2016
Jackson County Voter Registration & Voting Guide



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2016 Elections Calendar

Presidential Preference Primary Election

Election Day
March 15, 2016

Deadline to Register
February 16, 2016

***Early Voting**
March 5-12, 2016

Primary Election

Election Day
August 30, 2016

Deadline to Register
August 1, 2016

***Early Voting**
August 20-August 27, 2016

General Election

Election Day
November 8, 2016

Deadline to Register
October 11, 2016

***Early Voting**
October 29-November 5, 2016

The polls will be open on Election Day from
7 a.m. to 7p.m.

*Each county Supervisor of Elections may at his or her own discretion offer additional days of early voting on any or all days during the 15th through 11th day and the last Sunday before Election Day.

2016 City Elections Schedule

Alford, Cottondale, Graceville, Grand Ridge, Malone, Marianna, and Sneads

Date of Election	**April 12, 2016**
Books Close	**March 14, 2016**

Greenwood

Date of Election	**June 6, 2016**
Books Close	**May 9, 2016**

Bascom

Date of Election	**July 19, 2016**
Books Close	**June 20, 2016**

Jacob

Date of Election	**September 6, 2016**
Books Close	**August 8, 2016**

Campbellton

Date of Election	**September 20, 2016**
Books Close	**August 22, 2016**

Candidate Qualifying & Petition Information

Judicial, State Attorney and Public Defender

Qualifying Dates: Noon, May 2—Noon, May 6, 2016
Petition Submission Deadline: Noon, April 4, 2016

U.S. Representative, State Senator, State Representative, County Offices and Special Districts

Qualifying Dates: Noon, June 20—Noon, June 24, 2016
Petition Submission Deadline: Noon, May 23, 2016

Offices to be Filled in 2016

Federal Offices

- President and Vice President
- U.S. House of Representatives, District 2
- U.S. Senate

State Offices

- State Senate, District 2
- State Representative, District 5
- State Attorney, 14th Judicial Circuit
- Public Defender, 14th Judicial Circuit

County Offices

- Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller
- Sheriff
- Property Appraiser
- Tax Collector
- Superintendent of Schools
- Supervisor of Elections
- Board of County Commissioners, Districts 1, 3 & 5
- School Board, Districts 2 & 3 (nonpartisan)

Circuit Judges

- Circuit Judges, Groups 1, 2, 5, & 8 (nonpartisan)

Special District

- Soil & Water Conservation District, Groups 1, 3 & 5 (nonpartisan)

Voter Registration Information

Who Can Register and Vote

To register and vote, you must be 18 years of age, a U. S. citizen, and a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the county where you intend to vote. A person who is otherwise qualified may pre-register on or after that person's 16th birthday and may vote in any election held on or after that person's 18th birthday.

(See Section 97.041, Florida Statutes)

Persons Not Entitled to Register or Vote

You cannot register or vote if you are:

- Adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting unless that right has been restored.
- A convicted felon unless you have your right to vote restored.
- Not a citizen of the United States of America. (A lawful permanent resident cannot register or vote in Florida.)

(See Section 97.041, Florida Statutes)

How to Register

To register to vote, you must fill out a Florida Voter Registration Application. Voter registration applications are available at the Supervisor of Elections' office, driver license offices, state agencies that provide public assistance, state agencies that serve persons with disabilities, public libraries, and city halls. A person may also print a registration application from our web site at www.jacksoncountysoe.org.

You will be offered the opportunity to apply to register to vote or update your voter registration when you obtain your driver's license or when you apply for public assistance at state agencies.

Applications may be submitted in person at any Florida Supervisor of Elections office or by mail to Jackson County Supervisor of Elections, P.O. Box 6046, Marianna, FL 32447.

A voter registration application is complete for new registrations if it contains:

- Your name.
- Your legal residence address.
- Your date of birth.
- Your valid Florida driver license number, or Florida identification card number. *If you have not been issued either of these numbers, then you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have not been issued that number either, then you must indicate "none" in the field asking for this information.*
- Affirmation that you are a citizen of the United States.
- Affirmation that you have not been convicted of a felony or that, if convicted, you have had your civil rights restored.
- Affirmation that you have not been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting or that, if so adjudicated, you have had your right to vote restored.
- Your signature. *By signing or marking the registration application, you swear or affirm under penalty of false oath that the information contained in the registration application is true. (A power of attorney is not accepted. No one other than the voter may sign or mark his or her own voter registration application.)*

Note: Although not required for registering, if you do not designate a political party affiliation, you will be registered without party affiliation.

(See Section 97.053, Florida Statutes)

When Can You Register or Update a Registration Record

You can apply to register to vote at any time either by mail or in person. However, the deadline to register is the 29th day before that election. If you or your accompanying family member has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the United States, after the registration deadline, and you are otherwise qualified, you have until 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election to register in the office of the Supervisor of Elections. Contact the Supervisor of Elections for your county for information about what evidence must be provided with your registration application. Otherwise, new voter registrations will be accepted after the deadline to register for an election, but only for the purpose of subsequent elections.

