indiantown FL 34956 **Hobe Sound Library**10595 SE Federal Hwy
Hobe Sound FL 33455

General Election

Registration Deadline

Early Voting

November 3, 2026 October 7, 2026 October 21 - 31

8 to 5 daily

Early Voting Locations

Elections Center

135 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd

Stuart FL 34994

Cummings Library

2551 SW Matheson Ave Palm City FL 34990 Elisabeth Lahti Library

15200 E Thelma Waters Ave

Indiantown FL 34956 **Hobe Sound Library**

10595 SE Federal Hwy

Hobe Sound FL 33455

Hoke Library

1150 NE Jack Williams Way Jensen Beach FL 34957 **Robert Morgade Library** 5851 SE Community Dr

Stuart FL 34997

Voter Registration

To be eligible to register to vote you must:

- Be a United States Citizen
- Be a Florida resident
- Be 18 or older you may pre-register at 16
- Not be a convicted felon, or if so, your civil rights must have been restored
- Not have been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, your competency rights must have been restored

You can register to vote at any of the following locations or online at https://registertovoteflorida.gov/:

- Elections Center
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Tax Collector
- State Agencies

Voter registration applications are available at the following locations:

- Public Libraries
- Chambers of Commerce
- Indian River State College

If you would like a voter registration application mailed to you, please contact the Elections Center at (772) 288-5637

Deadline to Register to Vote

You may apply to register to vote at any time. However, the registration books for new registrants close 29 days prior to each election. Updates to your name, address and signature are accepted at any time. Political party changes made after the registration books close for a primary election will not become effective until after the election.

Address Change

If you move within the county, please do one of the following in order for your voter registration to be up to date:

- Call the Elections Center (772) 288-5637
- Mail a signed note to the Elections Center PO Box 1257, Stuart, FL 34995
- Fax a signed note to the Elections Center (772) 288-5765
- Email the Elections Center elections@MartinVotes.gov
- Online at https://registertovoteflorida.gov/

If you move to another county within Florida, please do one of the following in order for your voter registration to be up to date:

- Call the Elections Center (772) 288-5637
- Email the Elections Center (must include birth date) elections@MartinVotes.gov
- Complete and mail a Voter Registration Application to your county
- Online at https://registertovoteflorida.gov/
- Update your information at the Department of Motor Vehicles

Name Change

Voters may change their name by written notice that contains the voter's date of birth or voter registration number, on a Voter Registration Application or online at https://registertovoteflorida.gov/. Applications are available at the following:

- Public Libraries
- Chambers of Commerce
- Indian River State College

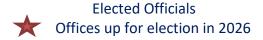
Signature Change

Has your signature changed? When you return a Vote by Mail ballot or sign a petition, your signature is verified against the signature we have on file. If the signatures do not match, your ballot may not be counted or your petition may not be accepted.

A signature change can only be accomplished by completing and mailing a Voter Registration Application to the Supervisor of Elections. Applications are available at the following:

- Libraries
- Post Offices
- Elections Office
- Or online at https://registertovoteflorida.gov/

If you would like an application to be mailed to you, please contact the Elections Center (772) 288-5637



Federal President and Vice President

4 Year Term

President Donald J. Trump Vice President JD Vance

The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave Washington, DC 20500 (202)456-1414 www.whitehouse.gov

United States Senate

6 Year Term

Rick Scott 110 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-5274

415 Clematis Street, Suite 201 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 514-0189

www.rickscott.senate.gov

* Ashley Moody SR-387 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-3041

4822 Northlake Boulevard, Suite B-1 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418 (561) 775-3360

https://www.moody.senate.gov/



United States House of Representatives

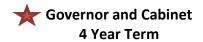
2 Year Term

District 18

Brian J. Mast

2182 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 (202)225-3026

> 171 SW Flagler Avenue Stuart, FL 34994 (772)403-9000 www.mast.house.gov



Governor

Ron Desantis (850)488-7146 www.flgov.com

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Blaise Ingoglia 877-693-5236 www.myfloridacfo.com

Commissioner of Agriculture

Wilton Simpson 850-617-7700 www.fdacs.gov

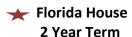
Address for each of the above: The Capitol, 400 S Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32399

Florida Senate 4 Year Term

District 25

Gayle Harrell 404 Senate Building 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100 (850) 487-5031

