

Collier County 2014 Voter Information Guide



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A Message from Jennifer J. Edwards Supervisor of Elections



A unique part of being an American citizen is having the right to VOTE. Voting is an important responsibility that allows citizens a say in their government. We urge all eligible citizens to register to vote and to exercise this right in every election.

I compliment each and everyone of you who participate in the process by taking the opportunity to serve your community, and this country, by sharing in this key element of our democratic process.

Our mission at the Supervisor of Elections Office is to: *Ensure the integrity of the Electoral Process.*

Consequently, we take the responsibility of the electoral process very seriously and have prepared this guide to provide you with helpful information about voting and the process. Please use the guide as a reference.

If you would like more information, visit us on the web at www.CollierVotes.com or contact the office at (239) 252-VOTE (8683).

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How to Register to Vote

It's easy! Complete a voter registration application form available at the Supervisor of Elections Office, driver license offices, public libraries, government satellite offices, state agencies that provide public assistance and/or serve persons with disabilities, and any recruitment office of the armed forces. You may also print an application form from the Supervisor of Elections website: www.collierVotes.com. Online applications must be printed. Once completed, mail or deliver the form to: Supervisor of Elections Office

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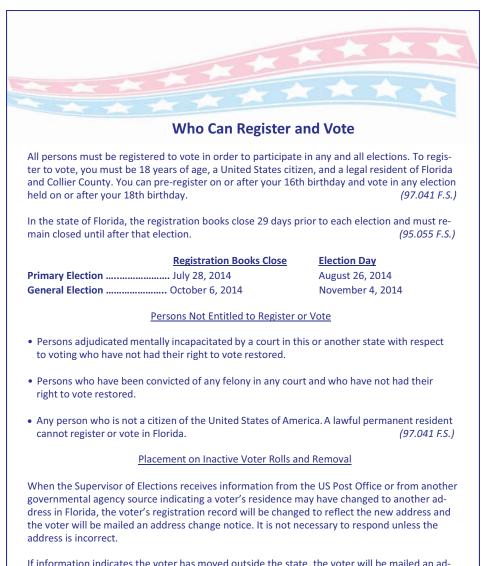
State and federal law also make it convenient to apply to register or update a voter registration record by allowing you to do so at the same time you obtain a benefit or service from any state or federally designated voter registration agency mentioned above. In fact, applying to register or updating a registration record is done electronically at any office that issues or renews driver licenses.

A new voter registration application form is complete if it contains:

- A check in the 'Yes' box affirming United States citizenship.
- A check in the box affirming you have not been convicted of a felony or, if convicted, have had your civil rights restored.
- A check in the box affirming you have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or, if adjudicated, you have had your right to vote restored.
- Your date of birth.
- Your valid Florida driver license number or Florida identification card number.
- If you do not have either, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued a Florida driver license, a Florida identification card or a Social Security number, you must indicate none' in that field.
- Your name.
- The address where you live, your legal residence Not a P.O. Box.
- You must sign or mark your registration application form in the signature box. By signing or marking the application form, you swear or affirm under penalty of false oath that the information is true. Only the voter may sign. A power of attorney or any other signer other than you is NOT accepted.

Note: Applicants who do not designate a political party affiliation will be registered without party affiliation (NPA).

(97.053 F.S.)



If information indicates the voter has moved outside the state, the voter will be mailed an address confirmation final notice. Registration status of voters who do not respond to this notice within 30 days, will be changed to inactive. Inactive voters are still registered to vote, and their voting status will be changed to active if they update their voter registration record, request a mail/absentee ballot, and/or go to the polls to vote. However, inactive voters who do none of these things will be removed from the registration records after two General Elections from the date they were made inactive and will have to re-register in order to vote.

(98.065 F.S.)



When Can You Register or Update your Voter Information

You may apply to register to vote at any time either by mail or in person; however, the registration books close on the 29th day before each election and remain closed until after that election. After the registration books close, voter registration applications will be accepted for subsequent elections only.

The date your voter registration application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Supervisor of Elections Office, driver license office, or another voter registration agency, will be your registration date. If your application is complete and you are qualified as a voter, a voter information card will be mailed to you.

