



2016 PRIMARY VOTER GUIDE

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What is a Primary Election?

- A primary election is an election that narrows down the field of candidates within a political party. Florida has a closed primary system, meaning that only voters who are registered members of a political party may vote for that party's candidates for office in a primary election. People may only vote within the political party with which they are affiliated.
- There are exceptions to this: If all the candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner of the primary election does not face any opposition in the general election, then all registered voters may vote for any of the candidates for that office in the primary election.
- If races for nonpartisan judicial and school board offices, nonpartisan special districts or local referendum questions are on the primary election ballot, then all registered voters, including those without party affiliation, are entitled to vote in those races.

General Elections

General elections for most offices take place on November 8, 2016. The ballots for the general elections will contain the names of the one Republican and one Democratic winner of each primary as well as any third party candidate.

Voting on Election Day

Voter Identification Requirements: voters in Florida are required to present photo and signature identification. If a voter's ID does not display his or her signature, they will be required to present a second form of identification.

Commonly accepted forms of ID

- Currently-valid driver's license
- Currently-valid state-issued identification card
- Currently-valid military identification card
- Currently-valid U.S. passport

Poll times: In Florida, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Any voter waiting in line at 7:00 p.m. will have the opportunity to cast a ballot.

Absentee Ballot

All voters in Florida are eligible to participate in absentee voting. There are no special eligibility requirements. An excuse is only required if the voter waits until Election Day to receive an absentee ballot. In order to vote via absentee ballot, you must send in your absentee application at least six days prior to the election. A returned absentee ballot must be returned to election officials by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. To fill out an absentee application, go to <https://www.vote.org/absentee-ballot/>.

Early Voting:

Early voting is casting a ballot prior to Election Day. Early voting must begin a minimum of 10 days before Election Day and end 3 days before Election Day (polls open for a minimum of 8 hours and maximum of 12 hours each day). Early voting sites will be designated 30 days prior to Election Day. To participate in early voting, you must present a valid form of photo and signature identification at an early voting site. For early voting times and locations, visit <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voting/early-voting/>.

Specific to Miami-Dade: Early voting begins 14 days prior to every countywide election. Any registered voter may vote during the scheduled early voting period at any one of the 20 designated early voting sites in Miami-Dade County. Voters will be asked to show a current and valid photo and signature identification.

Early voting hours of operation can also be found by contacting 3-1-1 or 305-499-VOTE

www.iamelectionready.org

By voting early, voters can choose a site that is closer to their home or place of work. At early voting sites, voters have the benefits of easy, automated check-ins and custom printed ballots onsite.

<http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/vote-early.asp>

Voter Bill of Rights

Each registered voter in Florida has voter rights. Registered voters have 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.
- Obtain 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.

Registered voters also have responsibilities. Registered voters 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.

Where to find sample ballots:

Sample ballots contain both partisan and nonpartisan offices that may appear on the election ballot and include important information for voters. To view sample ballots, visit <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/sample-ballots.asp>.

Voter registration privacy information

Voter registration information is public record in Florida with a few exceptions. Information such as your social security number, driver's license number, and the source of your voter registration application may not be released or disclosed to the public under any circumstances. Your signature may be viewed, but not copied. Other information such as your name, address, date of birth, party affiliation, and when you voted is public information.

Your voter registration information may not be publicly disclosed or made available, provided:

- You are or become a participant in the Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program for victims of domestic violence and stalking.
- You submit a written request to each agency that may have your information such as your address, photo, and date of birth. However, you must fall within one of the statutorily designated classes of high-risk professionals.

This information can be found at: <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voter-registration/voter-information-as-a-public-record/> or <http://dos.myflorida.com/media/693760/voter-registration-guide.pdf>.

Where to find information on the candidates:

Presidential Candidates - Finding information on the presidential candidates is very simple: conduct a Google search of his/her name. To see their policy positions, you can Google search their names followed by "policy positions." For example, you might Google search "Jane Smith Policy Positions" to learn about the policy positions of Jane Smith (Jane Smith is not an actual candidate). A good website to compare policy positions of candidates is <http://www.ontheissues.org/default.htm>.

