



**2010**  
**Collier County**  
**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, which 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 it as a ready reference.

If you would like more information, please contact us at (239) 252-8450 or visit our web site:

**[www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com)**

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer J. Edwards".

Jennifer J. Edwards  
Supervisor of Elections

## **IMPORTANT NOTES & REMINDERS:**

**First Time Voters who Register by Mail:** To avoid delays when going to vote at the polls for the first time, remember when mailing in your voter registration application form to include a copy of a non-expired, current photo identification, and an identification that includes your name and current residential address. If you are voting an absentee/mail ballot, proper identification must be provided prior to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day or your ballot will not be counted.

This applies to all mail registrations except:

- persons 65 or older
- persons with a temporary or permanent physical disability
- members of the uniformed services, members of the Merchant Marine, and/or their spouses or dependents who, by reason of such active duty, are absent from the county on Election Day
- persons currently residing outside the United States who are eligible to vote in Florida.

**Florida is a CLOSED Primary State:** Only registered Democrats and Republicans may vote for their party candidate(s) in a Primary Election unless the winner(s) will not face opposition in the General Election.

**Signature Updates:** Since the appearance of a voter's signature changes over time, it is a good practice to periodically update ones signature by completing a voter registration application form. Forms are available at the Supervisor of Elections Office, driver license offices, public libraries, government satellite offices, and state agencies that provide public assistance. On-line voter registration application forms are available on the website at [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) The forms must be printed, signed, and returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

**Sample Ballot:** Voters should review their sample ballot, mark selections, and bring it along to use as a guide when voting.

**Absentee/Mail Ballot:** Anyone may request an absentee/mail ballot - no excuse is required. Voters are reminded that absentee/mail ballots **MUST** be signed by the voter on the outside of the envelope and the ballot **MUST** reach the Supervisor of Elections office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day!

**Early Voting:** Any qualified voter may vote during early voting at any one of the early voting sites.

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## **2010 Elections & Voter Registration Closing Dates**

<b>Election</b>	<b>Registration Closes</b>	<b>Election Date</b>
Primary Election	July 26	August 24
General Election	October 4	November 2

### **Early Voting**

Early voting begins 15 days before each election. Registered voters in Collier County may vote at any one of the early voting locations in the county. Visit [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) for early voting times and locations or call (239) 252-8450 for more information.

### **Election Day (August 24<sup>th</sup> & November 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

On Election Day, the polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Registered voters are required to vote in their assigned precinct. Visit the Supervisor's website [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) to locate a precinct or call (239) 252-8450 for more information.

### **Required Identification At The Polls**

When voting at the polls during early voting or on Election Day, registered voters are required to present both a photo and signature ID. If your photo ID does not contain your signature, you will be required to show an additional identification that provides your signature.

The following are acceptable forms of identification if they contain your name and/or your photo:

Florida driver license	Student ID
Florida ID card issued by the DMV	Retirement center ID
U.S. passport	Neighborhood association ID
Debit or credit card	Public assistance ID
Military ID	

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.

## **Who Can Register And Vote**

To register to vote, you must be 18 years of age, a United States citizen, a legal resident of Florida and Collier County. A person who is otherwise qualified may preregister on or after their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and vote on or after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*(97.041, F.S.)*

## **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
- Any person who is NOT registered to vote may not vote.

*(97.041, F.S.)*

## **Placement on Inactive Voter Rolls and Removal**

If the Supervisor of Elections receives information from the post office or another source indicating a voter's residence may have changed to another address in Florida, the voter's registration record will be changed to reflect the new address and the voter will be mailed an address change notice with a request to verify the new address. If the information indicates the voter has moved outside the state, an address confirmation final notice will be sent to the voter. All voters who have been mailed an address confirmation final notice and who do not return the form within 30 days will be placed on the inactive voter registration list. Voters on the inactive list can be restored to active status by updating their voter registration, appearing to vote, or requesting an absentee ballot. However, after two general elections from the date the notice was sent, all inactive voters who show no activity will be removed from the registration records and must register again in order to vote.