The only late voter registration exception that is made in the State of Florida is made for an individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services, merchant marine, or from employment outside the United States. This clause is pursuant to 97.0555 F.S. and gives individuals who meet these criteria, and are otherwise qualified to register to vote, the option to register up until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election. For more information, please contact your county elections office for the list of necessary evidentiary documentation.

Updates and changes to a voter's name, address, signature and political party may be made at anytime. However, political party changes made after the registration books close for a Primary Election, will not become effective until after the Primary Election.

(97.053, 97.055 and 97.0555 F.S.)

Registration Book Closing Dates

Primary Election.....July 28, 2014

General Election.....October 6, 2014

Assistance in Voting

All polling places are equipped with accessible voting systems for persons with disabilities to enable such persons to vote without assistance if they choose. However, if you are a person with a disability or cannot read or write and wish someone to assist you, you may designate someone of your own choice, other than an employer or an officer or agent of your union, to provide assistance. Election officials may also provide assistance.

(97.061 and 101.051 F.S.)



When Voters Change their Address

Whenever you change your address within the State of Florida, you should contact the Supervisor of Elections Office in the county of your new residence to update your voter registration record. It is important to update your address because, by law, you can only vote in the precinct to which you have moved.

If you have moved within the county, avoid delays at the polling place by updating your address with the Supervisor of Elections Office before you go to vote.

Generally, voters may only vote in the precinct in which they live and are registered. However, voters temporarily living outside their home county who have no permanent address in the county may apply to be registered and vote in the precinct that contains the main office of the Supervisor of Elections. These voters will not be allowed to vote in municipal elections.

(97.1031 and 101.045 F.S.)

When Voters Change their Name

If you change your name, you must notify the Supervisor of Elections Office by completing and signing a new voter registration application form or other signed written notice that contains your date of birth or voter registration number.

(97.1031 and 101.045 F.S.)

When Voters Want to Change their Party Affiliation

If you want to change your party affiliation, you must notify the Supervisor of Elections Office by completing and signing a new voter registration application form or other signed written notice that contains your date of birth or voter registration number. You cannot change your party at the polling place. To be effective for a Primary Election, a party change must be made at least 29 days before the Primary Election.

Signature Updates

(97.1031 F.S.)

It is important to keep your signature current with the Supervisor of Elections since the appearance of one's signature may change over time. To update your signature, you must use a voter registration application form and submit it to the Supervisor of Elections Office. Signatures on your registration record are used to verify your signature on petitions, mail/absentee and provisional ballots, certificates and affirmations. If your signature does not match your signature on record, your petition or ballot will not count.

2014 Election Dates

Early Voting Primary Election August 14 - 23, 2014 General Election October 23 - November 1, 2014

Polls Open 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Early Voting

Registered Collier County voters have the option of voting early at any one of the designated Early Voting sites in the county: Everglades City Hall, Golden Gate Community Center, Immokalee Community Park, Library Headquarters, Marco Island Library, North Collier Regional Park, Norris Center at Cambier Park, or the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Election Day

On Election Day, the polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voters must vote in their assigned precinct as indicated on their voter information card. Visit <u>www.CollierVotes.com</u> and select "Find My Precinct" to determine where your polling place is located.

> Primary Election August 26, 2014 General Election November 4, 2014

Required Identification at the Polls

When voting at the polls during Early Voting or on Election Day, voters are required to present a current and valid photo/signature ID. Acceptable forms of photo/signature identification are:

Florida Driver's License Florida ID Card issued by DMV US Passport Debit or Credit Card Student ID/Retirement Center ID Neighborhood Association ID Public Assistance ID Military ID

If your photo ID does not contain your signature, you will be required to show an additional identification that provides your signature.

Once your identity has been established, you will be asked to sign and then allowed to vote. If you make a mistake when voting a paper ballot, ask for a replacement. You may receive up to two replacement ballots. Inform the election worker if you need assistance.

During all elections, a voter claiming to be properly registered and eligible to vote, but whose eligibility cannot be determined, shall be entitled to vote a provisional ballot.



Vote By Mail

All qualified registered voters are permitted to vote by mail under Florida law. A ballot may be requested by the voter, an immediate family member or a legal guardian if instructed by the voter. One request can cover all elections through the end of the calendar year following the second regularly scheduled General Election. Requests may be made in person, by mail, telephone or by completing an online request form at <u>www.CollierVotes.com</u>.

