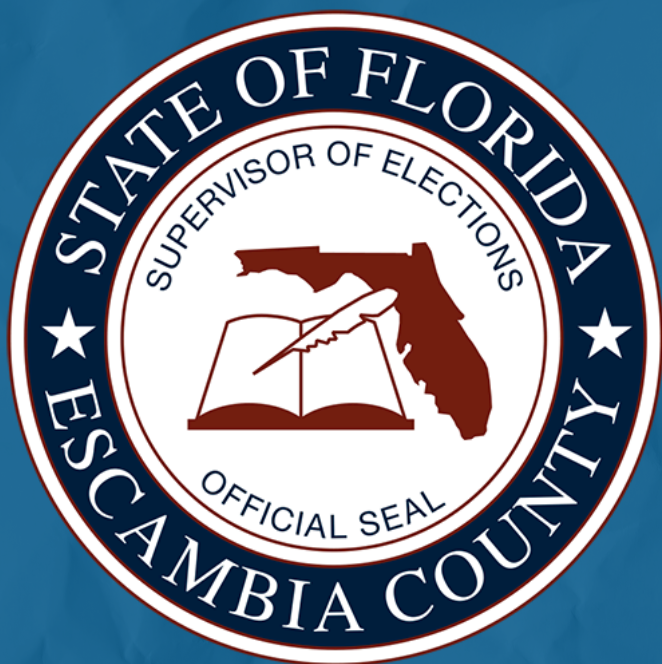


# Escambia County 2026 Voter Guide



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Our Mission:

*"To ensure that all qualified citizens are free to exercise their fundamental right to vote in open, impartial, and secure elections."*

# 2026 Election Dates

Federal, State & Local Elections

**Primary: August 18, 2026**

Party Change & Registration Deadline: July 20, 2026

**General: November 3, 2026**

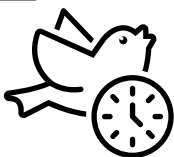
Registration Deadline: October 5, 2026

Note: You must be registered on or before the registration deadline to be eligible to vote in an election. In primary elections, party changes must also be completed on or before the registration deadline. Preregistration is available to individuals 16 or 17 years old. They will be able to vote in any election following their 18th birthday.

## 3 WAYS TO VOTE

### 1. Early

Early voting is offered to all eligible voters at multiple locations throughout the county. Visit [escambiovotes.gov/early-voting-locations](https://escambiovotes.gov/early-voting-locations) for more information.



### 2. By Mail

You may request a vote-by-mail ballot by contacting our office by phone, mail, fax, email or online. Requests for a ballot to be mailed to you must be received by 5 p.m., 12 days prior to Election Day and must include either your driver's license/identification card number or the last four digits of your social security number. Voted ballots must be received no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day and may be returned by mail or hand delivery.



Vote-by-mail ballot requests must be renewed for each election cycle.

### 3. On Election Day

You may vote in person at your polling location (printed on your Voter Information Card and sample ballot). Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You must vote at the polling location assigned to your legal residence.



Visit our website for any other questions you may have on the 3 methods of voting.

# Offices to be Elected in 2026

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## Federal

- U.S. Senator
- Representative in Congress, 1st District

## State

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Chief Financial Officer
- Commissioner of Agriculture
- State Representative, Districts 1 and 2

## Judicial

- Justice of Supreme Court of Florida (retention)
- Judge, 1st District Court of Appeal (retention)
- Circuit Judge, Groups 10, 16, 17, 19, and 22
- County Court Judge, Group 2

## County and School Board

- County Commission, Districts 2 and 4
- School Board, Districts 1, 2, and 3

## Special Districts

- Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, Districts 2 and 4
- Santa Rosa Island Authority
- Escambia Soil and Water Conservation, Groups 1, 3 and 5

## City of Pensacola

- Mayor
- City Council, Districts 2, 4, and 6

## Town of Century

- Town Council, Seats 3, 4, and 5

# Registering to Vote


Registering to vote is easy. You will need your Florida Driver's License number, Florida ID number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have none of these, you may be required to provide additional ID prior to voting for the first time.

Online voter registration is available at [EscambiaVotes.gov](https://EscambiaVotes.gov). A Florida Driver's License or Florida ID and Social Security number are required.

To register in person, simply complete a Florida Voter Registration Application at an authorized voter registration agency, which includes:

- Election offices
- Public Libraries
- Florida Driver's License/Tax Collector offices
- Centers for Independent Living
- WIC and Florida Department of Children and Families offices
- Armed Forces recruitment offices
- Several other public agencies

Contact the Supervisor of Elections office for a complete list of voter registration agencies and additional locations where applications are available. Florida Voter Registration Applications are also available online at [EscambiaVotes.gov](https://EscambiaVotes.gov) or by mail. Printed applications must be completed, signed, and returned to a voter registration agency.

You may register to vote if: 

- You are a U.S. citizen.
- You are at least 18 years of age (you may preregister at 16)
- You are a legal resident of the Florida county in which you wish to be registered.

You may NOT register to vote if: 

- You have been convicted of a felony or adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting, unless your right to vote has been restored.
- You are not a U.S. Citizen.

# Your Voter Information Card

Once registered, a Voter Information Card will be mailed to you. This card provides your precinct number and polling location as well as other district information. You are not required to present the card to vote on Election Day or during early voting.

If your polling place changes, you will be mailed a new Voter Information Card with updated information on where to cast your ballot on Election Day.

ISSUED TO		DATE OF BIRTH	U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT	STATE SENATE DISTRICT	COUNTY COMMISSION, ECHA, AND SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT
PRECINCT NUMBER AND ADDRESS		VOTER REG. NUMBER			
		REG. DATE	STATE HOUSE DISTRICT	CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT	
		POLITICAL PARTY			

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## Photo and Signature ID Requirement

If you choose to vote in person, whether by early voting or at your precinct on Election Day, you must present photo and signature identification. Acceptable forms of photo ID are:

- Florida Driver's License
- Florida ID card issued by the Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles
- U.S. Passport
- Debit/Credit Card
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Retirement Center ID
- Neighborhood Association ID
- Public Assistance ID
- Concealed Weapon License
- VA Card
- Government Employee ID: Federal, State, County or City



Remember to bring your Photo/Signature ID with you to vote!

If you fail to present proper identification at the polls, you may vote a provisional ballot.

# Florida Holds Closed Primaries

In Florida's partisan primary elections, you may only participate in the primary of the party in which you are registered. However, if all candidates for an office are from the same party, and will not face opposition in the general election, then all qualified voters may cast a ballot in the primary, regardless of party affiliation. This is known as a Universal Primary Contest.

In the general election, and in non-partisan contests, all voters may cast a ballot without regard to political party.

## Provisional Ballots

If a person's eligibility to vote cannot be determined, they will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. A person casting a provisional ballot will be provided a written notice of rights with instructions on how to present written evidence supporting their eligibility to vote to the Supervising of Elections office. The Canvassing Board adjudicates all provisional ballots.

**Provisional Ballot**

**Instructions for the Voter**

1. Complete and sign this Provisional Ballot before Election Day.
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3. Place your provisional ballot in your local mailbox before or on Election Day.
4. After voting, you will receive a written notice of rights with instructions on how to present written evidence supporting your eligibility to vote to the Supervising of Elections office.
5. Mail the provisional ballot to the Supervisor of Elections office.

**Instructions for poll workers**

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**Voter's Certificate and Affirmation / Certificado y Declaración de Votante**

State of Florida, County of Escambia, Census Precinct of \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, being an eligible voter, do hereby certify that my name is \_\_\_\_\_

That my **date of birth** is \_\_\_\_\_

That I am registered and qualified to vote in Escambia County, Florida.

That I am registered to vote in the \_\_\_\_\_

Democratic Party  
 Republican Party  
 Independent Party  
 No Party Affiliation/Other

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**Witness of Election Official**

Election Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct #: \_\_\_\_\_ Ballot Style: Party based

Seen to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Printed Name & Signature of Election Official \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not provide an acceptable photo and signature identification at the polls, you may vote a provisional ballot. The Canvassing Board will simply compare your signature on the provisional ballot certificate with the signature on your voter registration record. Your provisional ballot will be counted if your signature matches, you cast your ballot in the proper precinct, and you are otherwise eligible to vote.

# WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE POLLS

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1. Enter the polling place.
2. Present proper identification to the election worker so your record can be located in the electronic pollbook.
3. After photo ID is confirmed, sign the signature pad. Signature is then verified against the ID provided.
4. A ballot and secrecy sleeve are issued.
5. Take the ballot to the privacy booth or request to use the ballot-marking device.
6. After marking and reviewing selections, take the ballot to the tabulator.
7. Insert the ballot in the tabulator and receive your "I Voted" sticker.
8. If you need assistance in voting, see an election worker.

