



2017 Voter's Guide

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Welcome to the fall edition of the 2017 Marion County Voter's Guide.

I'm excited to announce the launch of Florida's online voter registration system [RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov](https://www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov). Citizens can now complete and submit a voter registration application or update their existing information electronically.

I also encourage you to visit Marion County's website [VoteMarion.com](https://www.VoteMarion.com) where you can request a Vote-By-Mail ballot or find valuable information about your local and state representation.

Should you have any comments or concerns that you would like to share please email me directly, WWilcox@VoteMarion.com.

It is a privilege and honor to serve the voters of Marion County.

Respectfully,

Wesley Wilcox, CERA
Marion County Supervisor of Elections

Voter's Bill of Rights ♦ F.S. 101.031

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.



Voter's Responsibilities ♦ F.S. 101.031

Each registered voter in this state should:

1. Familiarize himself or herself 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 station.
5. Familiarize himself or herself 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 station.

Qualifications to Register to Vote ♦ F.S. 97.041

You must be a United States of America citizen and a legal Florida resident. You may pre-register after your 16th birthday and then vote in the election after your 18th birthday.

One registration entitles you to vote in all elections. If you reside in one of the five municipalities you may also vote in municipal elections.

You are not entitled to register or vote if you are not a United States citizen; you have been adjudicated mentally incompetent; or are a convicted felon that has not had their civil rights restored.

It is the responsibility of the voter to keep the Marion County Election Center advised of your current address and registration status.

How and Where to Register to Vote ♦ F.S. 97.052, 97.0525

Eligible Florida citizens can now apply to vote online. No paper forms to print, sign, or mail. Please visit RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov.

For other registration choices visit VoteMarion.com or come see us at 981 NE 16th Street, Ocala, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Making Changes to Your Voter Record ♦ F.S. 97.0525, 97.055, 101.045

Updates to your name or Florida residential address can be made at any time through Florida's online voter registration system RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov.

Changes to your party affiliation must be completed at least 29 days before the Primary Election. Once the registration deadline has passed for the Primary Election, party changes are on hold until after the registration books re-open for future elections.

After any changes to your voter record are processed a new Voter Information Card will be mailed within ten days.

First Time Voters Who Register by Mail ♦ F.S. 97.0535

If you are registering by mail, have never voted in Florida, and have not been issued a current and valid Florida driver's license, Florida identification card, or social security number, you will be required to provide a copy of a current and valid identification prior to voting for the first time.

To ensure that you will not have any challenges when you go to vote, provide a copy of the required identification at the time you mail your voter registration application.

All voters are required to provide current and valid identification when voting. Without proper identification you may only vote a provisional ballot.

Deadline to Register to Vote ♦ F.S. 97.055

The deadline to register to vote is 29 days before the election. The registration books will be closed on the 29th day and remain closed until after that election.

To check your registration status, request a mail ballot, or update your information, visit VoteMarion.com click the *Voters* link then the *Check My Registration Status* link and enter the required information.

Voter Information Card ♦ F.S. 97.071

You will receive a Voter Information Card from the Marion County Election Center within ten days of registering or making changes to your information. The card provides valuable information however it is not needed to vote.

Florida's Election Schedule ♦ F.S. 100.031, 100.061

Florida conducts elections in even-numbered years to choose a successor to elective federal, state, county, and district offices whose terms are expiring.

In each year in which a General Election is held a Primary Election for nomination of political party candidates is also held.

Florida is a Closed Primary State ♦ F.S. 101.021

In a closed Primary Election a voter may only vote for the candidates of their political party affiliation.

**CLOSED
PRIMARY**

The exception is if all candidates for an office have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the General Election; the race becomes a Universal Primary Contest and all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote for that race in the election.

All registered voters regardless of party affiliation are entitled to vote on nonpartisan candidates and issues.

A voter may vote for any candidate in a General Election regardless of party affiliation.



#OnlineVoterRegistration

Identification at the Polls ♦ F.S. 101.043, 101.048

Each elector shall present one of the following current and valid (not expired) signature and picture identifications:

- ☆ Florida Driver's License
- ☆ Florida ID Card
- ☆ Neighborhood Association ID
- ☆ Debit/Credit Card
- ☆ Student ID
- ☆ Veteran Health ID Card
- ☆ Retirement Center ID
- ☆ Military ID
- ☆ Concealed Weapon License
- ☆ Public Assistance ID
- ☆ U.S. Passport
- ☆ Government Employee ID Card

If the elector does not have the required identification they may vote a provisional ballot. The canvassing board determines the validity of all provisional ballots.

