

Voter Guide

Leon County
Florida



Ion Sancho
Supervisor of Elections

Call:

(850) 606-VOTE (8683)

Email:

Vote@LeonCountyFl.gov

Website:

LeonVotes.org

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 7357

Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357



WHO CAN REGISTER?

To register to vote in Leon County, Florida, you must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be a Florida resident and live in Leon County
- Be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17)
- Not currently be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other state
- Not have been convicted of a felony in Florida, or in any other state, without your civil rights having been restored

If you qualify to register to vote in Florida based on the list above, please complete a Florida Voter Registration Application form and return it to the Supervisor of Elections in Leon County.

NOTE: If you are registering to vote in Florida for the first time, you must register 29 days before an upcoming Election in order to vote in that Election.

RESTORATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS

A person who has been convicted of a felony by any court is ineligible to register to vote until they have had their voting rights restored. You may research your status and apply for Restoration of Civil Rights through the Florida Commission on Offender Review.

Website: <https://www.fcor.state.fl.us/>

Phone: (800) 435-8286 or (850) 488-2952

Fax: (850) 488-0695

Email: clemencyweb@fcor.state.fl.us

Mail: 4070 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399



3 WAYS TO REGISTER

1

REGISTRATION BY MAIL

Call our office at (850) 606-VOTE (8683) to have a Florida Voter Registration Application form mailed to you. Simply complete, sign and mail the form to:

Supervisor of Elections – Leon County
PO Box 7357
Tallahassee FL 32314-7357



Voter Registration

2

REGISTRATION BY GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR BRANCH SITES

- Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Driver's License Offices
- Public Assistance Offices

AND

Florida Voter Registration Application Forms are available at all of the following locations:

- Public Library Branches
- Offices that serve persons with Disabilities / Ability 1st
- Armed Forces Recruitment Offices
- Public Education Institutions
- Supervisor of Elections Office
- Supervisor of Elections Branch Sites in Leon County

For a complete list of Branch Sites visit our website LeonVotes.org or call (850) 606-VOTE (8683).

3

REGISTRATION ONLINE

A Florida Voter Registration Application form is available in PDF format on our website LeonVotes.org. You may complete the application electronically as a PDF, but it must then be printed, signed, and submitted to our office.



VOTER INFORMATION CHANGES

Keep us up to date with you!

Update important voting information quickly prior to Election Day

Address Change – Can be made within or into Leon County from another Florida County. You may visit **LeonVotes.org**, call our office, complete a Florida Voter Registration Application form, or provide a signed written notice that includes your date of birth and signature.

Party Change – Must be completed 29 days prior to a Primary Election to take effect. Complete a Florida Voter Registration Application form or provide a signed written notice that includes your date of birth and signature.

Name Change – Can be done by completing a Florida Voter Registration Application form.

Signature Change/Update – Must be done using a Florida Voter Registration Application form.

Voter Information Cards – Are mailed routinely to confirm new registrations, voter updates or changes in polling sites.

CONTACT US!

Phone – (850) 606-VOTE (8683)

Fax – (850) 606-8601

Web – LeonVotes.org

Email – Vote@LeonCountyFL.gov

Mail – P.O. Box 7357

Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357



Update your address online.

3 WAYS TO VOTE

1 VOTE EARLY

Cast your ballot at one of several convenient locations before Election Day. Go to **LeonVotes.org** to see a list of Early Voting sites in Leon County.

2 VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT

Simply call our office at **(850) 606-VOTE (8683)** to request your Vote By Mail Ballot before Election Day.

3 VOTE AT YOUR PRECINCT

ELECTION DAY is your **LAST CHANCE TO VOTE!**

Be sure we have your current residence address so that you appear at your proper polling location. Bring your picture ID with your signature to present to the poll worker. To avoid lines and congestion at your precinct, vote in the 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. non-rush hour time frames of the day.

Visit LeonVotes.org for more information!

- Florida Voter Registration Application
- My Voter Info
- Vote By Mail Request and Status
- Interactive Mapping: Find your precinct / polling location before you vote



Check your voter info





VOTING BY MAIL

Leon County Enjoys Voting by Mail!

Over 20,500 returned and tabulated for the 2014 General Election!

Vote By Mail Ballots

A Mail Ballot may be requested anytime up to the legal deadline of 6 days before an Election. This may be done in person, by mail, by telephone (850) 606-VOTE (8683), or online at our website.

Requesting a Mail Ballot is Easy!

Online Go to **LeonVotes.org**, click Vote by Mail button, fill in and submit the request form online 24/7!