When requesting a mail ballot, the voter must provide their name, address and date of birth. If a request is made by someone other than the voter, the requester must provide their name, address, driver license number (if available) and the relationship to the voter. For written requests, the voter's signature or the requester's signature is also required.

Requests for a ballot to be mailed must be received by the Supervisor of Elections Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth day before the Election. Ballots are **not forwardable** and are mailed to the voter's current address on file with the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Last day to request a ballot

 Primary Election
 August 20, 2014
 5:00 p.m.

 General Election
 October 29, 2014 5:00 p.m.

If a voter requests a mail ballot and later decides to vote in person, the ballot should be surrendered so it can be cancelled.

Voted ballots may be delivered or mailed to the Supervisor of Elections Office and must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Voted ballots may not be delivered to an Early Voting site or poling place. You can track the status of your absentee ballot at <u>www.CollierVotes.com</u>.

(101.62 and 101.69 F.S.)



State Write-in Absentee

Whether you (as the voter) are overseas, in the military or have other contingencies that prevent normal mail delivery and preclude you from getting the official absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period, you can vote a state write-in absentee ballot. The period for requesting the state write-in absentee ballot from the Supervisor of Elections in the county of registration is between 180 days (6 months) and 90 days (3 months) before the General Election. To mark your choices on a state write-in ballot, write in the candidate's name or the name of a political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot.

(101.6951 F.S.; Rule 1S-2.028 Florida Administrative Code)

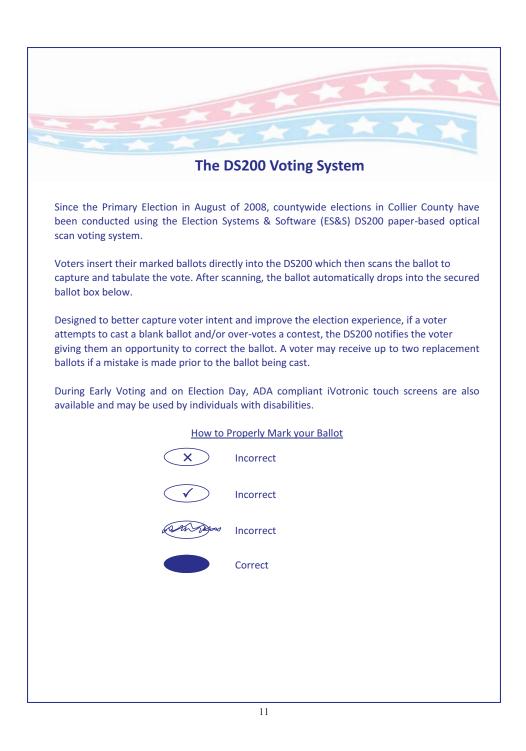
Military and Overseas Voters

If you are a United States uniformed services member on active duty, a Merchant Marine member, spouse or dependent thereof, or a United States citizen residing outside of the United States, you can use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) either to register to vote or to request an absentee ballot (if you are already registered), or to do both at the same time. You get the FPCA from a Voting Assistance Officer or though the Internet at <u>www.fvap.gov</u>. The FPCA request for an absentee ballot will be effective as a request for all elections through the end of the calendar year of the second ensuing regularly scheduled general election after the date of the request. If the FPCA is not available, phone or send a written request by mail, fax or email to the Supervisor of Elections Office and a voter registration application or absentee ballot will be sent to you however you want it sent (i.e. mail, fax or email).

By law, absentee ballots for requests on file must be transmitted to military and overseas citizens at least 45 days before each election. If you have not received your ballot two weeks before the election, contact your Supervisor of Elections. If you are already registered, you can also request at any time up through Election Day to have an absentee ballot sent by fax or email to you instead of receiving it by regular mail. You can make the request by phone, fax, mail or online if you include an email address with your absentee ballot request, the Supervisor will use that email address to notify you when your request was received; the estimated date the ballot will be sent to you and when your returned, voted ballot was received.

Once your absentee ballot is received, carefully follow the instructions sent to you with your absentee ballot or else you ballot may not count. Sign and date the ballot certificate to ensure that your ballot is counted. Return the voted ballot so the Supervisor of Elections Office receives it no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you are overseas, you can return your voted ballot by fax or mail by following the instructions with your ballot. Otherwise, if you are a uniformed services member absent stateside, you must return your voted absentee ballot by mail. You can track the status of your absentee ballot at <u>www.CollierVotes.com</u>.