How to Find Your Voting Location ♦ 101.045

On Election Day you may only vote in the precinct in which you reside.

To find your voting location for Election Day please visit VoteMarion.com click the *Elections* link then the *Find My Voting Location* link. Enter the House Number and Street Name of your residential address to find your voting location.

Request a Vote-By-Mail Ballot ♦ F.S. 101.62

A voter does not have to be absent or have an excuse in order to vote by mail in Florida. Visit VoteMarion.com or call 352.620.3290 to request a mail ballot. Requests made this year will cover all elections through the next General Election, December 2020.



The cutoff to request a mail ballot for an election is at 5:00 PM on the 6th day before the election. Make sure that the Marion County Election Center has your correct mailing address as mail ballots cannot be forwarded. The voter must personally vote their ballot and sign the return envelope. Power of Attorney may not sign for voter.

Starting the 5th day before the election, a voter may designate in writing a member of their immediate family to pick up their mail ballot.

The designee may only pick up two ballots per election, other than his or her own, for members of their immediate family. The designee must provide picture identification, written authorization from the voter, and complete an affidavit.

#VoteByMail

Early Voting ♦ F.S. 101.657

Voters may cast their ballot prior to Election Day by voting early at one of our nine early voting sites located throughout Marion County.

Early voting begins approximately ten days before a county-wide election and ends three days before the election.

Please visit VoteMarion.com during the election cycle for a schedule of dates, times, and locations for early voting.

Your Signature and Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot ♦ 101.68

Mail ballots and petitions are verified by the voter's signature in our database. If the signature on the mail ballot certificate does not match the signature on record the ballot will not count.

**SIGNATURE
UPDATE**

It is the responsibility of the voter to update the Marion County Election Center with any signature changes. Signature updates must be received before canvassing of mail ballots begins, the 15th day before the election.

Return a Vote-By-Mail Ballot ♦ F.S. 101.69

Vote-By-Mail Ballots can only be returned to the Marion County Election Center at 981 NE 16th Street, Ocala and must be received by 7:00 PM Election Day.

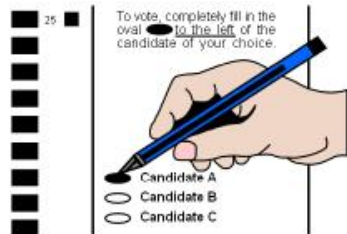
Voted mail ballots cannot be accepted at voting locations.

How to Vote a Ballot

Marion County uses optical scan voting equipment at our voting locations. To mark your ballot, completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice.

When you have finished, insert the ballot into the tabulator. If the tabulator cannot read your ballot, it will return the ballot to you. If you make an error marking your ballot and need a new ballot, please ask.

If you need help reading or marking your ballot you may bring someone with you to the voting location. Election workers are also available to assist you. ADA compliant voting equipment is available at all early voting locations and at the polls on Election Day.



#VoteMarion

UNITED STATES PRESIDENT ♦ 4 YEAR TERM

President

Donald J. Trump (2020)

WhiteHouse.gov

Vice President

Michael R. Pence (2020)

UNITED STATES SENATE ♦ 6 YEAR TERM

Senators

Bill Nelson (2018) 202.224.5274

Marco Rubio (2022) 202.224.3041

Senate.gov

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ♦ 2 YEAR TERM

Representatives

Neal Dunn (2018) District 2 202.225.5235

Ted Yoho (2018) District 3 202.225.5744

Daniel Webster (2018) District 11 202.225.1002

House.gov



FLORIDA GOVERNOR AND CABINET ♦ 4 YEAR TERM

Governor

Rick Scott (2018) 850.488.7146

FLGov.com

Lieutenant Governor

Carlos Lopez-Cantera (2018) 850.488.7146

FLGov.com

Attorney General

Pam Bondi (2018) 866.966.7226

MyFloridaLegal.com

Chief Financial Officer

Jimmy Patronis (2018) 877.693.5236

MyFloridaCFO.com

Commissioner of Agriculture

Adam H. Putnam (2018) 800.435.7352

FreshFromFlorida.com

FLORIDA SENATE ♦ 4 YEAR TERM

Senators

FLSenate.gov

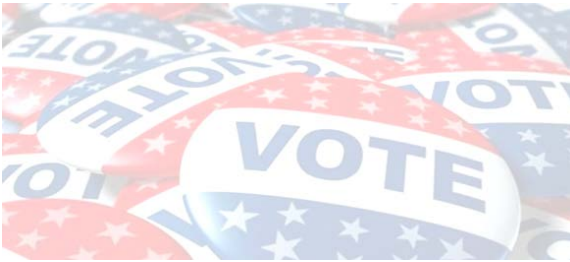
Rob Bradley (2020)	District 5	850.487.5005
Keith Perry (2018)	District 8	850.487.5008
Dennis Baxley (2018)	District 12	850.487.5012