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## Where Do I Vote?

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When voting in person on Election Day, you must vote at your precinct's designated polling location. You can find information about your polling location on your Voter Information Card, sample ballot, or by visiting [EscambiaVotes.gov/precinct-finder](https://EscambiaVotes.gov/precinct-finder).

You can also find your precinct by scanning the QR code below.



# VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

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Escambia County Early Voting and Election Day polling locations have at least one ballot marking device or ExpressVote to assist persons with disabilities or any voter who wishes to use it.

The ExpressVote allows voters the option of a touchscreen or an audio headset with a keypad to mark their ballot. The screen has large-print capability and adjustable screen contrast for better viewing.

1. Let an election worker know you want to use the ExpressVote.
2. Insert the blank ballot card into the ballot marking device.
3. Make selections by touching your choice on the touchscreen or keypad.
4. Select "back" or "next" to navigate through the ballot.
5. Review selections, select "print card," and the device will mark the ballot and return it to you.
6. Confirm your choices as printed on the ballot and insert the ballot into the tabulator.

If you make a mistake on your ballot or need extra assistance, ask an election worker.



If voters with disabilities prefer to vote-by-mail, they may request an accessible vote-by-mail ballot be sent to them by contacting the Supervisor of Elections office.



# MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS



The following voters are covered by the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and related state statutes:

- Active duty members of the United States uniformed services (or their spouses and dependents)
- Active duty members of the merchant marine (or their spouses and dependents)
- U.S. citizens residing overseas

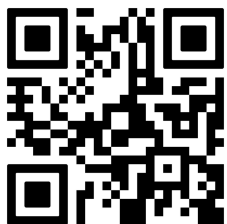
Such voters may register to vote in Florida using a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), which also serves as a vote-by-mail ballot request, or may use a Florida Voter Registration Application and indicate their military status.

In addition to the traditional mail option, UOCAVA voters may have ballots faxed or emailed to them. Overseas voters may return their ballots via fax, but not email. UOCAVA voters may also use our online ballot delivery system which allows a voter to access and mark a ballot online.

The completed ballot must be printed and returned by mail (or fax if overseas), as online or email return of a voted ballot is not permitted in Florida. For more information on military and overseas voting, visit our website.

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## TRACK YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT



Vote-by-mail voters can track the status of their ballot at [EscambiaVotes.gov/ballot-trax](https://EscambiaVotes.gov/ballot-trax) or by scanning the QR code.

# Keep Your Information Current

In order to maintain accurate voter roles, we ask that you keep us informed of any changes to your registration, including:

- Legal name change
- Residential address change
- Political party change
- Mailing address change
- Signature change

It is important to keep your signature updated, as it is used to verify vote-by-mail ballots and petitions. An outdated signature may result in your vote-by-mail ballot or petition not being accepted.

You may update your signature on file with our office at any time using a Florida Voter Registration Application, which can be obtained from our website, our office or any other voter registration agency.

Contact the Supervisor of Elections office about any information changes or updates.



## HOW TO VOTE

Florida's voting method is by paper ballot tabulation through a digital scanner. To vote, simply mark the ballot by completely darkening the oval to the LEFT of your choice, as illustrated.

BALLOT	
<input type="radio"/>	CANDIDATE A
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	CANDIDATE B
<input type="radio"/>	CANDIDATE C
<input type="radio"/>	WRITE-IN

For write-in candidates, if applicable, darken the oval to the LEFT of the words "Write-In," and write the qualified write-in candidate's name on the blank line provided.

BALLOT	
<input type="radio"/>	CANDIDATE A
<input type="radio"/>	CANDIDATE B
<input type="radio"/>	CANDIDATE C
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	John Doe WRITE-IN

After reviewing your ballot, insert it into the digital scan tabulator. If you make a mistake or need extra assistance, ask an election worker.

# Voters' 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 is in question
- If his or her registration is in question, cast a provisional ballot
- Written instructions to use when voting, and, upon request, oral instructions in voting from election 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

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# Voters' 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 election 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 you from voting.*



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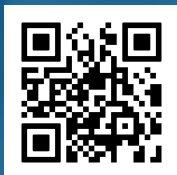
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