(See sections 101.6952 and 101.697 F.S.; R1S-2.049 Florida Administrative Code)



2014 Precinct and Polling Locations

- 101 West Wind Estates Community 301 Joseph Lane Naples FL 34114
- 102 Everglades City Hall 102 Copeland Avenue, N Naples FL 34139
- 103 First Haitian Baptist Church 4600 Tamiami Trail E Naples FL 34114
- 135 Glades Community Center 186 Teryl Road Naples FL 34112
- 139 Riviera Golf Estates Clubhouse 425 Charlemagne Blvd Naples FL 34112
- 141 Hitching Post Recreation Hall 100 Barefoot Williams Road Naples FL 34113
- 142 Isles of Capri Community Center 338 Capri Blvd Naples FL 34113
- Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church
 6020 Rattlesnake Hammock Road Naples FL 34113
- 150 Supervisor of Elections Office 3295 Tamiami Trail E Naples FL 34112
- 155 South Regional Library 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway Naples FL 34113
- 156 Lely Presbyterian Church 110 Saint Andrews Blvd Naples FL 34113
- 159 The Club & Spa at Fiddler's Creek 3470 Club Center Blvd Naples FL 34114
- 189 Goodland Community Center 417 Mango Avenue Naples, FL 34140

- 190 Marco Presbyterian Church 875 W Elkcam Circle Marco Island FL 34145
- 193 United Church of Marco Island 320 N Barfield Drive Marco Island FL 34145
- 194 Marco Lutheran Church 525 N Collier Blvd Marco Island FL 34145
- 202 Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church 1225 Piper Blvd Naples FL 34110
- 203 North Collier Regional Park 15000 Livingston Road Naples FL 34109
- 205 Community Congregational Church 15300 Tamiami Trail N Naples FL 34110
- 222 Bentley Village Community Center 553 Bentley Village Court Naples FL 34110
- 223 St. John Evangelist Life Center 625 111th Avenue N Naples FL 34108
- 242 Village Walk Community Center 3200 Village Walk Circle Naples FL 34109
- 251 Library Headquarters 2385 Orange Blossom Drive Naples, FL 34109
- 252 Pelican Marsh Community Center 1504 Pelican Marsh Blvd Naples FL 34109
- 255 Pelican Bay Community Center 8960 Hammock Oak Drive Naples FL 34108
- 257 North Naples United Methodist Church 6000 Goodlette Road N Naples FL 34109

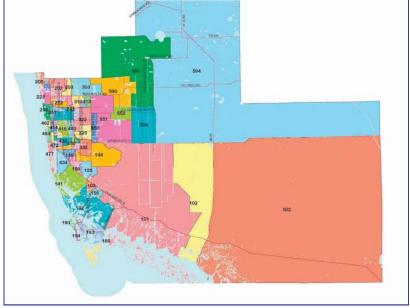
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- 258 Veterans Community Park 1895 Veterans Park Drive Naples FL 34109
- 303 St. Monica Episcopal Church 7070 Immokalee Road Naples FL 34119
- 310 North Naples Baptist Church 1811 Oaks Blvd Naples FL 34119
- 313 Golden Gate Fire Admin HQ 14575 Collier Blvd Naples FL 34119
- 315 Island Walk Town Center 6155 Towncenter Circle Naples FL 34119
- 317 Vineyards Community Park 6231 Arbor Blvd W Naples FL 34119
- 322 VFW Post #7721 800 Neffs Way Naples FL 34119
- 323 Golden Gate Community Center
 4701 Golden Gate Parkway
 Naples FL 34116
- 332 New Hope Ministries 7665 Davis Blvd Naples FL 34104
- 414 Faith Lutheran Church 4150 Goodlette Road N Naples FL 34103
- 416 Moorings Park Clubhouse 120 Moorings Park Drive Naples FL 34105
- 418 First Church of the Nazarene 3100 Bailey Lane Naples FL 34105
- 428 Humane Society of Naples 370 Airport Pulling Road N Naples FL 34104