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ♦ 2 YEAR TERM

Representatives

MyFloridaHouse.gov

Clovis Watson Jr (2018)	District 20	850.717.5020
Charlie Stone (2018)	District 22	850.717.5022
Stan McClain (2018)	District 23	850.717.5023
Don Hahnfeldt (2018)	District 33	850.717.5033



FLORIDA JUDICIAL ♦ 6 YEAR TERM, NONPARTISAN

Supreme Court

FloridaSupremeCourt.org

Justice Charles Canady (2022)	Justice Jorge Labarga (2022)
Justice C. Alan Lawson (2018)	Justice R. Fred Lewis (2018)
Justice Barbara J. Pariente (2018)	Justice Ricky Polston (2022)
Justice Peggy A. Quince (2018)	

Fifth District Court of Appeal

5DCA.org

Judge Wendy W. Berger (2018)	Judge Jay P. Cohen (2022)
Judge James A. Edwards (2022)	Judge Kerry I. Evander (2020)
Judge Brian D. Lambert (2022)	Judge Richard B. Orfinger (2020)
Judge William D. Palmer (2020)	Judge Thomas D. Sawaya (2020)
Judge Vincent G. Torpy, Jr (2022)	Judge F. Rand Wallis (2020)

FLORIDA FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ♦ 4 YEAR TERM

State Attorney

Bradley E. King (2020)

352.671.5800

110 NW 1st Avenue #5000

Ocala

SAO5.org

Public Defender

Michael Graves (2020)

352.671.5454

204 NW 3rd Avenue

Ocala

PDO5.org

Court Administrator

352.401.6702

110 NW 1st Avenue

Ocala

Circuit5.org

FLORIDA FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ♦ 6 YEAR TERM, NONPARTISAN

Circuit Judges*

Robert W. Hodges (2022)

Group 1

Steven G. Rogers (2018)

Group 8

Jonathan D. Ohlman (2020)

Group 10

Jennifer Bass (2018)

Group 16

Lisa D. Herndon (2020)

Group 18

Gary L. Sanders (2018)

Group 20

Ann Melinda Craggs (2022)

Group 21

S. Sue Robbins (2022)

Group 23

Willard Pope (2022)

Group 24

Anthony M. Tatti (2018)

Group 26

Edward L. Scott (2018)

Group 29

Circuit5.org

*Only Marion County Fifth Judicial Circuit Judges are listed

County Judges

R. James McCune, Jr (2022)

Group 1

Sarah Ritterhoff Williams (2018)

Group 2

Thomas P. Thompson, III (2018)

Group 3

Robert E. Landt (2018)

Group 4

Circuit5.org

MARION COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS ♦ 4 YEAR TERM

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

David Ellspermann (2020)

MarionCountyClerk.org

352.671.5604
110 NW 1st Avenue
Ocala

Property Appraiser

Villie Smith (2020)

PA.Marion.FL.us

352.368.8300
501 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala

Sheriff

Billy Woods (2020)

MarionSO.com

352.732.8181
692 NW 30th Avenue
Ocala

Superintendent of Schools

Heidi Maier (2020)

MarionSchools.net

352.671.7700
512 SE 3rd Street
Ocala

Supervisor of Elections

Wesley Wilcox (2020)

VoteMarion.com

352.620.3290
981 NE 16th Street
Ocala

Tax Collector

George Albright, III (2020)

MarionTax.com

352.368.8200
503 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala

Board of County Commissioners

David Moore (2020)	District 1
Kathy Bryant (2018)	District 2
Jeff Gold (2020)	District 3
Carl Zalak, III (2018)	District 4
Michelle Stone (2020)	District 5

MarionCountyFL.org

352.438.2323
601 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala

School Board, Nonpartisan

Nancy Stacy (2020)	District 1
Beth McCall (2020)	District 2
Bobby James (2018)	District 3
Angie Boynton (2018)	District 4
Kelly King (2018)	District 5