Florida State Senate Candidates

Several of the United States Senate Candidates are well known; many are not. To find information on most of the candidates, you can conduct a computer search, or you can visit websites such as <http://floridapolitics.com> or <http://www.miamiherald.com> and search the candidate's name in the search bar.

Florida State House of Representatives Candidates

To find a list of Florida's candidates, go on the website: <http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/candidates/canlist.asp>, click on "view list" for 2016 General Election and then in the box "Office," click "United States Representatives" to see who is running and for which district.

Miami-Dade County Local Election Candidates (Mayor, School Board Seats, County Commission, etc.)

This website tells you every candidate running in the local election, as well as who is running unopposed or has withdrawn. http://www.voterfocus.com/ws/mdccand/candidate_pr.php?c=miamidade&el=20

Voter Assistance

Language Assistance for Voting: Spanish assistance is available through the statewide voter assistance and voter hotlines at <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/>. Information is also on the Supervisor of Elections website, including the translation of materials such as the sample ballot into Spanish and Creole.

11 Florida counties are specifically subject to Spanish language requirements including providing oral and written assistance and election-related materials such as instructions, forms, ballots and notices.

Those counties are:

- Broward
- Hardee
- Hendry
- Hillsborough
- Lee
- Miami-Dade
- Orange
- Osceola
- Palm Beach
- Polk
- Volusia

Accessible Voting for Persons with Disabilities:

If you need assistance to vote due to a disability, you have several options:

- Receive personal help at the polls during early voting or on Election Day. If you are a disabled voter and want to exercise your right to vote during early voting or on Election Day, you are eligible to have a qualified person assist you without elaborating on your disability. In order to receive this type of assistance, you should either complete a declaration that you need assistance or you may have already affirmed your need for assistance when you registered to vote. The qualified persons you receive assistance from may not be your employer, employer's agency or your union's agent. Instead, you may have two Supervisor of Elections staff members assist you.
- Vote on a touch screen or other accessible marking device at the polls. Voting on a touch screen allows you to vote with little or no assistance and in secret.
- Vote-by-mail from the comfort of your home.
- Participate in supervised voting, if made available at your assisted living or nursing home facility. You can also request that your vote-by-mail ballot be sent to you there.

Contact Information:

- National Voter Protection Hotline: 1-866-OUR-VOTE
- Florida Voter Assistance Hotline: Toll Free 1.866.308.6739 (in English and Español), Available Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with extended hours during statewide elections.
- If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Division using the Florida Relay Service, 1.800.955.8771 (TDD), 1.800.955.8770 (Voice), or 1.877.955.8773 (Español).

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Apps & Online Tools

- VoteSpotter
- OnTheIssues.org
- ISideWith.com

All candidate lists provided by: [Florida Division of Elections](#), Room 316, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0250, 850.245.6200

President of the United States

President of the United States is elected every four years with the opportunity to run for a second term serving a total of eight years if reelected.

Main Candidates:

■ Democrat: Hillary Clinton ■ Republican: Donald Trump ■ Green: Jill Stein ■ Libertarian: Gary Johnson

Candidate	Status	General
Basiago, Andrew D. (WRI) / Kinnison, Karen D.	Active	
Bukewihge, Edie Atkinson (DEM)	Active	
Clinton, Hillary (DEM)	Active	
Duncan, Richard (WRI) / Johnson, Ricky	Qualified	
Emrit, Ronald Satish (DEM)	Active	
Fox, Cherunda (WRI) / Kushner, Roger	Qualified	
Gyrko, Zoltan Istvan (WRI) / Memmel, Lisa M.	Active	
Harney, William Thomas (DEM)	Active	
Hewes, Henry (DEM)	Active	
Johnson, Gary (LPF) / Weld, Bill	Active	
Judd, Keith (DEM)	Active	
Kotlikoff, Laurence J. (WRI) / Leamer, Edward E.	Active	
Lynch, William Charles (DEM)	Active	
O'Malley, Martin (DEM)	Active	
Sanders, Bernie (DEM)	Active	
Tabor, Samuel (WRI) / Tabor, Sonya	Active	
Trump, Donald J. (REP)	Active	
Valdivia, Anthony "Tony" Joseph (WRI) / Barnere, Aaron Roy	Active	
Wells, Robby (DEM)	Active	
Wilson, Willie L. (DEM)	Active	
Wozniak, Mario Francis (DEM)	Active	