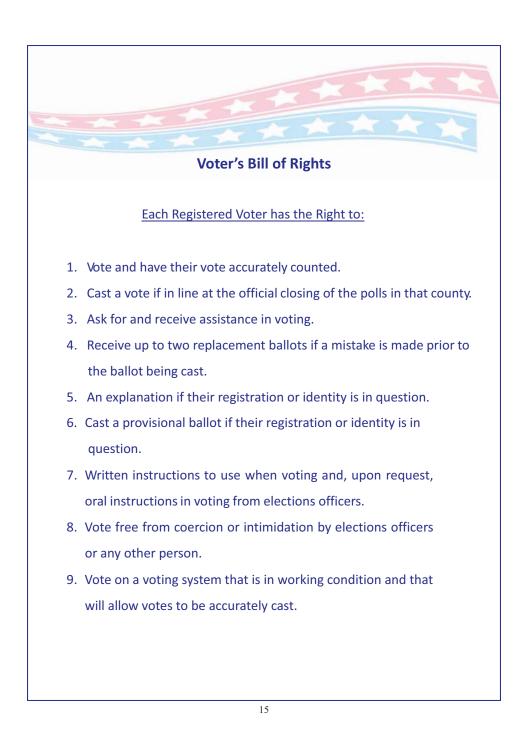
430 - FoxFire Clubhouse 1030 Kings Way Naples FL 34104

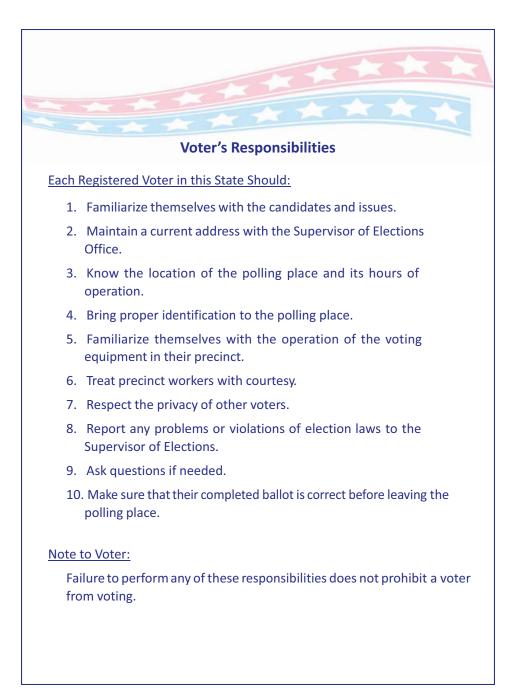
- 431 Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse 495 Belville Blvd Naples FL 34104
- 434 East Naples Community Park 3500 Thomasson Drive Naples FL 34112
- 438 Mayflower Congregation UCC 2900 County Barn Road Naples FL 34112
- 440 Naples Church of Christ 12760 Livingston Road Naples FL 34105
- 462 St. John Episcopal Church 500 Park Shore Drive Naples FL 34103
- 464 The Moorings Presbyterian Church 791 Harbour Drive Naples FL 34103
- 472 River Park Community Center 301 11th Street N Naples FL 34102
- 475 City of Naples Utilities Admin Bldg 380 Riverside Circle Naples FL 34102
- 477 St. Ann Jubilee Center 525 9th Avenue S Naples FL 34102
- 479 Naples Church 1074 10th Street Naples FL 34102
- 502 Everglades City Hall 102 Copeland Avenue N Everglades City FL 34139
- 550 Quality Inn Golf & Country Club 4100 Golden Gate Parkway Naples FL 34116





*Precinct boundaries and polling locations are subject to change.







Election Workers

On Election Day, the Supervisor of Elections is one of the county's largest employers. The Supervisor of Elections Office is always looking for friendly, dedicated individuals to work at the polls. If you are interested in becoming an Election Worker, contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at 239-252-VOTE.

(102.012 and 102.014 F.S.)

Poll Watchers

Each political party, each political candidate, and each political committee with an issue on the ballot may have one poll watcher in each polling room or early voting area at any one time during an election. Poll watchers must be registered voters in the county and cannot be candidates or law enforcement officers. Each political party, each political committee, and each candidate requesting to have poll watchers must designate, in writing to the Supervisor of Elections, poll watchers for each precinct prior to noon of the second Tuesday preceding the election. Poll watchers for early voting shall be requested in writing to the Supervisor at least 14 days before early voting begins.

