

## Voter 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**

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

## 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.

## Early Voting Sites for County Elections:

**Supervisor of Elections Offices:**  
**530 Whitehead St., #101, Key West**  
**10015 Overseas Hwy., Marathon**  
**102050 Overseas Hwy., #137, Key Largo**

**Big Pine Key Community Park**  
**End of Sands Rd.**  
**31009 Atlantis Dr.**

**Islamorada Branch Library**  
**81830 Overseas Hwy. MM 81.8**  
**Islamorada**

**Presidential Preference Primary**  
**March 15, 2016**

**Last date to register to vote or  
change party affiliation before the  
Presidential Preference Primary is  
February 16, 2016**  
**Early voting starts February 29, 2016**  
**last day March 12, 2016**

**Primary**  
**August 30, 2016**  
**Last date to register to vote or  
change party affiliation before the  
Primary is August 1, 2016**  
**Early voting starts August 15, 2016**  
**last day August 27, 2016**

**General**  
**November 8, 2016**  
**Last date to register to vote or  
change party affiliation before the  
General is October 11, 2016**  
**Early voting starts October 24, 2016**  
**last day November 5, 2016**

# 2016

## *Voter's Guide*



**Supervisor of Elections**  
**R. Joyce Griffin**

**530 Whitehead Street #101**  
**Key West, FL 33040-6577**  
**(305) 292-3416**

**10015 Overseas Highway**  
**Marathon, FL 33050-9701**  
**(305) 289-6017**

**102050 Overseas Highway #137**  
**Key Largo, FL 33037-9700**  
**(305) 453-8740**

[www.KeysElections.org](http://www.KeysElections.org)

## HOW TO REGISTER

- Complete all required blocks (per instructions) on the Florida Voter Registration Application.
- Applications are available at the elections offices, public assistance offices, libraries, Department of Motor Vehicles, or a printable version may be obtained through our website [www.keyselections.org](http://www.keyselections.org).

## REGISTER BY MAIL

- Applications may be mailed or delivered to the Supervisor of Elections Office at least 29 days before each election.
- If you are registering for the first time in Florida and are mailing your application, you must submit a copy of a valid and current Florida I.D., unless one of the following exemptions apply:
  - You are 65 years or older.
  - You have a permanent or temporary disability.
  - You are active duty military or Merchant Marine and are absent from the county on Election Day or are a spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed services or Merchant Marine and absent from the county on Election Day.
  - You are currently residing outside the United States, but are eligible to vote in Florida.

## CHANGES IN YOUR REGISTRATION

- It is the responsibility of the voter to keep his or her address current with the Supervisor of Elections Office. If you move to another state, you must register with that state.
- Be sure to notify the Supervisor of Elections Office of name change, an address change, or if you would like to change your party affiliation.
- It is critical to keep your signature updated. If your current signature does not match the signature on file, your absentee ballot(s) and/or petition(s) will be rejected.

## WHERE TO VOTE

Your polling location is listed on your Voter Information Card or may be obtained through our website at [www.keyselections.org](http://www.keyselections.org).

## POLLING PLACES

- Polling places open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until everyone in line to vote by 7:00 p.m. has voted.
- You must vote in the precinct where you live. Precinct location updates are mailed to you on a Voter Information Card.

## PHOTO & SIGNATURE IDENTIFICATION

- You are required to present photo & signature I.D. before voting.  
**If the picture identification does not contain the signature of the elector, an additional identification that provides the elector's signature shall be required. If you do not have photo & signature identification, you will be required to vote by provisional process.**
- Your Voter Information Card is not acceptable identification for voting purposes.

## APPROVED I.D. (F.S. 101.043)

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida I.D. card issued by the DHSMV
- U.S. Passport
- Debit or Credit Card
- Military I.D.
- Student I.D.
- Retirement Center I.D.
- Neighborhood Association I.D.
- Public Assistance I.D.

## TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

- An absentee ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections through the next 2 regularly scheduled general elections.
- The request may be made in person, by mail, by telephone, by e-mail or on the elections office web site at [www.KeysElections.org](http://www.KeysElections.org). a designated immediate family member or legal guardian may request an absentee ballot for the voter.
- Immediate family means the spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of the voter or the voter's spouse.
- A request for an absentee ballot to be mailed must be received by this office at least 6 days prior to the election.
- A request for an absentee ballot must include the name of the voter, the voter's address, the voter's date of birth, and the voter's signature (written requests only).
- If absentee ballot is being mailed to an address which is different than the address on file request must be in writing and signed.
- If the voter has designated an immediate family member to request the ballot for him or her, the designee must also provide his or her own name, address, relationship to the voter, state issued ID, such as a Driver's License, and signature (written requests only).
- Absentee ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day in person or by mail.

## **IMPORTANT**

***You must update any address changes with this office. Absentee ballots cannot be forwarded. If they are returned as undeliverable, all subsequent requests will be cancelled.***

## HOW TO VOTE

Each precinct will consist of two tabulators.

## TABULATORS

After the ballot is marked, the voter feeds paper ballot into the tabulator which reads and tabulates the ballot. Below is an example of how to correctly mark the ballot.

### Precinct/Absentee Ballot Marking

#### Example:

  
**CORRECT:**

## ACCESSIBLE VOTING

### Easy As One, Two, Three

- ① Voter inserts paper ballot into the tabulating system.
- ② Voter makes selection using tabulator accessories.
- ③ Voter casts the ballot.

## CLOSED PRIMARY

- Florida is a closed primary state.
- In the Primary Election, you will be able to vote only for the candidates whose party affiliation is the same as yours and for non-partisan races. Non-partisan and minor party voters vote on issues and non-partisan candidates.
- If a partisan race will be decided in the primary, everyone will vote in that race. This is known as a "Universal Primary Contest."