State Attorney (Miami-Dade County)

Unopposed – No one running against candidate – automatically named the winner.

Circuit	Candidate	Status	Primary	General
11	Rundle, Katherine Fernandez (DEM) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed

Public Defender (Miami-Dade County)

Unopposed – No one running against candidate – automatically named the winner.

Circuit	Candidate	Status	Primary	General
11	Martinez, Carlos J. (DEM) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed

United States Senator

Primary Election for United States Senators - Each state elects two senators to the United States Senate. United States Senators write and pass laws; approve many presidential appointments, including federal judges; and ratify treaties with other countries. In 2016, one of Florida's Senate seats is open. The Senatorial election is especially important this year because the Senate will vote on the currently-vacant seat on the Supreme Court.

Candidate	Status	Primary	General
Beruff, Carlos (REP)	Qualified		
Dalack, Basil E. (NPA)	Qualified		
De La Fuente, Roque "Rocky" (DEM)	Qualified		
Friend, Jon (WRI)	Qualified		
Grayson, Alan (DEM)	Qualified		
Invictus, Augustus (LPF)	Qualified		
Kaplan, Robert Samuel (WRI)	Qualified		
Keith, Pam (DEM)	Qualified		
Khoury, Tony (NPA)	Qualified		
Knepper, Howard (WRI)	Qualified		
Luster, Reginald (DEM)	Qualified		
Machat, Steven (NPA)	Qualified		
Murphy, Patrick (DEM)	Qualified		
Nathan, Bruce (NPA)	Qualified		
Patrick, Bradley (WRI)	Qualified		
Rivera, Ernie (REP)	Qualified		
Rubio, Marco (REP) *Incumbent	Qualified		
Stanton, Paul (LPF)	Qualified		
Tolbert, Charles Frederick (WRI)	Qualified		
Walls-Windhauser, Angela Marie (WRI)	Qualified		
Young, Dwight Mark Anthony (REP)	Qualified		

United States Representative (Miami-Dade County)

Primary Elections for United States House of Representatives

There are currently 27 open seats for Florida Representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives. U.S. Representatives write and pass laws.

District	Candidate	Status	Primary	General
23	Canova, Tim (DEM)	Qualified		
	Endriss, Don (NPA)	Qualified		
	Feigenbaum, Martin "Marty" (REP)	Qualified		
	Kaufman, Joseph "Joe" (REP)	Qualified		
	Milstein, Lyle (NPA)	Qualified		
24	Schultz, Debbie Wasserman (DEM)	Qualified		
	Hill, Randal (DEM)	Qualified		
25	Wilson, Frederica (DEM)	Qualified		
	Diaz-Balart, Mario (REP)	Qualified	Unopposed	
26	Valdes, Alina (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Curbelo, Carlos (REP)	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Garcia, Joe (DEM)	Qualified		
	Peixoto, Jose (NPA)	Qualified		
27	Taddeo, Annette (DEM)	Qualified		
	Adams, David "Tubbs" (REP)	Qualified		
	Fuhrman, Scott (DEM)	Qualified		
	Peiro, Maria (REP)	Qualified		
	Perez, Frank (DEM)	Qualified		
	Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (REP)	Qualified		
	Sackrin, Adam (DEM)	Qualified		

State Representative (Miami-Dade County)

Primary Election for Florida State House of Representatives

All 120 seats in the Florida House of Representatives are open for re-election. Florida State Representatives pass laws, develop an annual state budget, and conduct investigations. They may impeach officials.

