# VOTER'S GUIDE ★2010 ★

# Why We Vote

We the People ... defend a tradition of the citizens of the United States since our country's birth more than 200 years ago, the right to vote.

We the People ... exercise one of the most important rights and responsibilities U.S. citizens have; our opportunity to choose our leaders and express our opinions on issues.

We the People ... send a message to the world we are a country "of the people, by the people and for the people." We individually make our own choices by secret ballot, regardless of our gender, race, social and/or economic status or nationality.

We the People ... honor the precious gift from previous generations of Americans, who worked, fought and died so we might obtain and keep our right to vote. We should never take this privilege for granted.

We the People ... say in a democracy decisions are made by a majority of the people. Unfortunately, this is not true. Decisions are made by a majority of the people who make their voices heard and who vote—a distinguishable difference.

We the People ... know democracy and freedom are strengthened and protected when citizens become active in the electoral process.

We the People ... should remember to exercise our rights as citizens of this great country and vote in each election.



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As your Supervisor of Elections, I am pleased to present the Flagler County Voter's Guide which contains information about state laws which govern the registration and voting process. I hope this guide will encourage your participation in the greatest gift our forefathers gave us. Make sure your voice is heard, one vote can make a difference!

# YOUR FEDERAL, STATE & COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### PRESIDENT (4 Year Term)

#### Barack Obama (D)

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The White House

Washington DC 20500

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#### VICE PRESIDENT (4 Year Term)

#### Joe Biden (D)

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Washington, DC 20501 (202) 456-2326

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#### U.S. SENATE (6 Year Term)

#### Sen. Bill Nelson (D)

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225 E. Robinson St., Suite 410

Orlando, FL 32801

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## **U.S. REPRESENTATIVE** (2 Year Term)

#### \* District 7

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#### **GOVERNOR & CABINET** (4 Year Terms)

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#### \*GOVERNOR

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#### \*ATTORNEY GENERAL

Bill McCollum (R)

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#### \*COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

Charles Bronson (R)

(850) 488-3022

#### \*CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Alex Sink (D)

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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0300

#### FLORIDA SENATE (4 Year Term)

#### District 1

#### Anthony C. "Tony" Hill, Sr. (D)

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#### \*District 8

#### John Thrasher (R)

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#### \*District 20

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#### \*District 26

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Deland, FL 32720

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# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(4 Year Term)

#### DISTRICT 1

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#### **DISTRICT 2\***

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Flagler Beach, FL 32136

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#### **DISTRICT 4\***

Robert (Bob) Abbott (R)

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Bunnell, FL 32110 (386) 586-5514

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# SCHOOL BOARD (NON PARTISAN)

(4 Year Term)

#### DISTRICT 1 \*

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NOTE: County Commissioners and School Board Members are elected countywide.
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# YOUR FEDERAL, STATE & COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

# FLAGLER COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS (NON PARTISAN)

#### EAST FLAGLER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT (4 year terms)

(386) 445-4135

SEAT 1 Julius Kwiatkowski

SEAT 2 Jan Byrnes

SEAT 3 **Shawn Byrnes** 

#### FLAGLER COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (2 & 4 year terms) (386) 437-5861

SEAT 1 **SEAT 2 \*** Jason M. Lorenzo

Kevin D. Waters

SEAT 3

SEAT 4 \*

SEAT 5

Shannon S. Strickland John Matthew Seav Samuel J. Bertha II

#### **GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (4 year terms)**

(877) 276-0889

**SEAT 1 \* Dennis Cross**  SEAT 2 Samuel Halley **SEAT 3 \*** Pete Chiodo

SEAT 4 Stephen Davidson **SEAT 5 \*** 

**Charlie Trautwein** 

### **DUNES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (4 year terms)**

(386) 446-5593

**SEAT 1 \*** Herb Brattlof

SEAT 2 John G. Leckie Jr.

SEAT 3 Dennis V. Vohs

SEAT 4 Gary M. Crahan **SEAT 5 \*** Mary K. Conner

### TOMOKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (4 year terms)

(904) 288-9130

SEAT 1 Andy Hagan SEAT 2 Kelly McCarrick SEAT 3

Mary Ann Haas

**SEAT 4 \* Dick Smith**  **SEAT 5 \*** 

Maria Tuohy

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Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost.