*(98.065, F.S.)*

## **How To Register To Vote**

It's easy. Just 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 armed forces recruitment offices. You may also print an application from the Supervisor of Elections website at: [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) On-line applications must be printed, signed, and returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

You will be offered the opportunity to register to vote or change your voter registration when you obtain your driver license, if you apply for public assistance or for services at state agencies that serve persons with disabilities, or if you obtain services at an armed forces recruitment office.

A voter registration application is complete if it contains:

- A check in the box affirming you are a citizen of the United States.
- A check in the box affirming you have not been convicted of a felony or, if convicted, you 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 so 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 the box.
- Your name.
- Your legal residence address.
- You must sign the oath printed on the form swearing or affirming under the penalty for false swearing that the information contained in the registration application is true. (The voter **MUST** be the one signing on line 16. A power of attorney or any other signer is NOT accepted).

***Note: An applicant who fails to designate a political party affiliation will be registered without party affiliation.***

(97.053, F.S.)

## **When You Can Register To Vote**

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. The date your voter registration application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Supervisor of Elections Office 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. If you do not receive your voter information card within two weeks, contact the Supervisor of Elections Office.

When the registration books close for an election, voter registration applications and party changes are accepted for subsequent elections only.

*(97.055, F.S.)*

## **Registration Book Closing Dates**

Primary Election.....July 26, 2010

General Election.....October 4, 2010

## **Late Registration**

An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services, Merchant Marine, or from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States, after the book closing for an election pursuant to *97.055, Florida Statutes*, who is otherwise qualified, may register to vote in such election at the Supervisor of Elections Office until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before that election. Such persons must produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for the late registration pursuant to *97.0555, F.S.*

## **Assistance In Voting**

All polling places are equipped with accessible voting systems for persons with disabilities to enable such persons to vote without assistance. However, if a person with a disability or who cannot read or write wishes someone to assist him or her, he or she may designate someone of his or her own choice, other than an employer or an officer or agent of the person's union, to provide such assistance. Election officials may also provide assistance.

*(97.061 & 101.051, F.S.)*

## **Florida Is A Closed Primary State**

Only registered Democrats and Republicans may vote for their respective party's candidate(s) in a Primary Election. Registered voters without party affiliation or those registered with a minor political party are not eligible to vote for major party candidates. However, Article VI, Section 5(b) of the Florida Constitution, provides that 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.

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

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

*(100.061 and 101.021, F.S. and FL Const. art VI, § 5 (b))*

## **Absentee/Mail Ballot**

All qualified voters are permitted to vote an absentee/mail ballot under Florida law. An absentee/mail ballot may be requested for a specific election or for the next General Election. The request may be made by the voter, a member of the voter's immediately family or a legal guardian if instructed by the voter. Requests may be made by completing a request form on the website: [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com), in person, by mail or telephone.

The person requesting an absentee/mail ballot must disclose:

- The voter's name, address or address where the ballot should be mailed
- The voter's date of birth
- The requester's name, address, and driver license number, if available
- The requester's relationship to the voter
- The signature of the voter or requester (written request only)

An absentee/mail ballot may be picked up for a voter by a designee beginning five days before Election Day. Other than their own ballot, a designee may only pick up two ballots for immediate family members. The designee must have written authorization from the voter(s), present a photo ID, and sign an affidavit.

An absentee/mail ballot may be returned by mail or hand delivery and must reach the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Absentee/mail ballots may not be delivered to a polling place.

If a voter obtains an absentee ballot but decides to vote during early voting or at their precinct on Election Day, the voter must surrender the absentee/mail ballot so it may be cancelled. If the voter is unable to surrender the absentee/

mail ballot, they will be required to sign an affidavit before being allowed to vote. 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.

*(101.62 and 101.69, F.S.)*

## **State Write-In Absentee Ballot**

An overseas voter may request, not earlier than 180 days before a General Election, a state write-in absentee ballot from the Supervisor of Elections in the county of registration. For the 2010 General Election that date is May 6, 2010. In the request, the voter must indicate that due to military or other contingencies that preclude normal mail delivery, the voter cannot vote an absentee ballot during the normal absentee voting period. In completing the ballot, the overseas voter may designate his or her choice by writing in the name of the candidate or by writing in the name of a political party, in which case the ballot must be counted for the candidate of that political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot.