Telephone Call **(850) 606-VOTE** (8683) to request by telephone

Mail Send your request form to: **Supervisor of Elections**, P.O. Box 7357, Tallahassee, FL 32314-7357

Please note that Mail Ballots cannot be forwarded by the Post Office. If any mail is returned as undeliverable, your ballot requests will be canceled.

Voters who have returned an unsigned Mail Ballot have until 5 p.m. on the day before an election to provide ID and sign an Absentee Ballot Affidavit to correct the unsigned ballot.



Check your voter info



VOTING BY MAIL

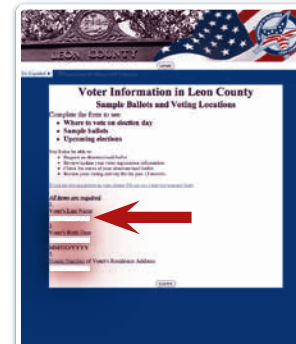
Track Your Vote By Mail

Want to know if we received your voted Mail Ballot? Check your voter info at LeonVotes.org!



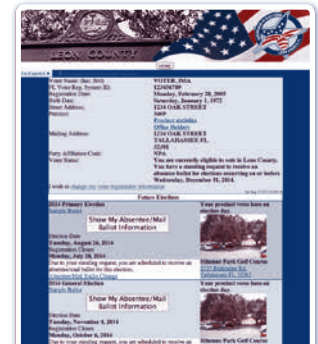
1

Go to **LeonVotes.org** and click the 'My Voter Info' icon.



2

Complete the form above and click submit.



3

View your election-specific information!

Has your signature changed from

John Hancock

to this?

John

If so, you need to update your signature with our office!

Call us to be mailed a Florida Voter Registration Application or print one from our website: **LeonVotes.org**, then complete, sign, and mail it back to us.



POLL WORKERS

Top **5** Reasons to be a **POLL WORKER**

5 You'll work side by side with your neighbors and meet new people.

4 You'll play a vital role in the democratic process.

3 Your community needs you. Leon County must recruit 1,500 poll workers this year for our Elections to run smoothly.

2 It's a great opportunity to help people, serve your community and have fun doing it!

And the number one reason to be a Poll Worker...

1 You get paid to do a good thing!

Sign up to be a poll worker today!

Your community needs more people like you to work at the polls on Election Day. In fact, Florida must recruit and train thousands of poll workers in communities across the state every Election year. You can help.

The job isn't complicated and anyone who has worked at the polls will tell you it's one of the most rewarding ways to help your community!

Call (850) 606-VOTE (8683) or visit our website at LeonVotes.org.



2016 ELECTION DATES

March 15, 2016

REGISTER BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**Presidential Preference
Primary Election**

August 30, 2016

REGISTER BY MONDAY, AUGUST 1

Primary Election

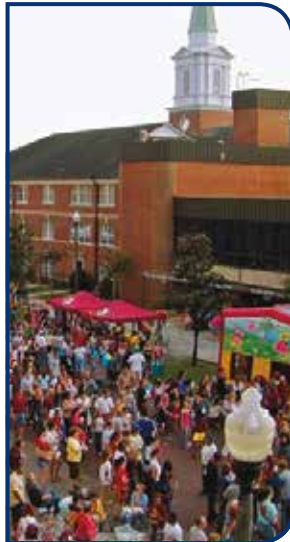
November 8, 2016

REGISTER BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

General Election



OUTREACH EVENTS



Email Vote@leoncountyfl.gov or call (850) 606-VOTE (8683) for more information about these services.

Request a Speaker – The Supervisor of Elections or staff from the Elections Office will speak to your club or organization about the Election process. To make a request please complete Community Involvement Request form on our website.

Invite The Elections Office To Your Event – A representative from the Supervisor of Elections Office will set up a registration table at your event. Please contact our office 2 weeks in advance.

Student Government Elections – The Elections Office offers one Election per year for any school in Leon County as a means of voter education. Participating schools vote on the candidate of their choice using actual Election tabulation equipment.

Voter Registration/Education Program – Election staff provides voter registration and education services to area high schools, Tallahassee Community College, Florida State and Florida A&M Universities. Students can get registered or pre-registered to vote.



OUTREACH EVENTS

The deadline to register or change political party affiliation is 29 days prior to an election. To help serve Leon County, the Elections Office partners with local businesses to register voters or update voter information.

Elections staff are at the New Leaf Market and the Collins Main Library on Registration Deadline dates.



