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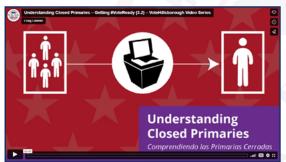




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## **Primaries in Florida and How They Work**





Florida's Primary Election is coming up quickly, so now is the time to get prepared! Make sure you take a few minutes today to visit my website, VoteHillsborough.gov, and check your <u>voter information</u> to verify your name, address, political party and more. You also can request a Vote By Mail ballot or even register to vote.

During the primary, political parties nominate state and local candidates to move on to the General Election. The races that appear on your ballot depend on where you live and what party you belong to. Florida has closed primaries, which means that you must be registered with a political party to vote in that party's primary races. However, the Primary Election will also include nonpartisan issues and races for school board members and judges that everybody votes on, whether affiliated with a party or not.

In July, you can visit our On the Ballot webpage to see exactly what will be on your ballot. In the meantime, take a look at this quick video that explains Florida's closed primaries.



### Important Deadlines for the Primary Election

- You may change your party at any time, but to be valid for the primary you must make the change by July 25. If you aren't already a registered voter in Florida, this is also the deadline to register so that you can vote in that election.
- The deadline to request that a Vote By Mail ballot be mailed to you is 5 p.m. on August 13.



#### Three Ways To Vote

Early Voting: August 8 - 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

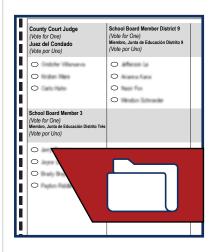
Election Day: August 23, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Vote By Mail: Due in my office by 7 p.m. Election Day

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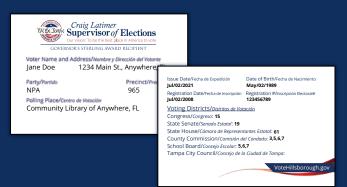
### **Qualifying for Office**

For a local candidate to appear on the ballot, they must qualify with my office during the candidate qualifying period. This year, that period was from noon on June 13th through noon on June 17th, with the exception of judicial candidates who qualified in April.

To qualify, candidates submit required paperwork and fees or petitions to secure their spot on the ballot.

For information on local candidates who have qualified with my office, visit VoteHillsborough.gov.

### **New Voter Information Cards**



Hillsborough County voters, keep an eye on your mailbox! Now that the redistricting process is complete, my office is sending out new Voter Information Cards to all registered voters. These cards will have your up-to-date precinct number, Election Day polling place and other district information.

You also can use my online lookup tool at <u>VoteHillsborough.gov/VoterLookup</u> to access this information.

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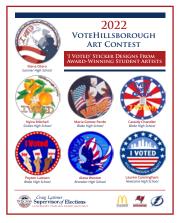






Starting July 4th, thousands of bag stuffers featuring election information and award-winning student artwork will be given out at local McDonald's restaurants. Many thanks to Caspers McDonald's for once again partnering with us and helping our community get ready to vote!





### the last word

Your signature can change over time – and the signature on file is used to verify your identity on Vote By Mail ballots. Call us, go to VoteHillsborough.gov or visit any of our offices or public libraries to get a voter registration application and update your signature to make sure you are #ElectionReady for 2022.