*(101.6951, F.S.)*

## **Military & Overseas Voters**

Members of the United States uniformed services on active duty and the Merchant Marine, their spouses and dependents, and United States citizens residing outside of the states may apply for voter registration or request an absentee ballot with a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), which may be obtained from a Voting Assistance Officer or through the Internet at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

The Federal Post Card Application request for an absentee ballot will be effective for all elections through the next regularly scheduled General Election. If the FPCA is not available, call or send a written request by mail, fax, or email, to the Supervisor of Elections and a voter registration application for or absentee ballot will be sent to you.

Overseas voters may have their absentee ballot faxed or emailed in lieu of receiving it by regular mail. Once voted, the absentee ballot may be returned by fax or regular mail and MUST reach the Supervisor of Elections office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Voted ballots may NOT be returned by email. To ensure the ballot is counted, the ballot envelope must be signed by the voter and dated.

*(see sections 101.6952 and 101.697, Florida Statutes)*

## **2010 Precinct Locations**

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| <b>135</b> Glades Community Center<br>186 Teryl Road<br>Naples, FL 34112                              | <b>158</b> St. Finbarr's Catholic Church<br>13520 Tamiami Trail East<br>Naples, FL 34114       |
| <b>137</b> Crown Pointe Community Center<br>2786 W. Crown Pointe Blvd.<br>Naples, FL 34112            | <b>189</b> Goodland Community Center<br>417 Mango Avenue<br>Goodland, FL 34140                 |
| <b>139</b> Riviera Golf Estates Clubhouse<br>425 Charlemagne Blvd.<br>Naples, FL 34112                | <b>190</b> Marco Presbyterian Church<br>875 W. Elkcam Circle<br>Marco Island, FL 34145         |
| <b>141</b> Hitching Post Community Center<br>100 Barefoot Williams Road<br>Naples, FL 34113           | <b>191</b> St. Mark's Episcopal Church<br>1101 N. Collier Blvd.<br>Marco Island, FL 34145      |
| <b>142</b> Isle of Capri Community Center<br>338 Capri Blvd.<br>Isle of Capri, FL 34113               | <b>192</b> Mackle Community Park<br>1361 Andalusia Terrace<br>Marco Island, FL 34145           |
| <b>144</b> Shepherd of Glades Lutheran Church<br>6020 Rattlesnake Hammock Road<br>Naples, FL 34113    | <b>193</b> United Church of Marco Island<br>320 N. Barfield Drive<br>Marco Island, FL 34145    |
| <b>153</b> East Naples United Methodist Church<br>2701 Airport Pulling Road S.<br>Naples, FL 34112    | <b>194</b> Marco Lutheran Church<br>525 N. Collier Blvd<br>Marco Island, FL 34145              |
| <b>154</b> St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church<br>5025 Rattlesnake Hammock Road<br>Naples, FL 34113 | <b>195</b> Jewish Congregation of Marco Is.<br>991 Winterberry Drive<br>Marco Island, FL 34145 |
| <b>155</b> Edison College<br>7007 Lely Cultural Pkwy.<br>Naples, FL 34113                             | <b>196</b> Mackle Community Park<br>1361 Andalusia Terrace<br>Marco Island, FL 34145           |
| <b>156</b> Lely Presbyterian Church<br>110 St. Andrews Blvd.<br>Naples, FL 34113                      | <b>201</b> North Naples Fire Administration<br>1885 Veterans Park Drive<br>Naples, FL 34109    |
| <b>157</b> East Naples Branch Library<br>8787 Tamiami Trail East<br>Naples, FL 34113                  | <b>202</b> Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church<br>1225 Piper Blvd.<br>Naples, FL 34110              |