1235 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32301

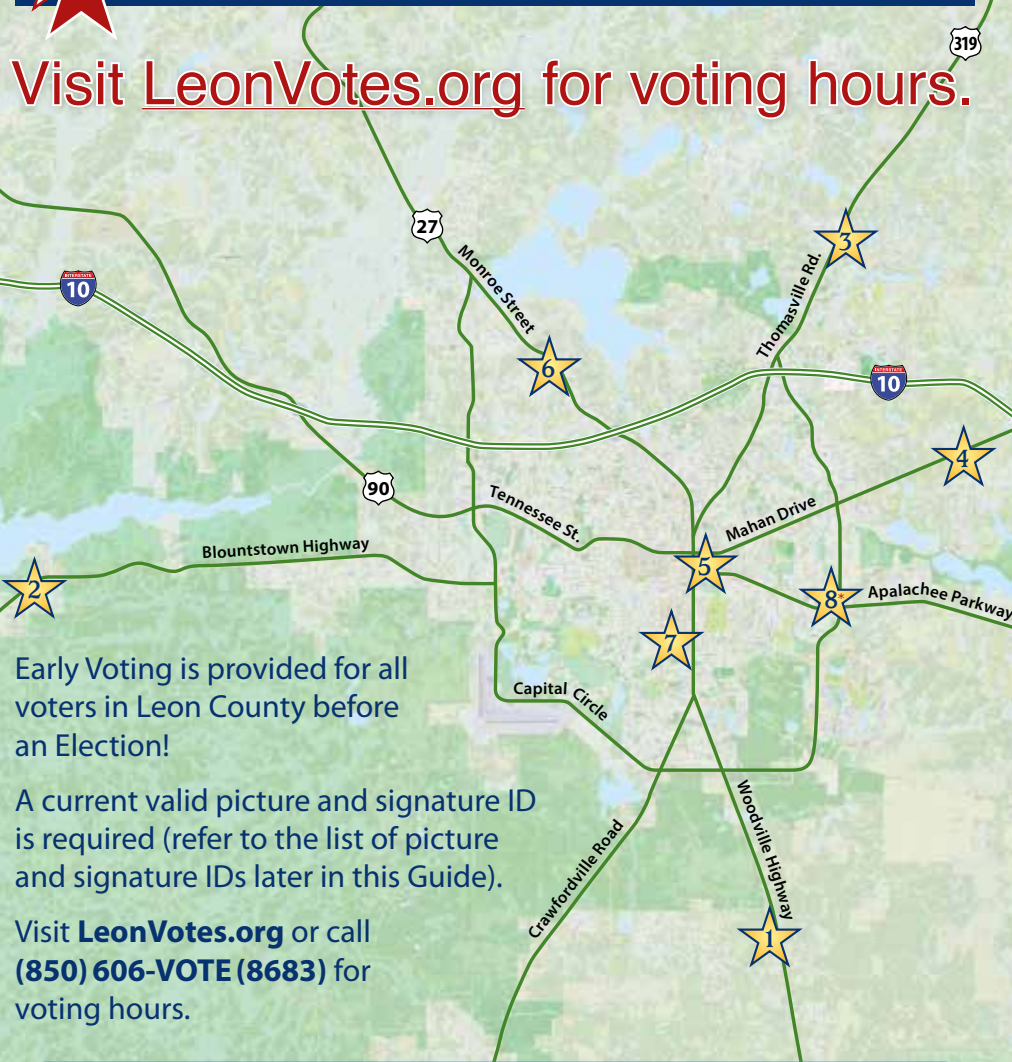


200 West Park Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301



EARLY VOTING

Visit LeonVotes.org for voting hours.



Early Voting is provided for all voters in Leon County before an Election!

A current valid picture and signature ID is required (refer to the list of picture and signature IDs later in this Guide).

Visit LeonVotes.org or call (850) 606-VOTE (8683) for voting hours.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS:


Woodville Community Center
8000 Old Woodville Road


Northeast Branch Library
5513 Thomasville Road



Leon County Courthouse
301 South Monroe Street
First Floor Plaza


Smith-Williams Community Center
2295 Pasco Street


Ft. Braden Branch Library
16327 Blountstown Highway


Eastside Branch Library
1583 Pedrick Road


Lake Jackson Community Center
3840 North Monroe Street
Suite 301


Supervisor of Elections
2990-1 Apalachee Pkwy
*Subject to Availability

VOTING MACHINES

All precincts are equipped with optical scan voting devices. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant voting devices are available for those voters with special needs. You must alert the poll worker when you sign in to vote if you wish to vote using the ADA compliant voting device.

Optical Scan – The optical scan voting device accepts a paper ballot with ovals filled in by the voter.

- Voters can only cast one ballot in any Election. If you make a mistake marking your paper ballot, request a replacement. You have three attempts to mark your paper ballot.

Accessible Voting – The ADA compliant voting device has the ability to enlarge font size, play an audio ballot, and work with a manual device or your sip and puff device.