Election Poll Watcher Designation Deadlines:

Early Voting

Election Day

Primary Election July 30, 2014 General Election October 8, 2014 August 6, 2014 October 28, 2014

(101.131 F.S.)

Voter Registration is Public Record

In Florida, voter registration records are open to the public and may be examined or copied by any person. However, the following registration information is confidential and exempt from public disclosure: Social Security numbers, driver license numbers, Florida identification numbers, location of a voter's place of registration and location of a voter's place of registration update. A voter's signature may be viewed, but not copied.

(97.0585 F.S.)



Primary Elections

Florida is a Closed Primary State. This means that only voters who are registered members of a political party may vote for their respective party's candidate in a Primary Election. Voters without party affiliation or those registered with a minor political party are not eligible to vote for party candidates.

However, if all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will not face opposition in the General Election, all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in a Primary Election for that office. This is known as a Universal Primary Contest.

In a Primary Election, all registered voters, including those without party affiliation, are eligible to vote for nonpartisan judicial and school board offices, nonpartisan special districts, and/or local referendum questions on the Primary Election ballot.

During a General Election, registered voters may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot regardless of party affiliation.

(1S-2.022 under 101.015 F.S. and 101.021 F.S. and Article VI, § 5(b), Florida Constitution)



How to Report Election Law Violations or Voter Fraud

Report violations of either the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, or any irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, voting, candidate or issue petitions, or removal procedures under the Florida Election Code in writing to the Division of Elections, Room 316, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, 850-245-6200. Complaint forms are available on the Division of Elections' website:

http://election.dos.state.fl.us/voting/index.shtml

Report violations relating to campaign financing, candidates, committees, or other political activities under chapters 104 and 106, and section 105.071, Florida Statutes, by sworn written complaint to the Florida Elections Commission, Suite 224 Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, 850-922-4539. The Florida Elections Commission is not affiliated with the Department of State, Division of Elections.

(106.25 F.S.)

All other violations should be reported to the local state attorney.

(97.012(15), 97.023, and 97.028 F.S.; R1S-2.025, R1S-2.036, and R1S-2.038 Florida Administrative Code)



Important Notes & Reminders

<u>First time voters who Register by Mail</u>: Special identification requirements apply for first time Florida voters who register by mail. To avoid delays when voting at the polls, provide a copy of identification at the time you mail your voter registration application such as a copy of your driver's license, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, pay check or government document that lists your name and address.

If you vote by mail, you must provide a copy of the identification with your ballot or your ballot will not count. If you vote by mail and you fall into one of the following categories, you are exempt and do not need to satisfy the special identification requirements providing you swear or affirm under penalty of oath on your ballot certificate that you are exempt. The identification requirements apply to all mail registrations except:

- Persons 65 years of age or older.
- Persons with a temporary or permanent physical disability.
- Members of the active uniformed services, merchant marine, and their spouses and/or dependents who, by reason of such active duty, are absent from the county.
- Persons currently residing outside the United States who are eligible to vote in Florida.

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Signature Updates: It is important to keep your signature current with the Supervisor of Elections as its appearance may change over time. Update your signature by completing a voter registration application form. Signatures on your registration record are used to verify your signature on petitions, mail/absentee ballots, provisional ballots, certificates and affirmations. Your petition or ballot will not count if the signature does not match your signature on record.

Sample Ballots: Voters should review their sample ballot and are encouraged to mark their selections and bring it along to the polls to use as a guide when voting.

<u>Mail/Absentee Ballots</u>: Any registered voter may request and vote a mail/absentee ballot. Voters are reminded that the voter certificate on the back of the ballot envelope MUST be signed by the voter and MUST reach the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day!

For Additional Information

Visit or contact the main office:

Supervisor of Elections Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Building Collier Government Complex 3295 Tamiami Trl E Naples, FL 34112-5758

> Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Telephone: (239) 252-VOTE (8683) Fax: (239) 774-9468

Visit our satellite office:

North Collier Government Service Center 2335 Orange Blossom Drive (next to Collier County Headquarters Library)

> Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Email: <u>SupervisorOfElections@colliergov.net</u> Website: <u>www.CollierVotes.com</u>