\* Precinct numbers and locations subject to change

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| <b>203</b> North Collier Regional Park<br>15000 Livingston Road<br>Naples, FL 34109                     | <b>256</b> St. William Catholic Church<br>601 Seagate Drive<br>Naples, FL 34103             |
| <b>204</b> Naples Park Area Association<br>654 104 <sup>rd</sup> . Avenue N.<br>Naples, FL 34108        | <b>257</b> Crossroads Community Church<br>1055 Pine Ridge Road<br>Naples, FL 34108          |
| <b>205</b> Community Congregational Church<br>15300 Tamiami Trail N.<br>Naples, FL 34110                | <b>258</b> Veterans Park Community Bldg.<br>1895 Veterans Park Drive<br>Naples, FL 34109    |
| <b>210</b> North Naples Fire Administration<br>1885 Veterans Park Drive<br>Naples, FL 34109             | <b>259</b> Naples Italian American Club<br>7035 Airport Pulling Road N.<br>Naples, FL 34109 |
| <b>221</b> Bonita Shores Clubhouse<br>315 West Avenue<br>Bonita Springs, FL 34134                       | <b>303</b> St. Monica's Episcopal Church<br>7070 Immokalee Road<br>Naples, FL 34119         |
| <b>222</b> Bentley Village Community Ctr.<br>553 Bentley Village Court<br>Naples, FL 34110              | <b>310</b> North Naples Baptist Church<br>1811 Oakes Blvd.<br>Naples, FL 34119              |
| <b>223</b> St. John the Evangelist Life Center<br>625 111 <sup>th</sup> . Avenue N.<br>Naples, FL 34108 | <b>312</b> Vineyards Community Park<br>6231 Arbor Blvd. West<br>Naples, FL 34119            |
| <b>251</b> St. Katherines Greek Orthodox Church<br>7100 Airport Pulling Road N.<br>Naples, FL 34109     | <b>313</b> Golden Gate Fire Administration<br>14575 Collier Blvd.<br>Naples, FL 34119       |
| <b>252</b> Pelican Marsh Community Center<br>1504 Pelican Marsh Blvd.<br>Naples, FL 34109               | <b>315</b> Island Walk Town Center<br>6155 Town Center Circle<br>Naples, FL 34119           |
| <b>253</b> Naples Christian Church<br>8000 Goodlette Road N.<br>Naples, FL 34109                        | <b>317</b> Vineyards Community Park<br>6231 Arbor Blvd. West<br>Naples, FL 34119            |
| <b>254</b> St. John the Evangelist Life Center<br>625 111 <sup>th</sup> . Avenue N.<br>Naples, FL 34108 | <b>319</b> Foxfire Clubhouse<br>1030 Kings Way<br>Naples, FL 34104                          |
| <b>255</b> St. William Catholic Church<br>601 Seagate Drive<br>Naples, FL 34103                         | <b>322</b> VFW Post #7721<br>800 Neff's Way<br>Naples, FL 34119                             |