312 SE Denver Avenue Stuart, FL 34994 (772) 221-4019 harrell.gayle@flsenate.gov



District 82

John Snyder 303 House Office Building 402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300 (850) 717-5086

4239 Southwest High Meadow Avenue #201 Palm City, FL 34990-3728 (772) 403-1064

www.myfloridahouse.gov

District 83

Toby Overdorf 402 House Office Building 402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300 (850) 717-5085

151 Southwest Flagler Avenue Stuart, FL 34994-2139 (772) 403-9560 www.myfloridahouse.gov

County Constitutional Officers 4 Year Term

Sheriff

John Budensiek 800 SE Monterey Rd Stuart, Florida 34994 (772) 220-7024 www.mcsofl.org

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Carolyn Timmann 100 SE Ocean Blvd Stuart, Florida 34994 (772) 288-5576 www.martinclerk.com

Tax Collector

Ruth Pietruszewski 3485 SE Willoughby Blvd Stuart, Florida 34994 (772) 288-5600 www.martintaxcollector.com

Property Appraiser

Jenny Fields
3473 SE Willoughby Blvd. 101
Stuart, Florida 34994
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Supervisor of Elections

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Superintendent of Schools Appointed

Michael Maine 1939 SE Federal Hwy. Stuart, Florida 34994 (772) 219-1200 Ext. 30222 www.martinschools.org

County Commissioners 4 Year Term

Commissioners must live in District but are elected county wide

District 1

Eileen Vargas (772) 221-2359 district1@martin.fl.us

★ District 2

Stacey Hetherington (772) 288-5421 <u>district2@martin.fl.us</u>

District 3

J. Blake Capps (772) 221-2357 district3@martin.fl.us

★ District 4

Sarah Heard (772) 221-2358 district4@martin.fl.us

District 5

Edward Ciampi (772) 221-1357 district5@martin.fl.us

Address for the County Commissioners: 2401 SE Monterey Rd

Stuart FL 34996 www.martin.fl.us

School Board 4 Year Term

Board Members must live in District but are elected county wide

★ District 1
Christia Li Roberts
(772) 219-1200 Ext 30510

robertcl@martinschools.org

Marsha Powers (772) 219-1200 Ext 30514 powersm@martinschools.org

District 2

★ District 3
 Jennifer Russell
(772) 219-1200 Ext 30512
 russelj@martinschools.org

★ District 4

Amy Pritchett (772) 219-1200 Ext 30508 pritcha@martinschools.org District 5
Brian Moriarty
(772) 219-1200 Ext 30516
moriarb@martinschools.org

Address for the School Board: 1939 SE Federal Hwy Stuart FL 34994 www.martinschools.org

County Judges

Darren Steele

★ Jennifer Alcorta Waters

★ Kathleen Roberts

Circuit Court, 19th Circuit

State Attorney 4 Year TermTom Bakkedahl
(772) 288-5646

Public Defender 4 Year Term Diamond Litty (772) 288-5581

Circuit Judges 6 years term

For listings, visit: www.circuit19.org

Court Administration Main Address 250 NW Country Club Dr., Suite 217 Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Election Information

Primary Election

Florida is a closed primary state. Eligible voters will be permitted to vote the official ballot of the political party in which they are registered.

Universal Primary Contest

A Universal Primary Contest (UPC) occurs when a race has qualified candidates of the same party and there is no opposition in the General Election. All registered voters, regardless of their party affiliation, are eligible to vote in this race.

If you are a registered Democrat, you will be eligible to vote the following in a primary:

- Democratic races containing two or more Democratic candidates
- Universal Primary Contests
- Nonpartisan races
- Judicial
- School Board
- Referendums

If you are a registered Republican, you will be eligible to vote the following in a primary:

- Republican races containing two or more Republican candidates
- Universal Primary Contests
- Nonpartisan races
- Judicial
- School Board
- Referendums

If you are registered with a Minor Party or No Party, you will be eligible to vote the following in a primary:

- Universal Primary Contests
- Nonpartisan races
- Judicial
- School Board
- Referendums

General Election

General Elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even numbered years. Every eligible voter, regardless of their party affiliation, is permitted to vote for any candidate on the ballot.

