

# BRADFORD COUNTY VOTER'S GUIDE

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## **YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:**

You are a U.S. Citizen

You are 18 years of age (may pre-register on or after your 16th birthday).

You are a legal resident of Florida

Anyone convicted of a felony or declared mentally incompetent with respect to voting may not register or vote until their right to vote or competency has been restored.

## **FLORIDA IS A CLOSED PRIMARY STATE:**

You must be registered in the party to vote in that party's primary, unless all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election. All registered voters may vote in Non-Partisan Elections, for issues and in the General Election.

## **HOW TO REGISTER:**

Use a mail-in Florida Voter Registration Application Form completing all required blocks per instructions. The forms are available at all governmental offices, public assistance offices, libraries, banks, or upon request by calling the Bradford County Supervisor of Elections office. You may also register in person at the Supervisor of Elections office or online at [www.bradfordelections.com](http://www.bradfordelections.com)

Your Bradford County voter registration will permit you to vote in national, state, county and municipal elections, (if you live within the city limits of Starke, Lawtey, Hampton or Brooker.)

## **CHANGES IN YOUR REGISTRATION:**

It is the responsibility of the voter to keep his/her information current. Be sure you notify the elections office if you have a change in name, mailing/residence address, party or if there is a significant change in your signature or identifying mark [this is how absentee ballots and signed petitions are verified]. A new voter information card will be mailed to you.

## **TO REMAIN A VOTER:**

Registration is permanent as long as you remain a qualified voter and a resident of Florida, but you must keep your address current with the Supervisor of Elections.

## **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.**

## **POLLING PLACES:**

Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. and remain open until all voters who are in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. have voted.

If the Supervisor of Elections office changes the location or number of your polling place or precinct, they will issue you a new voter information card and place signs at the old polling location.

## **EARLY VOTING:**

Voters can now mark a ballot and insert it into the voting equipment up to 15 days prior to the election. Early voting location is at the Bradford County Commission Meeting Room in the North Wing of the Courthouse. Dates and hours may vary from one election to the other.

### **PHOTO & SIGNATURE IDENTIFICATION:**

Both are required to present picture identification before voting. A Florida Driver's License, a Florida Identification Card, employee picture ID and numerous other forms of picture identification, will be accepted by election officials. If you do not present picture identification, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.

### **VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT:**

**Any registered and qualified voter may vote a Vote-By-Mail ballot.** A Vote-By-Mail ballot may be requested for a specific election or for all elections through two general election cycles. The request can be made in person, by mail, by telephone and online at [www.bradfordelections.com](http://www.bradfordelections.com). Only the voter or a designated member of his or her immediate family or legal guardian can request a Vote-By-Mail ballot for the voter. Immediate family means the voter's spouse or the parent, child, grandparent, or the sibling of the voter or of the voter's spouse.

A request for a vote-by-mail ballot must include the name of the voter, the voter's address, the voter's date of birth and the voter's signature. If the voter has designated an immediate family member to request the ballot for him or her, the designee must also provide his or her own name, address, relationship to the voter and signature (written request only).

Vote-by-mail ballots must be received in the Supervisor of Elections office no later than 7:00 p.m. on election day.

### **DATES FOR 2020 ELECTIONS:**

**Presidential Preference Primary—March 17th**

**Primary—August 18th**

**General—November 3rd**

### **BE SURE YOUR VOTE WILL COUNT:**

Mark only one choice per race when "Vote for One" is indicated

If a race is marked "Vote for Two" (or three or four), you may vote fewer than indicated and your vote will count (Undervote)

If you mark more than indicated, your vote in that race **will not** count. (Overvote)

You must completely fill in the oval for your vote to count. Any other mark may not be read by the scanner.

All polling places are equipped with accessible voting systems for persons with disabilities to enable such persons to vote without assistance if they choose.

### **BOOK-CLOSING DEADLINE:**

**REMEMBER**—There is a 29 day deadline prior to each election for registering to vote or for changing party affiliation. 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.

### **VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Each registered voter in this state has the right to:

Vote and have his or her vote accurately counted.

Cast a vote if he or she is in line at the official closing of the polls in that county.

Ask for and receive assistance in voting.

Receive up to two replacement ballots if he or she makes a mistake prior to the ballot being cast.

An explanation if his or her registration or identity is in question.

If his or her registration or identity is in question, cast a provisional ballot.

Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from elections officers.

Vote free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.

Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

### **VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each registered voter in this state should:

Familiarize himself or herself with the candidates and issues.

Maintain with the office of the Supervisor of Elections a current address.

Know the location of his or her polling place and its hours of operation.

Bring proper identification to the polling station.

Familiarize himself or herself with the operation of the voting equipment in his or her precinct.

Treat precinct workers with courtesy.

Respect the privacy of other voters.

Report any problems or violations of election laws to the Supervisor of Elections.

Ask questions, if needed.

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.

**BRADFORD COUNTY ELECTED  
OFFICIALS:**

**Constitutional Officers**

Sheriff - Gordon Smith  
Property Appraiser - Kenny Clark  
Supervisor of Elections - Terry Vaughan  
Clerk of the Court - Ray Norman  
Tax Collector - Teresa Phillips  
County Judge - Tatum Davis

**County Commissioners**

District 1 - Ross Chandler  
District 2 - Kenny Thompson  
District 3 - Chris Dougherty  
District 4 - Danny Riddick  
District 5 - Frank Durrance

**School Board Members**

Superintendent of Schools, Stacey S. Creighton  
District 1 - Sheila F. Cummings  
District 2 - Gayle Shuford Nicula  
District 3 - Cheryl G. Canova  
District 4 - Vivian Chappell  
District 5 - Erica M. Reddish

**State Senator-District 7**

Rob Bradley (904) 368-3933

**State Representative-District 19**

Bobby Payne (904) 966-6215

**U.S. Senator**

Marco Rubio (202) 224-3041

**U.S. Senator**

Rick Scott (904) 346-4500

**U.S. Representative-District 3**

Ted Yoho (904) 269-3203

**For more elected officials and contact information, please see our Web site:**

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