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- 323** Golden Gate Community Center  
4701 Golden Gate Parkway  
Naples, FL 34116
- 325** Grace Place  
4300 21<sup>st</sup>. Ave. S.W.  
Naples, FL 34116
- 326** Manantial de Vida Church  
5990 Golden Gate Parkway  
Naples, FL 34116
- 327** Golden Gate Community Center  
4701 Golden Gate Parkway  
Naples, FL 34116
- 331** Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse  
495 Belville Blvd.  
Naples, FL 34104
- 332** New Hope Ministries  
7675 Davis Blvd.  
Naples, FL 34104
- 338** Mayflower Congregational UCC  
2900 County Barn Road  
Naples, FL 34112
- 340** Knights of Columbus  
3020 62<sup>nd</sup>. St. S.W.  
Naples, FL 34116
- 342** Village Walk Community Center  
3200 Village Walk Circle  
Naples, FL 34109
- 343** Vineyards Community Park  
6231 Arbor Blvd. West  
Naples, FL 34119
- 345** Unity of Naples Church  
2000 Unity Way  
Naples, FL 34112
- 414** Faith Lutheran Church  
4150 Goodlette Road N.  
Naples, FL 34103
- 415** Hampton Inn  
3210 Tamiami Trail N.  
Naples, FL 34103
- 416** Moorings Park Clubhouse  
120 Moorings Park Drive  
Naples, FL 34105
- 418** NCH Central Campus  
2157 Pine Ridge Road  
Naples, FL 34109
- 419** North Naples United Methodist Church  
6000 Goodlette Road  
Naples, FL 34109
- 420** First Church of the Nazarene  
3100 Bailey Lane  
Naples, FL 34105
- 421** Civil Air Patrol  
360 Aviation Drive S.  
Naples, FL 34104
- 428** Moose Lodge #1782  
3417 Enterprise Avenue  
Naples, FL 34104
- 429** Naples Alliance Church  
2504 Estey Avenue  
Naples, FL 34104
- 430** FoxFire Clubhouse  
1030 Kings Way  
Naples, FL 34104
- 434** East Naples Community Park  
3500 Thomasson Drive  
Naples, FL 34112
- 451** East Naples Community Park  
3500 Thomasson Drive  
Naples, FL 34112
- 460** Naples United Church of Christ  
5200 Crayton Road  
Naples, FL 34103

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- 462** St. John's Episcopal Church  
500 Park Shore Drive  
Naples, FL 34103
- 464** Moorings Presbyterian Church  
791 Harbor Drive  
Naples, FL 34103
- 467** Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
777 Mooring Line Drive  
Naples, FL 34102
- 468** Grace Lutheran Church  
860 Banyan Blvd.  
Naples, FL 34102
- 471** Naples Regional Library  
650 Central Avenue  
Naples, FL 34102
- 472** River Park Community Center  
301 11<sup>th</sup>. Street N.  
Naples, FL 34102
- 474** Cambier Park Recreation Center  
755 8<sup>th</sup>. Avenue S.  
Naples, FL 34102
- 475** City of Naples Utilities Bldg.  
380 Riverside Circle  
Naples, FL 34102
- 477** St. Ann Catholic Church  
985 3<sup>rd</sup>. Street S.  
Naples, FL 34102
- 479** Fleischmann Park Comm. Center  
1600 Fleischmann Blvd.  
Naples, FL 34102
- 501** West Wind Estates Community Bldg.  
301 Joseph Lane  
Naples, FL 34114
- 502** Everglades City Game Room  
205 Buckner Ave.  
Everglades City, FL 34139
- 503** First Haitian Baptist Church  
14600 Tamiami Trl East  
Naples, FL 34114
- 505** First Haitian Baptist Church  
14600 Tamiami Trl East  
Naples, FL 34114
- 550** Quality Inn & Suites Golf Resort  
4100 Golden Gate Parkway  
Naples, FL 34116
- 551** Max Hasse Community Park  
3390 Golden Gate Blvd.W.  
Naples, FL 34120
- 552** Cypress Wood Presbyterian Church  
3380 Golden Gate Blvd. W  
Naples, FL 34120
- 554** Golden Gate Fire Station #71  
100 13th Street S.W.  
Naples, FL 34117
- 555** Max Hasse Community Park  
3390 Golden Gate Blvd. W.  
Naples, FL 34120
- 590** Living Word Family Church  
10910 Immokalee Road  
Naples, FL 34120
- 591** Collier County University Extension  
14700 Immokalee Road  
Naples, FL 34120
- 592** Immokalee Community Park  
321 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Immokalee, FL 34142
- 594** Immokalee Community Park  
321 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Immokalee, FL 34142

\* Precinct numbers and locations subject to change

## **When Voters Move**

If a voter moves outside their assigned precinct within the county, they must vote in the precinct to which they have moved. The voter must provide notification to the Supervisor of Elections by telephone, electronic means or signed written notice. Notification by means other than a signed written notice must include the voter's date of birth.

If a voter moves to another Florida county, they must vote in the new county and must change their address by completing a voter registration application form.

In order to avoid delays at the polling place, it is a good practice for voters to update their address with the Supervisor of Elections office whenever they move.