- Before you cast your ballot, be sure your ballot reflects your choices.
- Once your ballot is cast, you cannot receive another ballot in that Election.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLS

Voting should be a quick, satisfying experience if you follow a few simple steps. Here are some tips on what to expect at the polls on Election Day:

First, you are required to vote in the precinct where you live. Your voter information card shows your precinct number and polling place location. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Avoid** the heavy turnout times of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We suggest you vote between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to avoid any lines.

Any changes to your name, address or political party affiliation since the last Election should be updated with the Supervisor of Elections Office prior to Election Day. If you do not show a valid **picture and signature ID**, you must vote a Provisional Ballot. Our poll workers are able and ready to assist you with this process!

When you arrive at your precinct, a poll worker will ask to see your picture and signature ID, find your name in the precinct register and ask you to sign for receipt of your ballot.

It is important that you review your ballot for accuracy prior to casting your ballot. Once your ballot has been accepted by the voting equipment, no further changes or corrections can be made.

Current and valid picture identifications required at polls:

- (a) Florida driver's license
- (b) Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- (c) United States passport
- (d) Debit or credit card
- (e) Military identification
- (f) Student identification
- (g) Retirement center identification
- (h) Neighborhood association identification
- (i) Public assistance identification



If the picture identification does not contain the signature of the voter, an additional identification that provides the voter's signature shall be required.

Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
on Election Day

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

A Provisional Ballot is a time-saving tool for the voter when their eligibility to vote is uncertain. It allows the Supervisor of Elections Office to research the matter and present any evidence to Leon County's Canvassing Board.



Track your Provisional Ballot

Anyone who votes a Provisional Ballot has until 5 p.m. on the second day following the Election to present evidence of their eligibility.

The Canvassing Board decides if the Provisional Ballot will be counted when it meets on the third day following the Election.

Most Provisional Ballots are counted.

Provisional ballots are often issued when:

- Voter did not provide valid picture and signature identification.
- Voter's name was not found in the voter records on Election Day.
- Voter has not changed their previous Florida county address prior to Election Day.

Provisional ballots are often not counted when:

- Voter votes in the wrong precinct on Election Day.
- Voter has not registered 29 days before the Election.

Voters can track the status of their Provisional Ballot on our website.



This information is subject to change by Legislative Action. Updates will be posted on our website **LeonVotes.org** as well as on the Florida Division of Elections' website.

NOTES

[illegible]

1. Vote and have her or his 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 her or his 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.



1. Familiarize herself or himself with the candidates and issues.
2. Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address.
3. Know the location of her or his polling place and its hours of operation.
4. Bring proper identification to the polling station.
5. Familiarize herself or himself 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 her or his completed ballot is correct before leaving the polling station.

insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence,
and our Posterity, Allordain and establish this Constitution fo

Circle 1

Section 1. All legislative Power herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty seven Years and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

[illegible]

When measures happen in the Representatives from any State, the Executive Authority, shall call for a Draft of a Bill or a full week's Business. The House of Representatives shall choose two Speakers and other officers, and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

Section 3 The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislative Body for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote.

Immediately after they were decommissioned in consequence of the first session, they shall be devoted as equally as may be used there. Besides the state of the chambers of the first block, it must also be the disposition of the various parts, of the several blocks at the expiration of the fourth year, and of the third block at the expiration of the sixth year, so that there may be always some vacant, and of the same size, of the same number, and of the same position, as before, during the whole of the session of the House, so that the Committee may be made to see every day, and in every part, the same thing, of the same kind, which shall then fall upon the Committee.

The Division should be made of individuals who shall not have attained to the age of thirty years, and have never been a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when educated, be in the possession of their rights for which the school is chosen.

The Vice President of the United States could be President of the United States on any one day, by simply succeeding the President when he dies, or when he resigns, or when he is impeached and removed from office.

This Church shall have General Power to try all Separatists. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath, Information. When the Purposes of the Church shall be fully known and known, and on Cases shall be known within the Commission of the Court of the Province present.

I am sure in every Government what will be of profit, that will come from the and the position of the and any of the other
 that is, I believe, the better, that the Party will be, what will be of profit, that will come from the and the position of the and any of the other
 Government of the

Article 4. The Census Bureau and Bureau of Printing and Engraving shall be transferred in each State by the Legislature of said State, and in each Territory by the Territorial Legislature, except in the States of New York and New Jersey.

Supervisor of Elections
(850) 606-VOTE (8683)

email us at

Vote@LeonCountyFL.gov

or visit our website

LeonVotes.org

Voter Fraud Hotline (in English and Español): Toll Free 1-877-868-3737

To file a formal complaint regarding irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, voting, candidate petition, or issue petition activities, M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST.