



2022
VOTER GUIDE
Gadsden County, Florida

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2022 Election Dates

Primary Election

August 23, 2022

Deadline to Register

July 25, 2022

Early Voting Dates

August 12 – August 20, 2022

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm

General Election

November 8, 2022

Deadline to Register

October 11, 2022

Early Voting Dates

October 24 – November 6, 2022

Monday-Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Polls will open on Election Day

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Offices to Be Filled in 2022

Federal Offices

United States Senator

U.S. Representative 2nd Congressional District

State Offices

Governor/Lt. Governor

Attorney General

Chief Financial Officer

Commissioner of Agriculture

State Senate District 3

State Representative District 8

County Offices

Board of County Commissioner (District 2 & 4)

School Board Member (District 2, 3 & 4)

Soil & Water Conservation Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5

Non-Partisan

Justices of the Supreme Court

Judges, District Courts of Appeal

Circuit Judges

Municipal Offices

City & Town Elections are held annually on the last Tuesday in April: Chattahoochee, Greensboro, Gretna, Havana, Midway, Quincy

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register to vote in Gadsden County, you must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be a Florida resident and live in Gadsden County
- Be 18 years old (you can pre-register at 16)

Persons not entitled to Register or Vote:

- Persons who have been found by a court in this or another state to be mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who have not had their right to vote restored.
- Persons who have been convicted of any felony in any court and who have not had their right to vote restored.
- Any person who is not a citizen of the United States of America.

**A person who is not registered to vote may not vote.

Three Ways to Register:

To register to vote, change your address, update your name or signature, you must fill out a Florida voter registration application.

You can register:

1. Online at **RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov**
2. In Person
 - At the Supervisor of Elections Office
 - Public Library
 - DHSMV/Tax Collector
 - Office of Public Assistance
 - Offices that serve persons with disabilities
 - Armed Forces Recruitment Offices
3. By Mail
 - You can call our office at 850-627-9910 to have a Florida voter registration form mailed to you.
 - You can also download an application from our website, complete it and mail it to PO Box 186, Quincy, FL 32353.

VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

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 in that county.
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.

VOTER RESPONSIBILITIES

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 violations 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.

Three Ways to Vote

1

Vote by Mail (Absentee)

Absentee ballots may be requested in person, by mail, telephone (850-627-9910), online at www.gadsdensoefl.gov or email at info@gadsdensoefl.gov. The deadline to request a ballot to be mailed to you is always 10 days before an election.

Ballots can be dropped off at our Secure Ballot Intake Stations located at all early voting locations during early voting hours.

2

Early Voting

Early Voting is available for all voters in Gadsden County before each Primary and General Election.

Valid ID containing your photo and signature are required to vote.

EARLY VOTE LOCATIONS

Supervisor of Elections Office
16 S. Madison Street
Quincy, FL

Havana Library
203 E. 5th Avenue
Havana, FL

Midway City Hall
60 MLK Blvd.
Midway, FL

Chattahoochee Library
300 Maple Street
Chattahoochee, FL

***Voters Can Vote At Either Early Vote Location
(See Page 1 for Early Vote Dates & Times)**

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Election Day-7:00am-7:00pm

Primary Election – August 23, 2022

General Election – November 8, 2022

Election Day Voters must vote at their assigned precinct.

Acceptable ID at The Polls

When voting Early or on Election Day at the Polls, you will be asked to show a photo and signature identification. Acceptable forms of identification:

- Florida driver's license
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification
- Veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm issued pursuant to s. 790.06
- Employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality.

Provisional Ballots

If your eligibility to vote cannot be determined, or you do not have the proper identification, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. A person casting a provisional ballot has the right to present written evidence supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the Supervisor of Elections by no later than 5:00 p.m. on the second day following the election. If you voted a provisional ballot because you did not bring photo and signature identification to the polls, you do not have to present further evidence of eligibility. The local canvassing board will simply compare your signature on the provisional ballot certificate with your signature on the voter registration record. If the signatures match, your provisional ballot will count (provided you were in the proper precinct).

Voting Machines in Gadsden County

Optical Scan

DS-200 voting machine scans paper ballots.

- You must completely fill in the ovals next to a candidate name.
- You must use the pen that is provided or a blue or black pen.
- You cannot erase on your ballot. If you make a mistake when voting an absentee ballot, call the Supervisor of Elections office to request another ballot. If voting at the polls ask your clerk for a replacement ballot. A voter is allowed up to two replacement ballots.
- Only fill in the oval for one candidate for each race, unless you are instructed to do otherwise. If you over-vote, the machine will return your ballot.
- Before you cast your ballot, be sure your ballot reflects your choices.
- Once your vote is cast, you cannot receive another ballot in that election.

ExpressVote

- For Disabled Voters Only.
- Voter will be issued a blank voting card.
- Voter will insert their blank card into the ExpressVote machine.
- Voter will make their selection by touching the screen.
- ExpressVote will print the voter's selection on the voting card.
- Voter cannot over-vote.
- Voter can review their choices on the voting card
- Voter will insert voting card into the Optical Scan voting machine.

Book Closing Dates

The Book Closing Date is the statewide deadline to register to vote, or change your political party for any election if you are already registered. For first time voters in Florida, a completed voter registration form must be in the Supervisor of Elections' office, or postmarked, by the book closing date. If you have relocated to a new address within Florida, register that address with the Supervisor of Elections' office as soon as possible. Book closing is always 29 days before any election.

Closed Primaries

Florida is a closed primary state. In a primary election, voters may only vote for candidates in their party of registration. If you do not select a party when you register to vote, your vote is limited in the primaries to only judges and non-partisan issues. In the General Election, party affiliation is not an issue. You may vote for any candidate, regardless of party preference.

Universal Primaries

A Universal Primary Contest means a contest in a primary election in which all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election. All qualified electors may vote on a Universal Primary Contest regardless of party affiliation.

Redistricting Updates

New Congressional & State Districts

U. S. Congressional District

Old District – 5

New District – 2

State Senate

District 3

State Representative

District 8

****There was no change in county districts.**

Constitutional Amendments 2022

(Will Appear on the General Election Ballot)

Constitutional Amendment 1

Article VII, Section 4

Article XII, Section 42

Limitation on Assessment of Real Property Used for Residential Purposes

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution, effective January 1, 2023, to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit the consideration of any change or improvement made to real property used for residential purposes to improve the property's resistance to flood damage in determining the assessed value of such property for ad valorem taxation purposes.

Constitutional Amendment 2

Article II, Section 5

Article XI, Sections 2 & 5

Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to abolish the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets at 20-year intervals and is scheduled to next convene in 2037, as a method of submitting proposed amendments or revisions to the State Constitution to electors of the state for approval. This amendment does not affect the ability to revise or amend the State Constitution through citizen initiative, constitutional convention, the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, or legislative joint resolution.

Constitutional Amendment 3

Article VII, Section 6

Article XII

Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce

Grants mandatory payment of death benefits and waiver of certain educational expenses to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.



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