

2024

VOTER GUIDE
Gadsden County, Florida



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2024 Election Dates

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY Election Day: March 19, 2024

Registration & Party Change Deadline: February 20, 2024

Early Voting: March 8-16, 2024
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm

PRIMARY ELECTION Election Day: August 20, 2024

Registration & Party Change Deadline: July 22, 2024

Early Voting: August 5-18, 2024
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm

GENERAL ELECTION Election Day: November 5, 2024

Registration & Party Change Deadline: October 7, 2024

Early Voting: October 21-November 3, 2024
Monday-Friday: 9:00am-6:00pm
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS Election Day: April 30, 2024

City of Quincy, City of Chattahoochee,
Town of Havana & Town of Greensboro

Polls will open on Election Day
7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.

Offices to Be Filled in 2024

Federal Offices

President and Vice President
U.S. Senator (one of two seats)
U.S. Representative, District 2

State Government

Florida Senate, District 3
Florida House of Representative, District 8
State Attorney
Public Defender

Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court (Terms expiring in 2025)
Judge, 1st District Court of Appeal (Terms expiring in 2025)
Judge, 2nd Judicial Circuit (Groups 2, 5, 6, 7 and 12)
County Judge

County Offices

Sheriff
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Supervisor of Elections
Tax Collector
Property Appraiser
Superintendent of Schools
County Commissioner, Districts 1, 3 & 5
School Board Member, Districts 1 & 5

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.

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR VOTER INFORMATION

Please keep your registration information up to date. Check your current voter information at anytime on our website at **gadsdensoefl.gov**.

Address Change

Where you live determines your Election Day polling place and which races appear on your ballot. If you move and do not update your address, your registration may become inactive and eventually removed from the voter rolls.

Update your address anytime by completing a voter registration application or through **RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov**.

Political Party Change

Your party affects which candidates you can vote for in a Primary Election. Update your party by completing a paper voter registration application or by visiting RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov. You must update your party at least 29 days before a primary election for the change to affect that election.

Name Change

Update your record by completing a paper voter registration application or through RegistertoVoteFlorida.gov.

Signature Update

We use your signature to verify petitions, Vote-by-Mail certificates, and other documents. A signature mismatch could cause your Vote-by-Mail ballot to be rejected.

If your signature has changed over time, update the record with our office. Update your signature by completing a paper voter registration application and sending it to us.

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 Presidential Preference Primary Election and 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.

Presidential Preference Primaries

The PPP is an election held every four years. The two major political parties in Florida will select their nominee for President and Vice-President. Only voters registered with one of the two parties vote their preference for whom they would like to appear on the General Election ballot in November.

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.
- Notice to Voters:** Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

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 a vote by mail 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.

Three Ways to Vote

1 Vote by Mail (Absentee)

Vote by Mail ballots may be requested in person, in writing, by telephone (850-627-9910), online at www.gadsdensoefl.gov or by email at info@gadsdensoefl.gov. The deadline to request a ballot to be mailed to you is no later than 5:00pm on the 12th day 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/Fire Dept.
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)**

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

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).

Vote-by-Mail Information

When Does a Vote By Mail Ballot Request Expire?

A ballot request, once made, is effective for all elections held after the date of the request through the end of the calendar year of the next regularly scheduled general election. A voter wishing to continue to receive a Vote-by-Mail ballot for the next election cycles thereafter would have to renew their request.

Curing a Missing or Mismatched Vote-by-Mail Signature

If you forget to sign your Vote-by-Mail Ballot certificate or your signature on the certificate does not match your signature on file, you have the right to cure this defect. Our office will attempt to contact you with the available contact information in your record or you can contact the Supervisor of Elections office.

The Deadline to Request a Vote-by-Mail Ballot

The deadline to request that a ballot be **mailed** is no later than 5 p.m. on the 12th day before the election. A Supervisor of Elections must mail the ballot out within 2 business days after a request but no later than the 10th day before election day.

What is the Deadline to Return a Vote-by-Mail Ballot?

A returned voted ballot must be received, regardless of postmark, by the Supervisor of Elections' office no later than 7:00 pm (local time) on Election Day. A 10-day extension exists for overseas voters only for Presidential Preference Primary and General Elections, provided the ballot is postmarked or dated by Election Day. Untimely received ballots are otherwise not counted.