Election Day

Polls are open from 7 am - 7 pm

Florida Statutes requires voters to vote in their precinct on Election Day. To verify your precinct:

- www.MartinVotes.gov click on Where Do I Vote?
- Contact the Elections Center (772) 288-5637

You are required to provide a photo and signature identification to vote on Election Day. Acceptable forms:

- Florida driver license
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- U.S. passport
- · Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification
- Veteran health identification card issued by the US Department of Veterans Affairs
- A license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the Federal Government, the state, county or municipality

If your photo identification does not contain your signature, you will need to show additional identification that provides your signature.

You will then be asked to sign the precinct register or electronic poll book and allowed to vote. The poll worker will issue your ballot. If you make a mistake, ask for a replacement ballot. You may receive up to 2 replacement ballots.

Assistance

If you require assistance for voting, please inform the Clerk. You may bring someone with you other than an employer or an officer of your union to assist you or the Clerk will assign two poll workers of two different political parties to assist.

Early Voting

Early Voting is held 10 to 15 days prior to an Election. For **Primary Elections**, Early Voting locations are:

- Elections Center -135 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd Stuart
- Elisabeth Lahti Library -15200 E Thelma Waters Ave Indiantown
- Hobe Sound Library 10595 SE Federal Hwy Hobe Sound

Early Voting for the **General Election** will be held at the following locations:

- Elections Center -135 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd Stuart
- Elisabeth Lahti Library -1520 SW Adams Ave Indiantown
- Hobe Sound Library 10595 SE Federal Hwy Hobe Sound
- Hoke Library 1150 NW Jack Williams Way Jensen Beach
- Peter & Julie Cummings Library 2551 SW Matheson Ave Palm City
- Robert Morgade Library 5851 SE Community Dr Stuart

Vote by Mail

Per Florida Statute 101.62, all eligible voters may Vote by Mail. A voter or if directly instructed by the voter, a member of the voter's immediate family may request an absentee ballot by the following means:

- In person
- By mail
- By telephone
- By email
- www.MartinVotes.gov

When requesting a Vote by Mail ballot, be prepared to supply the following Information:

- Voter's name
- Voter's address
- Voter's date of birth
- Address to mail the ballot Vote by Mail ballots will not be forwarded
 - ✓ If ballot is to be mailed to a different address, request must be made in writing with a signature
- Voter's signature, if written request
- Requester's name
- Requester's address
- Requester's driver license number, if available
- Requester's relationship to the voter
- Requester's signature, if written request

A request for a Vote by Mail ballot to be mailed must be received by the Supervisor of Elections no later than 5 pm on the tenth day prior to the election.

A voter may also pick up their ballot at the Elections Center once the Vote by Mail ballots are available until 7 pm on Election Day.

Another option to receive a Vote by Mail ballot is to designate a person to pick up your ballot. A designee may pick up the ballot beginning 9 days prior to the Election. They must have signed, written authorization from the voter, present a picture I.D. and sign an affidavit.

Vote by mail ballots must be mailed or dropped off to the Elections Center no later than 7 pm on the day of the election. On election day, do not return your voted ballot to a precinct because it would not reach the Elections Center by 7 pm. If you have received a Vote by Mail ballot and choose to vote at your precinct, bring the unvoted ballot with you and it will be cancelled.

You can track the status of your Vote by Mail ballot by visiting our website, www.MartinVotes.gov/vote-by-mail-information and clicking on Track My Ballot. You may also sign up for BallotTrax to receive notifications on the status of your vote by mail ballot by visiting https://martincountyvotes.ballottrax.net.

Work the Polls

What are Election Workers?

Poll Workers are registered voters who are appointed by the Supervisor of Elections to administer the election process at the precinct on Election Day. Poll Workers are responsible to ensure the election process is administered fairly, efficiently and according to Florida Statutes.

There are different categories of poll workers:

- Clerk
- Assistant Clerk
- Inspector
- Voting Equipment Technician
- Poll Deputy

As an election worker you are required to be at your precinct by 5:45 am and remain until dismissed by the Clerk after the polls close at 7 pm.

How Can I Become an Election Worker?

You may call the Supervisor of Elections Office, (772) 288-5637, and request a poll worker application, or you may complete an <u>on-line request form</u>. Once the application has been completed and sent to us, you will be contacted to attend an orientation session.

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