\* John Quincy Adams \*

# 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Kim C. Hammond Justice Center 1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bldg. 1 Bunnell, FL 32110

#### **STATE ATTORNEY**

(4 Year Term)

R.J. Larizza (R) • (386) 313-4300

#### **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

(4 Year Term)

James Purdy (R) • (386) 313-4545

### **COUNTY COURT JUDGE**

**NONPARTISAN** 

(6 Year Term)

**Sharon B. Atack • (386) 313-4520** 

## **CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES**

**NONPARTISAN** 

(6 Year Term)

#### Group #

- 1 J. David Walsh
- 2 **Edward E. Hedstrom**
- \* 3 S. James Foxman
- \* 4 Frank Marriott
- \* 5 Kim C. Hammond
- 6 R. Michael Hutcheson
- 7 James R. Clayton
- \* 8 Joseph G. Will
- 9 John V. Doyle
- \* 10 Arthur W. Nichols, III
- Margaret W. Hudson
- 11 12 C. McFerrin Smith, III
- 13
- John W. Watson, III
- 14 John M. Alexander
- 15 J. Michael Traynor
- 16 Patrick G. Kennedy
- 17 **Julianne Piggotte**
- 18 Shawn L. Briese
- 19 Wendy W. Berger
- 20 Robert K. Rouse, Jr.
- 21 William A. Parsons
- 22 **Hubert L. Grimes**
- \* 23 Richard S. Graham
- 24 Terry J. LaRue
- 25 Raul A. Zambrano
- 26 Randell H. Rowe. III
- 27 Clyde E. Wolfe

#### \* Denotes offices to be filled in 2010

## **FLAGLER COUNTY** FLECTED OFFICIALS

#### **SHERIFF**

(4 Year Term)

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Bunnell, FL 32110

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#### **PROPERTY APPRAISER**

(4 Year Term)

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#### **CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT**

(4 Year Term)

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#### TAX COLLECTOR

(4 Year Term)

Suzanne Johnston (R)

P.O. Box 846

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#### SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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# **2010 ELECTION SCHEDULE**

#### FLAGLER BEACH MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Books close for the above election on February 1, 2010

MARCH 2

#### PRIMARY ELECTION

Books close for the above election on July 26, 2010

**AUGUST 24** 

#### **GENERAL ELECTION**

Books close for the above election on October 4, 2010

**NOVEMBER 2** 



# **OFFICES TO BE FILLED IN 2010**

#### **MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

#### **City of Bunnell**

• Mayor & 2 Commissioners

#### **City of Flagler Beach**

Three Commissioners

#### **Town of Beverly Beach**

Two Commissioners

#### FEDERAL OFFICES

- United States Senator
- U.S. Representative, District 7

#### **STATE & MULTI-COUNTY OFFICES**

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Chief Financial Officer
- Commissioner of Agriculture
- State Senator, District 8
- State Representative, Districts 20 & 26

#### JUDICIAL OFFICES

- Retention of Supreme Court Justices and 5th District Court of Appeal Judges (whose terms expire in 2011)
- County Judges in Groups 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 & 23

# **COUNTY & SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICES**

- County Commissioner, Districts 2 & 4
- School Board Member, Districts 1, 3 & 5
- Flagler Soil & Water Conservation District, Seats 2 & 4
- Dunes Community Development District, Seats 1 & 5
- Grand Haven Community Development District, Seats 1, 3 & 5
- Tomoka Community Development District, Seats 4 & 5



# FLAGLER COUNTY'S VOTING SYSTEM

Flagler County voters use the Accu-Vote Optical Scan precinct tabulator as their primary voting system.

The voter receives a paper ballot inside a secrecy folder. The voter records his vote by completely filling in the oval next to the candidate or issue of his choice by using the pen provided in the voting booth (black or blue pen if voting by absentee ballot).



After voting, the voter takes his ballot to the Accu-Vote tabulator and inserts it into a slot on top of the machine. The scanning device reads the votes cast and deposits the voted ballot into a locked ballot box.

With the Accu-Vote voting system, if you overvote a race (voting for more candidates or issues than allowed in a race) or if you leave your ballot completely blank, it will be returned to you when you insert the ballot into the Accu-Vote machine. This gives you the opportunity to correct your ballot, so that you can be sure that every vote counts.

If you need assistance to vote, you may request the assistance of two election officials, or some other person of your choice.

If you make a mistake on your ballot, you may return that ballot to the elections official and obtain another ballot. Florida law says that you may obtain up to two replacement ballots.

Before entering the voting booth, you will be offered instructions on how to vote using the optical scan voting system.



# ELECTRONIC BALLOTS



In July 2005, in compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act, Flagler County added one touch screen unit with audio capability per precinct to allow voters with disabilities to vote in secret and without assistance.

These machines do not use paper ballots, but instead allow the voter to make their choices on a screen similar to a computer screen. The disabled voter can use headphones to hear the ballot being read to him/her and uses a keypad to make his/her choices. The touch screen machines will not allow a voter to overvote a race and will alert the voter if a race is left blank.

Please take the time to become informed on the candidates and issues and vote in all elections. If you have questions, or need further information, please call the elections office at 313-4170.

#### YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a U.S. Citizen
- You are 18 years of age (may pre-register at 16, but must be 18 to vote).
- You are a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the county in which you wish to register.

Anyone convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent with respect to voting, may not register or vote until his or her civil rights or competency has been legally restored.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

You may register **in person** at the elections office, driver's license offices, public libraries, HRS centers and state offices that serve persons with disabilities. You may also register **by mail** by printing an application from the elections office web site at www.flaglerelections.com or by picking up an application at one of the Flagler county public libraries, post offices, city halls, the elections office and other public locations.

#### WHEN TO REGISTER:

You can apply to register to vote at any time. However, registration books close 29 days before each election. You must be registered for at least 29 days before you can vote in an election. If you mail your registration application, the date your application is postmarked will be your registration date. If your application is complete and you are a qualified voter, a voter information card will be mailed to you.

Your Flagler County voter registration will permit you to vote in national, state, county and municipal elections, if you live in a municipality.

#### **PARTY AFFILIATION:**

You may register in any political party of your choice or register with no party affiliation. However, only registered party members may vote in their party's primary.

EXCEPTION: If all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, then all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary election for that office.

Nonpartisan judicial and school board offices are included in a primary election. <u>All registered voters</u> are entitled to vote on these nonpartisan offices and on any issues in a primary election.

At general elections, all voters in a district will receive the same ballot and may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot.

#### **CHANGES IN REGISTRATION:**

It is the responsibility of the voter to notify the elections office of a **name**, **address or party change**. <u>If you have an address change within Flagler County</u>, you may call the elections office at **313-4170** to make the change <u>or</u> you may use the back of your voter information card (or a voter registration application) to mail in the change of address. To make a <u>name change</u>, a <u>party affiliation change</u> or <u>an address change</u> outside of Flagler County, you *must* complete a voter registration application.

It is important that the elections office has your **current signature** on file. This is especially important when validating your signature on an absentee ballot and/or petitions. **If your signature has changed,** you may update it at any time by submitting a voter registration application to the elections office. (Available at libraries, government offices and post offices or by calling or emailing the elections office to have an application mailed to you. You may also print an application from the elections office web site.)

#### WHERE TO VOTE:

Your precinct number and polling place location are listed on your voter information card. You will not be permitted to vote in a precinct in which you do not live.

Your voter information card will also tell you which U.S. Representative, State Senate, State House, County Commission and School Board districts you live in, based on your residence address. You can match these numbers with the district numbers listed in this guide to identify your elected officials.

#### WHEN TO VOTE & WHAT TO BRING TO THE POLLS:

**Polls are open on election day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Voters are required to present picture identification, as well as signature identification, before voting. The following forms of identification have been approved by the Department of State and will be accepted by election officials:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida Identification Card (issued by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles)
- U.S. Passport
- Debit/Credit Card
- Military or Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID (Social Security or other social services)

If you do not present picture and signature identification, you will be allowed to vote a *provisional ballot*.



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## **VOTING EARLY**

**Any registered voter may vote early** beginning on the 15th day before an election and ending on the Saturday before the election. Please call the elections office at 313-4170 for times and locations of early voting sites.

## **VOTING BY MAIL BALLOT**

Any registered voter may vote by mail. A mail ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections through the next two regularly scheduled general elections. The request can be made in person, by mail or by telephone. Only the voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian can request a ballot for the voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, or sibling of the voter or of the voter's spouse.

The person requesting a ballot must disclose:

- The name of the voter for whom the ballot is requested.
- The voter's address.
- The voter's date of birth
- The voter's signature (written requests only).

If the voter has designated an immediate family member or legal guardian to request a ballot for him or her, that designee must provide the above information in addition to the following:

- The requester's name.
- The requester's address.
- The requester's drivers license number, if available.
- The requester's relationship to the voter.
- The requester's signature (written requests only).

Requested ballots are mailed approximately three weeks before an election. Later requests are mailed as they are received.

#### **DELIVERY TO A DESIGNEE**

A qualified voter may designate in writing another person to pick up a ballot for the voter. Carry-out ballots are available to a designee five (5) days prior to the day of the election. The designee may only pick up two (2) ballots per election other than his or her own ballot or ballots for members of his or her immediate family. The designee <u>must have written authorization from the voter</u>, <u>present a picture identification and sign an affidavit</u>.

#### **VOTING & RETURNING YOUR MAIL BALLOT**

The voter must personally vote the ballot (unless assistance is required due to blindness or disability to read or write) <u>AND</u> sign the return envelope. An Elections Office Drop Box is available at the front of the Government Services Building for after hours drop off. Mail ballots must be returned by mail or hand delivered so that they reach the elections office <u>by 7:00 P.M. on the day of the election</u>.



# VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 101.031(2), Florida Statutes

## 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.
- 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.

# 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 violation 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.