Your registration date will be the date your new voter registration application is postmarked or hand delivered to the Supervisor of Elections office. If your application is complete and you are qualified as a voter, a voter information card will be mailed to you.

You can make changes to your name, address, signature, and political party after the registration deadline for an election; except that a political party change made after the registration deadline for a primary election will not become effective until after the primary election.

(See Sections 97.053, 97.055 and 97.0555 Florida Statutes)

First-Time Voters who Register by Mail

Special identification requirements apply if you register by mail and you are a first-time voter in the State and you have not been issued a Florida driver license number, Florida identification number, or a Social Security number. Instead, you must provide one of the following forms of identification in order to register if it contains your name and photograph:

- United States passport,
- Debit or credit card,
- Military identification,
- Student identification,
- Retirement center identification,
- Neighborhood association identification, or
- Public assistance identification.

You can provide instead a copy of a current and valid utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document containing your name and current residence address. **Do not send** original identification documents to the Supervisor of Elections. To avoid any potential problems when you go to vote, it is best that you submit a copy of the required identification with your voter registration form. If you wait until you go to the polls to vote, you have to provide a photo and signature ID before you can vote a regular ballot. If you wait until later and vote by mail, you must provide a copy of the identification with your vote-by-mail ballot or your ballot will not count.

If you vote by mail and fall into one of the following categories, you do not have to satisfy these special identification requirements, provided you swear or affirm under penalty of oath on your ballot certificate that you are exempt:

- Are 65 years of age or older.
- Have a temporary or permanent physical disability.
- Are a member of the uniformed services on active duty or a spouse or dependent thereof, who, by reason of such active duty, is absent from the county on Election Day.
- Are a member of the Merchant Marine or a spouse or dependent thereof, who, by reason of service in the Merchant Marine, is absent from the county on Election Day.
- Are residing outside the United States but are eligible to vote in Florida.

Voter Registration is a Public Record

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

(See Section 97.0585, Florida Statutes)

Placement on Inactive Voter Rolls and Removal

When the Supervisor of Elections receives information from the post office or another governmental agency source indicating your residence may have changed to another address in Florida, your registration record will be automatically changed to reflect that new address. You will then receive an *address change notice.* You only have to respond if the new address is not correct. However, if the information received from the post office or other agency source shows you have moved outside the state, you will be sent an *address confirmation final notice.* You have to respond to this notice within 30 days. If you do not, your registration status will be changed to inactive. As an inactive voter, you are still registered. This means that you can still update your voter registration record, go to the polls to vote, or request a vote-by-mail ballot. When you do any of these activities, your status will be changed back to active status. However, if you do not do any of these things after two general (federal) elections from the date you were made inactive, you will be removed from the registration records. You will have to register again in order to vote.

(See Section 98.065, Florida Statutes)

Changes in Address, Name, Party, or Signature

When Voters Move

Whenever you change your residence within the State of Florida, you should update your voter registration record. If you contact your Supervisor of Elections in the county of your new residence directly, you can make that change in person, by phone, by fax, by e-mail, or by other signed written notice (including a voter registration application), provided it includes your date of birth. If you submit your change to any other Supervisor of Elections in the state, to the Division of Elections, to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or any voter registration agency, you have to use a voter registration application.

The reason why it is important to update your address is because, by law, you can only vote in the precinct to which you have moved. However, if you are temporarily living outside your home county and have no permanent address in the county, you can apply to be registered and vote in the precinct that contains the main office of the Supervisor of Elections. You will not, however, be allowed to vote in municipal elections.

In order to avoid delays at the polling place you should update your address before you go to vote. If you wait until Election Day to update your address, you will have to execute a change of address at the polls before you can vote.

If you move overseas indefinitely and the last place you lived in the U.S. was in Florida with no permanent residence, and you are still a registered Florida voter, you can still vote, but in federal elections only.

(See Sections 97.1031 and 101.045, Florida Statutes)

When Voters Change their Name

If you change your name by marriage or other legal process, you must notify the Supervisor of Elections of such change by completing a voter registration application or other signed, written notice. Your date of birth is required. If you have not provided this information prior to going to vote, you will have to fill out a name change form at the polls before voting.

(See Sections 97.1031 and 101.045, Florida Statutes)

When Voters want to Change their Party Affiliation

If you want to change your party affiliation, you must notify the Supervisor of Elections of such change by using a voter registration application or other signed written notice. Your date of birth is required. You can not 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.