MarionSchools.net

352.671.7700
512 SE 3rd Street
Ocala

MARION COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS ♦ 4 YEAR TERM

Soil and Water Conservation District **MarionSoilandWater.com**

Justin Albright (2018)	Seat 1
Thomas W. Cartwright (2020)	Seat 2
Fred Ward (2018)	Seat 3
Richard McGinley (2020)	Seat 4
Vivi Serena (2018)	Seat 5

Candler Hills East

Community Development District **CandlerHillsEastCDD.com**

Robert Scherff (2018)	Seat 1
Elmer Greene (2020)	Seat 2
Philip J. Moherek, Sr (2020)	Seat 3
Larry W. Garvin (2018)	Seat 4
John D. Bain (2018)	Seat 5

Indigo East Community Development District **IndigoEastCDD.com**

Harold Brouillard (2020)	Seat 1
Frank DiPiero (2018)	Seat 2
Terrance "Terry" Solan (2018)	Seat 3
Cynthia LaFrance (2020)	Seat 4
John Gysen (2018)	Seat 5

Silver Springs Shores

Special Taxing District Advisory Council **MarionCountyFL.org > MSTU**

Carlos A. Druet (2018)
Deena Fiorello (2018)
Christopher "CJ" Hagan (2018)
Stanley Saint-Louis (2018)
Terrance Thompson (2020)

Villages Community Development District No. 4 **DistrictGov.org**

Jim Brockman (2020)	Seat 1
Charles Kazlo (2020)	Seat 2
James A. Murphy (2018)	Seat 3
Paul Kelly (2018)	Seat 4
Donald R. Deakin (2018)	Seat 5

MARION COUNTY MUNICIPAL OFFICES ♦ 4 YEAR TERM

City of Belleview

BelleviewFL.org

Michael Goldman (2018)	Seat 1	352.245.7021
Gary W. Ernst (2020)	Seat 2	5343 SE Abshier Boulevard
Ronald T. Livsey (2018)	Seat 3	Belleview
Robert “Bo” Smith (2020)	Seat 4	Peggy DeGennaro, City Clerk [★]
Christine Dobkowski (2020)	Mayor/Seat 5	

City Of Dunnellon

Dunnellon.org

Walter Green (2020)	Mayor/Seat 1	352.465.8500
Larry Winkler (2018)	Seat 2	20750 River Drive
Charles J. Dillon, III (2018)	Seat 3	Dunnellon
Valerie Hanchar (2018)	Seat 4	Mandy Roberts, City Clerk [★]
Richard Hancock (2020)	Seat 5	

City of Ocala

OcalaFL.org

Reuben “Kent” Guinn (2019)	Mayor	352.629.8401
Brent Malever (2021)	District 1	110 SE Watula Avenue
Mary S. Rich (2019)	District 2	Ocala
Jay A. Musleh (2021)	District 3	Angel Jacobs, City Clerk [★]
Matthew Wardell (2019)	District 4	Mayor ♦ 2 Year Term
Justin Grabelle ^{★★} (2021)	District 5	^{★★} Effective December 2017

Town of McIntosh

TownofMcIntosh.org

Eva Jo Callahan (2018)		352.591.1047
Frank Ciotti (2018)		5965 Avenue F
Thurman Kingsley (2020)		McIntosh
Willie Hamilton (2020)	Mayor	Beth Nelson, Town Clerk [★]
Scott Mullikin (2020)		
Marshall Roddy (2020)		

Town of Reddick

TownofReddick.com

James R. Stroup (2019)	Mayor	352.591.4095
Steven K. Rogers (2018)	Group 1	4345 NW 152nd Street
Michael Salter (2018)	Group 2	Reddick
William Pulliam (2018)	Group 3	Mayor ♦ 2 Year Term
Thomas Joyner (2019)	Group 4	Council ♦ 2 Year Term
William E. Willis (2019)	Group 5	Town Clerk ♦ 4 Year Term
Marjorie Stroup (2019)	Town Clerk	

[★]Appointed position

2018 ELECTIONS

Primary Election

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

General Election

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Early voting for the 2018 August and November elections will be announced at a later date. Early voting is only offered during county-wide elections.

Photo and signature ID required to vote in Florida

Polls are open on Election Day 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM



Marion County Election Center

981 NE 16th Street, Ocala
PO Box 289, Ocala, FL 34478-0289
352.620.3290



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