



BASICS OF VOTING IN FLORIDA'S 2020 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 10/5/20

VOTE-BY-MAIL

NOTE: At any time until 5:00 p.m. on 10/24/20, voters can request a VBM ballot be mailed to them. Obviously, earlier requests are better! Voters can request a VBM ballot in person at their county SOE's office at any time including Election Day. Be aware that the completed ballot must be received by the SOE before 7 p.m. on Election Day.

9/24/20 - 10/1/20 SOEs must mail VBM ballots to voters who have already requested them. Voters can expect to receive a previously requested ballot sometime by early October. If you think your ballot should have arrived, call your SOE.

10/5/20 Voter registration deadline - registrations must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the SOE's office on or before this date.

10/24/20 At any time until 5:00 p.m. on this date, voters can request a VBM ballot be mailed to them.

11/3/20 Deadline to return COMPLETED VBM ballots (7 p.m.)

EARLY VOTING

NOTE: *Mandatory* Early Voting lasts 8 days and must be provided by each county. *Optional* Early Voting is 5 extra days that can be implemented - in whole or part - by any county SOE that wants to provide them.

10/4/20 Date by which SOEs must designate polling locations for Early Voting

10/19/20 *Optional* Early Voting begins

10/24/20 *Mandatory* Early Voting begins; deadline for receipt of VBM ballot APPLICATIONS for mail service (5 p.m.)

10/31/20 *Mandatory* Early Voting ends

11/1/20 *Optional* Early Voting ends

ELECTION DAY VOTING

11/3/20 Election Day

11/5/20 VBM and provisional ballot cure deadline (5 p.m.)



IMPORTANT LINKS

[Local Supervisors of Elections](#)

[Vote-by-Mail](#)

[DNC Voter Tool](#)

[Free Election Reminders](#)

FDP Voter Protection Hotline

(833) VOTE-FLA

or

(833) 868-3352

Valuable VBM Information on the
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2018 Florida Democratic Voter Turnout

Dems using Vote-By-Mail (VBM) **87.6%**
Dems **not** using VBM **55%**

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- **VBM is not safe**
- **VBM ballots may be rejected**
- **VBM means I cannot vote in person**
- **I need an excuse to VBM**
- **I only have to sign up once to VBM**
- **USPS will lose my ballot**
- **Nobody will put my ballot into the tabulation machine**

FACT

- **You can track your VBM ballot at your Supervisor of Elections' website**
- **Return your VBM ballot early to allow time for corrections; VBM acceptance rate in FL is 99%; #1 reason for rejection is that a voter forgets to sign the mailing envelope**
- **Only if your SOE has already received your completed VBM**
- **Any registered voter can use VBM in Florida; no excuse necessary**
- **VBM is valid for 2 election cycles (up to 4 yrs.) and must be renewed**
- **You can skip the mail and return your completed ballot in person to a secure drop box if you prefer**
- **VBM ballots are removed from their mailing envelopes and placed into the machine in a public proceeding**