

# **Vote-By-Mail**



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## **Questions and Answers**

### **Who Can Vote-By-Mail?**

All qualified voters are permitted to vote-by-mail using a vote-by ballot under Florida law.

See our [Military and Overseas](#) Voters section for details on how Members of the United States Uniformed Service on active duty and the merchant marine, their spouses and dependents, and United States citizens residing outside of the United States may apply for voter registration or request a vote-by-mail ballot. Voters with disabilities have the option of using our accessible online ballot portal to receive their balloting materials and mark their ballot. If using the online request form, please designate “accessible online” for your method of delivery. Otherwise, contact our office at 850.674.8568.

## **How do I vote by Mail? (Request a Ballot)**

A voter, or if directly instructed by the voter, a member of the voter's immediate family or the voter's legal guardian, may request a vote-by-mail ballot from the Supervisor of Elections in person, by mail, by e-mail or by telephone. One request can cover all elections through the next General Election. The person requesting a vote-by-mail 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 Florida driver license number, Florida identification card number, or the last 4 digits of the voter's social security number;
- The requester's name;
- The requester's address;
- The requester's driver's license number, identification card number, or the last 4 digits of the voter's social security number, if available;
- The requester's relationship to the voter; and
- The requester's signature (written request only).

**NOTE:** If you do not wish for your e-mail address to be disclosed to political parties and candidates for office, do not use the online request form. Instead, contact us by phone, email or in writing. See the Forms section at the bottom of this page for a link to a request form that can be printed.

## **What are the Deadlines to Vote-By-Mail?**

- 5 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day before Election Day is the deadline for a request for a ballot to be mailed.
- All ballots must be received in the Supervisor of Elections' office no later than 7 p.m. on election day. (There is an exception for overseas voters in certain elections.)

**NOTE:** Do not return your vote-by-mail ballot to a polling place on Election Day, unless you wish to cancel that ballot and vote in person. However, you can return your vote-by-mail ballot to the Supervisor of Elections' office, or to any early voting location during early voting hours. A secure ballot intake station is available during early voting hours at the Elections Office and at Shelton Park Library.

## **How Do I Complete and Return my Vote-by-Mail Ballot?**

You will receive instructions with your ballot. Make sure to sign the certificate on the returned envelope.

### **Return by Mail**

If you want to return your ballot by mail, use a first-class stamp, also known as a "forever stamp".

The USPS recommends that you mail your ballot at least one week before Election Day to ensure that it will be received in our office by Election Day.

## **How Can I Check the Status of My ballot?**

Mail ballot voters can now track the status of their ballot, including when the ballot was mailed and when it was received in the elections' office. [Track My Ballot](#) for more information.

### **What if I make a mistake on my ballot or my ballot or return envelope is damaged or pre-sealed?**

If you make a mistake on your ballot or if your return envelope is damaged or pre-sealed, we can send a replacement ballot or a return envelope. If time will not permit the mailing of a replacement ballot or envelope, please contact our office immediately for further options.

### **What if I forgot to Sign My Ballot or my Signature Doesn't Match?**

If you returned your vote-by-mail ballot and your supervisor of elections informed you that you forgot to sign your ballot or the signature did not match your signature on file, your ballot will not count unless you complete and return the Vote-By-Mail Ballot Cure Affidavit. This affidavit must be returned along with a copy of the required ID ***no later than 5 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day after the election.*** Please follow the instructions on the form carefully, as failure to follow these instructions may cause your ballot not to count.

### **Can I pick Up a Vote-By-Mail Ballot in Person?**

A voter may pick up a vote-by-mail ballot in person at the Supervisor of Elections' Office after vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed and up to 7 pm on Election Day. In addition, a designee may pick up a vote-by-mail ballot for a voter after vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed and up to 7 pm on Election Day. A designee may only pick up two (2) ballots per election, other than his or her own ballot or ballots for member of his or her immediate family. Designees must have written authorization from the voter, present a picture ID and sign an affidavit.

## **What if I Now Want to Vote in Person Instead?**

If you have obtained a vote-by-mail ballot but wish to vote at an early voting location or in your precinct on election day, you can take the ballot with you to the polls to surrender it, whether or not it has been marked. If confirmed that you have not already voted, you can vote a regular ballot. If it cannot be confirmed that you have not already voted, you can vote a provisional ballot.

**NOTE:** Vote-by-Mail ballots returned undeliverable to the Supervisor of Elections office because of an incorrect address, automatically cancels the voter's future Mail Ballot request. The voter must make a new request providing the correct address.

## **Are There Restrictions on Delivering or Collecting Ballots?**

**Yes.** Pursuant to section 104.0616, FS, "Any person who provides distributes, orders, requests, collects, delivers, or otherwise physically possessing more than two vote-by-mail ballots per election in addition to his or her own ballot or a ballot belonging to an immediate family member, except as provided in 101.6105-101.695, FS, including supervised voting at assisted living facilities and nursing home facilities as authorized under 101.655, FS, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree..."

## **Additional Questions?**

Please contact us and we will glad to help.

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