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Marion County March 7, 2023 Special Primary Election Update

Marion County, FL. February 21 - The Marion County Special Primary Election to fill the vacancy for the office of State Representative House District 24 is Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Marion County Supervisor of Elections Wesley Wilcox shares important voting reminders ahead of the upcoming election.

Florida is a Closed Primary State, meaning voters may only vote for candidates in their party of registration in a Primary Election. Only Republican candidates qualified; therefore only registered Republican voters who reside in [House District 24](#) are eligible to participate in this election. Voters can verify their eligibility by looking up their registration at www.VoteMarion.Gov or calling 352-620-3290.

The deadline to register to vote and change party affiliation for the Special Primary Election was February 6. Marion County has over 275,000 total registered voters. As of registration books close, there are 61,422 voters eligible to vote in this election. Voters can still make registration updates such as name, address, and signature online at RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov or by submitting a Florida Voter Registration Application.

Voters can cast their ballot by mail or in person during Early Voting or on Election Day. They can lookup their assigned voting location, mail ballot status, and Early Voting locations by visiting www.VoteMarion.Gov.

All vote-by-mail requests expired in 2022. Therefore, voters must renew their request if they would like to receive a mail ballot for this election or any election through 2024. The deadline to request a mail ballot for the Special Primary is Saturday, February 25 by 5 PM. Requests can be made online at www.VoteMarion.Gov/mbrs, by phone at 352-620-3290, or in person at the Marion County Elections Office. Voters will be required to provide their Florida driver's license number, Florida ID card number, or the last four digits of their Social Security number.

As of February 20, our office has mailed 5,500 vote-by-mail ballots and will continue to issue mail ballots daily as new requests are received. Currently, 2,719 mail ballots have been returned, equating to a 4.43% voter turnout. Mail ballots must be signed by the voter and received by the Elections Office by 7 p.m. Election Day to be counted. Voters are urged to return their mail ballot promptly to ensure it is received and counted. Ballots can be mailed or returned to a Secure Ballot Intake Station at the Elections Office, M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at any open Early Voting site during Early Voting hours.

Early Voting begins Saturday, February 25 and will continue through Saturday, March 4, at the following Early Voting sites located within House District 24, open from 10 AM to 6 PM:

Marion County Election Center
981 NE 16th ST
Ocala, FL 34470

Belleview Public Library
13145 SE HWY 484
Belleview, FL 34420

Deputy Brian Litz Building
9048 SW HWY 200
Ocala, FL 34481

Freedom Public Library
5870 SW 95th St
Ocala, FL 34476

The last opportunity to vote is on Election Day, Tuesday, March 7. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 48 polling locations. Voters are encouraged to look up their assigned voting location before heading to the polls by visiting www.VoteMarion.Gov/MyPrecinct. Voters must present a current and valid photo and signature identification to vote.

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