District	Candidate	Status	Primary	General
100	Geller, Joseph S. "Joe" (DEM) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
102	Pritchett, Sharon (DEM) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
103	Diaz Jr., Manny (REP) *Incumbent	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Petkovich, Ivette Gonzalez (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
105	Moreno, Patricio (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Trujillo, Carlos (REP) *Incumbent	Qualified	Unopposed	
107	Estime-Irvin, Mary (DEM)	Qualified		
	Watson, Barbara A. (DEM) *Incumbent	Qualified		
108	Collie-Echoles, Taj (DEM)	Qualified		
	Delica, Fayola (DEM)	Qualified		
	Duge, Moise (DEM)	Qualified		
	Hardemon, Roy (DEM)	Qualified		
	Menes, Francesca "Fran" (DEM)	Qualified		
	Patel, Henry (DEM)	Qualified		
	Steril, Marie Erlande (DEM)	Qualified		
109	Stafford, Cynthia A. (DEM) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
110	Oliva, Jose (REP) *Incumbent	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Puentes Sr, Carlos A. (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
111	Avila, Bryan (REP) *Incumbent	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Miyar, Sevi (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
112	Davey, Michael W. (REP)	Qualified		
	Duran, Nicholas X. (DEM)	Qualified		
	Faura-Morales, Waldo (DEM)	Qualified		
	Palomino, Rosa Maria "Rosy" (REP)	Qualified		
113	Parker, Jonathan H. (REP)	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Richardson, David (DEM) *Incumbent	Qualified		
	Valdes, Rey (DEM)	Qualified		
114	Baez, Daisy J. (DEM)	Qualified		
	Couriel, John D. (REP)	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Santana, Alberto L. (DEM)	Qualified		
115	Bileca, Michael (REP) *Incumbent	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Hancock, Ross (DEM)	Qualified		
	Solomon, Jeffrey Doc (DEM)	Qualified		
116	Diaz, Jose Felix (REP) *Incumbent	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Rassner, Heath (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
117	McGhee, Kionne L. (DEM) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
118	Asencio, Robert (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Bell, Lynda (REP)	Qualified		
	Pria, Carlos (REP)	Qualified		
	Rivera, David (REP)	Qualified		
	Rodriguez, Anthony (REP)	Qualified		
	Rojas Tallon, Steven A. (REP)	Qualified		
119	Nunez, Jeanette M. (REP) *Incumbent	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Pinell, Jeniffer (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
120	Diaz, Kevin (DEM)	Qualified		
	Horton, Dan (DEM)	Qualified		
	Raschein, Holly (REP) *Incumbent	Qualified	Unopposed	

State Senator (Miami-Dade County)

Primary Elections for Florida State Senate

All 40 seats in the Florida State Senate are open in the 2016 election. Each of the 40 newly-drawn districts will be represented by a State Senator. Florida State Senators pass laws, develop an annual state budget, and conduct investigations. The Senate also has the power to try officials impeached by the House and to confirm some executive appointments.

District	Candidate	Status	Primary	General
35	Braynon II, Oscar (DEM)	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
36	Garcia, Rene (REP)	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Peralta, Anabella Grohoski (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
37	Christian, Mercedes (NPA)	Qualified		
	Diaz de la Portilla, Miguel (REP)	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Rodriguez, Jose Javier (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
38	Blemur, Anis (DEM)	Qualified		
	Brutus, Phillip J. (NPA)	Qualified		
	Burns, Kevin A. (DEM)	Qualified		
	Campbell, Daphne (DEM)	Qualified		
	Festge, Don (DEM)	Qualified		
	Gongora, Michael (DEM)	Qualified		
	Pizzo, Jason (DEM)	Qualified		
	Artz, Brent (WRI)	Qualified		
39	Flores, Anitere (REP)	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie (DEM)	Qualified	Unopposed	
40	Artiles, Frank (REP)	Qualified	Unopposed	
	Bullard, Dwight M. (DEM)	Qualified		
	Jimenez, Mario (NPA)	Qualified		
	Korge, Andrew (DEM)	Qualified		
	Logan, Ana Rivas (DEM)	Qualified		
	Perez, Missalys (DEM)	Qualified		

