



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.
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Stuart FL 34995

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Martin County Supervisor of Elections

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.com 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

2020 Election Dates

Presidential Preference March 17, 2020
Registration Deadline February 18, 2020
Early Voting March 7 – 14 8 to 5 daily
Early Voting Location **Elections Center**
135 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Stuart FL 34994

Primary Election August 18, 2020
Registration Deadline July 20, 2020
Early Voting August 8 – 15 8 to 5 daily
Early Voting Location **Elections Center**
135 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Stuart FL 34994

General Election November 3, 2020
Registration Deadline October 5, 2020
Early Voting Oct 19 – 31 8 to 5 daily
Early Voting Locations **Elections Center**
135 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Stuart FL 34994
County Line Civic Center
18530 SE County Line Rd
Tequesta FL 33469
Cummings Library
2551 SW Matheson Ave
Palm City FL 34990
Elisabeth Lahti Library
15200 SW Adams 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 a convicted felon or your civil rights have been restored
- Not have been adjudicated mentally incompetent or your competency rights 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

Voter registration applications are available at the following locations:

- Post Offices
- Public Libraries
- Chambers of Commerce
- Indian River State College
- www.MartinVotes.com

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.

Update Registration Information

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.com
- 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.com
- Complete and mail a Voter Registration Application to your county
- Online at <https://registertovoteflorida.gov/>
- Update your information at the Motor Vehicle Department

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:

- Libraries
- Post Offices
- www.MartinVotes.com

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

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

 **Elected Officials**
Offices up for election in 2020

 **Federal**
President and Vice President
4 year term

President Donald Trump
Vice President Michael Pence

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

United States Senate
6 year term

Rick Scott
B3 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5274

801 North Florida Ave, Suite 421
Tampa, FL 33602
(813) 225-7040
www.rickscott.senate.gov

Marco Rubio
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-3041

4580 PGA Blvd, Suite 201
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
(561) 775-3360
www.rubio.senate.gov

 **United States House of Representatives**
2 year term

District 18
Brian J. Mast

1517 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202)225-3026

171 SW Flagler Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994
(772)781-3266
www.mast.house.gov

State

Governor and Cabinet 4 Year Term

Governor

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

Lieutenant Governor

Jeanette Nuñez
(850) 488-7146
www.flgov.com

Attorney General

Ashley Moody
(850)414-3300
www.myfloridalegal.com

Chief Financial Officer

Jimmy Patronis
877-693-5236
www.myfloridacfo.com

Commissioner of Agriculture

Nicole "Nikki" Fried
1-800-435-7352
www.freshfromflorida.com

Address for each of the above: The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399

★ Florida Senate 4 Year Term

District 25

Gayle Harrell
310 Senate Building
404 S Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 487-5025

215 SW Federal Highway #203
Stuart, FL 34994
(772) 221-4019

harrell.gayle.web@flsenate.gov

★ Florida House 2 Year Term

District 82

MaryLynn Magar
1003 The Capitol
402 S Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 717-5082

11704 SE Dixie Highway
Hobe Sound, FL 33455
(772) 545-3481

www.myfloridahouse.gov

District 83

Toby Overdorf
1401 The Capitol
402 S Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 717-5083

313 Southwest Albany Ave
Stuart, FL 34994
(772) 221-4961

www.myfloridahouse.gov

County

Constitutional Officers 4 Year Term

★ Sheriff

William D. Snyder
800 SE Monterey Rd
Stuart, Florida 34994
(772) 220-7000
www.sheriff.martin.fl.us

★ Property Appraiser

Laurel Kelly
1111 SE Federal Hwy, Suite 330
Stuart, Florida 34994
(772) 288-5608
www.mcpropertyappraiser.com

★ Clerk of the Court and Comptroller

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

★ Supervisor of Elections

Vicki Davis
135 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Stuart, Florida 34994
(772) 288-5637
www.martinvotes.com

★ Tax Collector

Ruth Pietruszewski
3485 SE Willoughby Blvd
Stuart, Florida 34994
(772) 288-5600
www.taxcol.martin.fl.us

Superintendent of Schools

Laurie Gaylord
500 SE Ocean Blvd, Bldg. 17
Stuart, Florida 34994
(772) 219-1200 Ext. 30200
www.martinschools.org

County Commissioners 4 Year Term

Commissioners must live in District but are elected county wide

★ District 1

Doug Smith
(772) 221-2359
dsmith@martin.fl.us

District 2

Stacey Hetherington
(772) 288-5421
shetherington@martin.fl.us

★ District 3

Harold Jenkins
(772) 221-2357
hjenkins@martin.fl.us

District 4

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

★ District 5

Edward Ciampi
(772) 221-1357
eciampi@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
robertc1@martin.k12.fl.us



District 2

Marsha Powers
(772) 219-1200 Ext 30514
powersm@martin.k12.fl.us

District 3

Victoria Defenthaler
(772) 219-1200 Ext 30512
defentv@martin.k12.fl.us

District 4

Anthony Anderson
(772) 219-1200 Ext 30508
andersa@martin.k12.fl.us



District 5

Michael DiTerlizzi
(772) 219-1200 Ext 30516
diterlm@martin.k12.fl.us

Address for the School Board:

500 SE Ocean Blvd 17
Stuart FL 34994

www.martinschools.org

County Judges

Darren Steele

- ★ Jennifer Alcorta Waters
- ★ Kathleen Roberts

Circuit Court, 19th Circuit

★ **State Attorney**

4 Year Term

Bruce Colton
(772) 288-5646

★ **Public Defender**

4 Year Term

Diamond Litty
(772) 288-5581

**Circuit Judges
6 years term**

Sherwood Bauer, Jr.
Robert E. Belanger
★ Barbara Bronis
★ Laurie Buchanan
★ Cynthia Cox
★ Victoria Griffin
Janet Croom
★ Michael Heisey
Mike Linn
★ Steven J. Levin

James W. McCann
Michael McNicholas
Robert Meadows
★ Elizabeth A. Metzger
★ Lawrence Mirman
★ William L. Roby
Charles A. Schwab
Gary L. Sweet
★ Dan L. Vaughn

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.com – click on Precinct Finder
- Contact the Elections Center – (772)288-5637

You are required to provide a photo and signature identification in order 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 Depart. 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 will be conducted at the Elections Center located at 135 SE Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd, Stuart.

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

- County Line Civic Center -18530 SE County Line Rd - Tequesta
- 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.com

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 sixth 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 5 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. 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.com and clicking on Track My Ballot.

Work the Polls

Become an Election Worker...

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 insure 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 a Election Worker?

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

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