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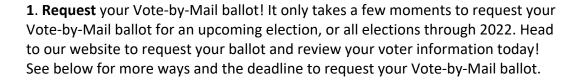
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HELPFUL TIPS FOR VOTING BY MAIL

Casting your vote has never been easier. Many Florida voters are choosing to cast their vote using a Vote-by-Mail ballot rather than heading to the polls to vote on Election Day. These tips will help make sure you are ready to vote by mail and that your ballot is counted:





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2. Update your signature*! The signature on your Vote-by-Mail return envelope must match your signature on file at the elections office. Depending on when and how you registered or last updated your registration, your signature may be one from the DMV. If you are not sure which signature we may have on file for you, or if you are concerned that your signature has changed, update your signature using a registration application prior to returning your Vote-by-Mail ballot.

*A voter's signature is their personal identifying mark or name written in a distinctive way as a form of identification.



3. Sign your Vote-by-Mail return envelope! When you receive your ballot, it will come with a postage paid return envelope for mailing it back. You must sign the envelope in the signature box provided in order for your ballot to be counted. Consider providing the optional contact information so we can quickly reach you if there is an issue with your signature or if you forgot to sign it.



4. Return your ballot on time! You can drop it in the mail, at our Main Office until 7 p.m. on Election Day or at a Branch Office until 5 p.m. on Election Day, or at any Early Voting Site during Early Voting hours. Don't forget you can track the status of your VBM ballot on our website.



5. Track your ballot online! You can track the status of your Vote-by-Mail ballot on our website, or by calling our office to verify whether your ballot was received and counted.



Requesting your Vote-by-Mail ballot.

A request for a Vote-by-Mail ballot can be made online, by phone, email, fax, or in person at any of our four offices. The deadline to request that a Vote-by-Mail ballot be mailed to you for the August 18, 2020 Primary Election is no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2020.

Your Vote-by-Mail ballot is not forwardable and will be mailed to your legal residence address, permanent mailing address, or a temporary address you provided our office specifically for that election. A request for your ballot to be mailed to a mailing address not listed on your voter record must be made in writing and signed by you. The online mail ballot request service system will notify you if the address is not already on file and you will be emailed instructions to print, sign, and submit your request to our office by mail, fax, or as an attachment to an email.

If you miss the deadline to request your ballot, you, or your designee, can visit one of our offices and we will print your mail ballot for you. Alternatively, you can vote in person during Early Voting or in your precinct on Election Day.

What if I make a mistake filling out my ballot?

If you are filling out your Vote-by-Mail ballot and you make a mistake, let us know immediately so that we can send you a replacement ballot. Whether voting by mail or at the polling place, voters can receive up to two replacements ballots <u>before</u> their ballot <u>has been cast</u>. Once the ballot has been mailed to our office, dropped in a ballot box, or inserted into a ballot-scanning machine, your ballot has been cast and no replacements can be issued.

If you decide to go to the polls to vote instead of voting your Vote-by-Mail ballot, bring your Vote-by-Mail ballot (marked or not) with you. The Vote-by-Mail ballot will be cancelled and you can vote a regular ballot. If you arrive to the polls without your Vote-by-Mail ballot, our office will need to confirm that we have not received your Vote-by-Mail in order for you to be able to vote a regular ballot. If the office has received your Vote-by-Mail ballot, you cannot vote a regular ballot. However, if you believe that you have not already voted, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

For more information about voting by mail, please contact our office and a team member will be happy to assist you.

VOTE BY MAIL DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFO:

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