

# FLORIDA PREPARED TO VOTE 2012

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## IMPORTANT DATES

In-Person Early Voting Period  
October 27, 2012 – November 3, 2012

Last Day to Apply to Vote by Mail (Absentee)  
October 29, 2012

Election Day and Deadline for Receipt of  
Vote-by-Mail Ballots  
November 6, 2012

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Florida Voter Assistance Hotline  
1.866.308.6739
- Florida Division of Elections  
1.850.245.6200
- Election Protection  
1.866.OUR.VOTE



## YOU CAN VOTE EARLY BY MAIL, OR IN PERSON

### By Mail

- If you are eligible to vote, you are eligible to vote “absentee.”
- Request an “absentee” ballot.
  - In person at your Supervisor of Elections office.
  - By telephone (call the Division of Elections).
  - By mail: send a letter with your name, address, date of birth, request for an absentee ballot, and your signature to your Supervisor of Elections Office.
  - Online: Visit [http://election.dos.state.fl.us/SOE/supervisor\\_elections.shtml](http://election.dos.state.fl.us/SOE/supervisor_elections.shtml).

### In Person

- You can vote early in person before the 2012 Presidential Election between October 27 and November 3, 2012.
- To find your early voting site, call the Division of Elections or your Supervisor of Elections.

## VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

### Polling Place Hours

- 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- If you are in line at the polling place at 7:00 p.m., you can vote.

### Voter Identification

- You must show a photo and signature identification.
- Acceptable forms of ID include any of the following:
  - Florida driver license, Florida ID card issued by the DMV, passport, debit or credit card, military identification, student identification, retirement center identification, neighborhood association identification, OR public assistance identification.
- If your picture identification does not contain your signature, an additional identification that provides your signature will be required.



# VOTE

**Tuesday, November 6, 2012**



# YOUR RIGHTS AS A VOTER

## **WHAT IF THEY SAY MY NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST?**

Ask the poll worker to check the “supplemental list” and to call the Supervisor of Elections to verify your registration and confirm your polling place. But even if they can’t find you on the list, you have the right to ask for a PROVISIONAL BALLOT to vote for the federal races on the ballot if you declare that you are an eligible voter. You also have the right to call the Office of the Supervisor of Elections seven days after the election to verify whether your ballot was counted.

## **CAN I GET ASSISTANCE AT THE POLLS?**

Voters who cannot read, are blind, or have another physical disability may need help casting their ballot. If you did not indicate your need to the Registrar at the time you registered to vote, you can receive assistance if you provide proof of disability or if you cannot read or write.

## **WHAT IF THEY CHALLENGE MY RIGHT TO VOTE?**

If anyone challenges your right to vote, ask to speak to the Commissioner-in-Charge or call 1.866.OUR.VOTE. Find out why you are being challenged and provide information to the commissioners to support your eligibility. At minimum, you can also request a PROVISIONAL BALLOT. Never leave the polling place without either casting a ballot or getting a written explanation of why you were not allowed to vote.

## **VOTER INTIMIDATION**

Voter intimidation occurs when people try to stop others from voting, or control how they vote. Watch out for advertisements giving false information; threats or harassment; people other than poll workers asking for your ID; people campaigning in the polling place; or anyone entering your voting booth without your permission.



The right to vote is the cornerstone of American democracy.

**PROBLEM VOTING?**  
**Call 1.866.OUR.VOTE**

## **REPORT PROBLEMS**

If you have problems on Election Day such as being refused a ballot or turned away from a polling place, or would like to report voter intimidation, call the national Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE.

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