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Supreme Court Justice

Retention Elections for Florida Supreme Court and Florida District Court of Appeals Judges

Judges in the Florida District Court of Appeals review the decisions made by the County and Circuit Courts. Florida Supreme Court Judges review decisions from all of the lower courts in the state. These judges are appointed by the Governor. Voters vote whether they should be retained or replaced.

Candidate	Status	Primary	General
Canady, Charles T. (NOP)	Qualified		
Labarga, Jorge (NOP)	Qualified		
Polston, Ricky L. (NOP)	Qualified		

District Court of Appeal (Miami-Dade County)

District	Candidate	Status	Primary	General
3	Scales, Edwin A. (NOP)	Qualified		
	Wells, Linda Ann (NOP)	Qualified		

Circuit Judge (Miami-Dade County)

Primary Election for Circuit and County Court Judges

Many of the 255 circuit and county court judges will be chosen in this election. Most candidates are running unopposed, so they will win automatically. County judges hear cases for criminal misdemeanors and civil cases where the disputed amount is less than \$15,000. Circuit Court judges hear cases for criminal felonies, domestic relations, juvenile matters, and civil suits where the amount disputed is more than \$15,000.

Circuit / Group	Candidate	Status	Primary	General
11 / 3	Schlesinger, John Charles (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 6	Ruiz II, Rodolfo "Rudy" Armando (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 9	Bloch, Jason Edward (NOP) *Incumbent	Qualified		
	Del Rey, Marcia (NOP)	Qualified		
11 / 10	Bernstein, Scott (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 12	Soto, Bertila A (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 20	Thornton Jr., John W. (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 28	Bailey, Jennifer D. (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 30	Rodriguez, Rosa I. (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 32	Areces, Barbara (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 34	Blumstein, Mark (NOP)	Qualified		
	Gordon, Renee (NOP)	Qualified		
	Jimenez, Antonio G. (NOP)	Transferred to Local Office		
	Martinez-Scanziani, Denise (NOP)	Qualified		
	Perez-Medina, Luis (NOP)	Qualified		
11 / 39	Young, David (NOP)	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 40	Thomas, William (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 41	Hirsch, Milton "Milt" (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 45	Cohen, Samantha Ruiz (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 52	Aponte, Rosy A. (NOP)	Qualified		
	Breece, Carol "Jodie" (NOP)	Qualified		
	Rodriguez-Fonts, Oscar (NOP)	Qualified		
11 / 59	Sayfie, Nushin G. (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 62	Gordo, Monica (NOP) *Incumbent	Unopposed	Unopposed	Unopposed
11 / 66	Luck, Robert Joshua (NOP) *Incumbent	Qualified		
	Roberson, Yolly (NOP)	Qualified		
11 / 74	Ortega-Tauler, Elena (NOP)	Qualified		
	Sarduy, George "Jorge" A. (NOP) *Incumbent	Qualified		

Miami-Dade County School Board

Five seats out of nine on the Miami-Dade County School Board are up for election. The School Board sets district policy and appoints a superintendent, who in turn selects administrators to head the system's administrative divisions and carry out the Board's policies.

Candidates

District 1	District 6
James Bush, III	Maria Teresa Rojas
Steve Gallon, III	Modesto Abety
Wilbert "Tee" Holloway (Incumbent)	Gus Machado
	Pedro Mora
	Richard Tapia
District 3	District 7
Martin Karp (Incumbent)	Aster Bato Mohamed
	Lubby Navarro (Incumbent)
District 5	District 9
Susana Castillo (Incumbent)	Lawrence Feldman (incumbent)

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