Generally, voters may only vote in the precinct in which they live and are registered. However, voters temporarily living outside 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 registered to vote in municipal elections.

*(97.1031, 101.045, F.S.)*

## **When Voters Change Their Name**

If a voter changes their name by marriage or other legal process, they must provide notice of such change to the Supervisor of Elections office by completing and signing a voter registration application form.

*(97.1031, F.S.)*

## **When Voters Want To Change Party Affiliation**

If a voter wants to change their party affiliation, they must provide the Supervisor of Elections office a signed voter registration application form. A party change request cannot be accepted at the polling place on Election Day. To be effective for a Primary Election, a party change must be made at least 29 days before the Primary Election.

*(see section 97.1031, F.S.)*

## **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.

*(S. 101.031(2), F.S.)*

## ***Voter's Responsibilities***

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize themselves 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 place.
5. Familiarize themselves 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 place.

### **NOTE TO VOTER:**

Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

*(S. 101.031(2), F.S.)*

## **Election Workers**

On Election Day, the Supervisor of Elections is one of the county's largest employers. Poll workers are appointed by the supervisor and must attend the required training sessions and report to their assigned precinct by 6:00 a.m. on Election Day. Supervisors of Elections are always looking for friendly, dedicated people to work at the polls. If you are interested, contact your local Supervisor of Elections.

*(102.012 & 102.014, F.S.)*

## **Poll Watchers**

Each political party, each political committee with issues on the ballot that they are registered to support or oppose, and each candidate 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.

*(101.131, F.S.)*

<b>Election</b>	<b>Poll Watcher Designation Due</b>	
	<b>Early Voting</b>	<b>Election Day</b>
Primary Election .....	July 26	August 10
General Election .....	October 4	October 19

## **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: location of voter's place of registration, location of place of registration update, Social Security number, driver license number, and Florida identification number. A voter's signature may be viewed but may not be copied.

*(97.0585, F.S.)*

## **Nonpartisan Judicial Elections**

Candidates for the Florida Supreme Court and District Courts of Appeal appear on the General Election ballot for a vote on their retention. Candidates for Circuit and County Court Judge will appear on the Primary and General Election ballot if necessary.

*(105.041, F.S.)*

## **How To Report Election Law Violations**

Violations relating to Chapters 104 and 106 and section 105.071, Florida Statutes, should be reported by sworn, written complaint to the Florida Elections Commission (FEC), Suite 224 Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, (850) 922-4539.

The FEC is an entity not aligned or affiliated with the Department of State, Division of Elections.

*(106.25, F.S.)*

Violations of either the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the Help America vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), or any irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, candidate or issue petitions, removal procedures, or voting under the Florida Election Code should be reported in writing to the Division of Elections, Room 316, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, (850) 245-6200.

All other violations should be reported to the local state attorney. To Report Voter Fraud call (877) 868-3737.

*(97.012(15), 97.023, and 97.028, F.S.)*

## ***For Additional Information***

### **Visit or contact our main office:**

Supervisor of Elections Office  
Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Building  
Collier Government Complex  
3301 Tamiami Trail, East Bldg C2  
Naples, Florida, 34112-4907

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Telephone: (239) 252-8450  
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 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Email: [\*SupervisorOfElections@colliergov.net\*](mailto:SupervisorOfElections@colliergov.net)  
Website: [\*www.CollierVotes.com\*](http://www.CollierVotes.com)

## **The DS200 Voting System**



Since the August 2008 Primary Election, countywide elections in Collier County have been conducted using the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) DS200 – a paper-based optical scan voting system. Voters insert their marked ballots directly into the DS200 which scans the ballot to capture and tabulate the vote. After scanning, the ballot automatically drops into the secured ballot box below.

Designed to better capture voter intent and improve the election experience, the DS200 is user-friendly. If a voter attempts to cast a blank ballot and/or over-vote a contest, the DS200 will notify the voter giving them an opportunity to correct the ballot.

During early voting and on Election Day, ADA compliant iVotronic touch-screens are also available and may be used by individuals with disabilities.