(See Sections 97.1031, Florida Statutes)

Signature Updates

It is very important for you to keep your signature current with the Supervisor of Elections. To update your signature, you must use a voter registration application and submit it to the Supervisor of Elections. Signatures on your registration record are used to verify signatures on petitions and on provisional and vote-by-mail ballot certificates and affirmations. If your signature does not match your signature on record, your petition or ballot will not count. Signature updates for provisional and vote-by-mail ballot verification purposes must be submitted no later than the start of the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots. Canvassing may start as early as 15 days before Election Day. Contact your Supervisor of Elections to find out when canvassing for an election begins.

(See Section 98.077, Florida Statutes)

Military and Overseas Citizens **(See 'Vote by Mail' for all other voters)**

Registering and Voting by Mail

If you are a United States uniformed service 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 a vote-by-mail ballot (if you are already registered), or to do both at the same time. You get the FPCA from a Voting Assistance Officer or through the Internet at www.fvap.gov. The FPCA request for a vote-by-mail 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 e-mail to the Supervisor of Elections and a voter registration application or vote-by-mail ballot will be sent to you however you want it sent (i.e., by mail, fax or e-mail).

By law, vote-by-mail 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 an election, contact your county Supervisor of Elections. If you are already registered, you can also request at any time up through Election Day to have an vote-by-mail ballot sent by fax or e-mail to you instead of receiving it by regular mail. You can make the request by phone, by fax, by mail, or online. If you include an email address with your vote-by-mail ballot request, the Supervisor of Elections will use that e-mail 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 vote-by-mail ballot is received carefully follow the instructions sent to you with your vote-by-mail ballot or else your ballot may not count. Sign and date the ballot certificate to ensure that your ballot is counted. Return the voted ballot so that the Supervisor of Elections receives it no later than 7 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 ballot by mail.

A vote-by-mail ballot received from an overseas voter in any Presidential Preference Primary or General Election which is postmarked or dated no later than the date of the election will be counted if the ballot is received by the Supervisor of Elections no later than 10 days after the date of the election.

You can track the status of your vote-by-mail ballot request and the ballot online at www.jacksoncountysoe.org or at http://dos.myflorida.com/elections

(See Sections 101.6952 and 101.697, Florida Statutes)

Federal Write-In Ballot

If it is getting close to Election Day and you still have not received your vote-by-mail ballot, you can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) as an emergency back-up vote-by-mail ballot. In order to use it, you have to be a registered voter and have previously requested a regular vote-by-mail ballot. The ballot can only be used to vote for federal office races, and for state and local races with two or more candidates. You cannot use the ballot to vote for referendum issues or for judicial retention candidates.

To mark your choice for a federal office on the FWAB, write the candidate's name, or for general elections only, you have the option of writing either the candidate's name or the political party. In the latter case, the vote cast will be counted for the candidate of that political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot. To mark your choice for a state or local office, write the office title and the candidate's name, or for general elections only, you have the option of writing either the candidate's name or the candidate's political party. In the latter case, the vote cast will be counted for the candidate's political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot. In the case of a joint candidacy, a vote cast for one or both qualified candidates on the same ticket will count as a vote cast for the joint candidacy.

State Write-in Ballot

If you are an overseas voter and military or other contingencies will prevent you from getting the official vote-by-mail ballot during the normal vote-by-mail voting period, you can vote a state write-in absentee ballot. The period for requesting the state write-in absentee ballot from your Supervisor of Elections 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. In the latter case, the ballot will be counted for the candidate of that political party, if there is such a party candidate on the ballot.

(See Section 101.6951, Florida Statutes)

Late Registration

If you have been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the Merchant Marine, have returned from a military deployment or activation, or have separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States, you may still register to vote at the office of the Supervisor of Elections after the 29-day deadline to register for an election, provided you are otherwise qualified. You have until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before that election to register. This also applies to an accompanying family member. You will have to produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for the late registration pursuant to this section.
(See Section 97.0555, Florida Statutes)

Additional information for military and overseas voters is available from:
Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program
Department of Defense
4800 Mark Center Drive
Suite 03J25-02
Alexandria, VA 22350
Email: vote@fvap.gov
Toll-free: 800-438-8683
www.fvap.gov

What to Expect at the Polls

Polls will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. To determine your polling location, check your voter information card, visit www.jacksoncountysoe.org , or call the Supervisor of Elections office at (850) 482-9652.

You will be asked to show a current and valid photo and signature identification when you go to the polls to vote. Acceptable forms of photo identification include:

- Florida driver's license
- Florida identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- United States passport
- Debit or credit card
- Military identification
- Student identification
- Retirement center identification
- Neighborhood association identification
- Public assistance identification
- Veteran health ID card issued by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
- License to carry a concealed weapon or firearm
- Employee ID card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or municipality.

If your photo identification 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 the precinct register and then you will be allowed to vote. If you need assistance in marking your ballot, please inform the poll worker.

Jackson County uses an optical scan voting system. This means that, upon verification of your eligibility, you will be presented with a paper ballot printed with the races/candidates that you are eligible to vote on. You will retire to a secrecy booth and mark your ballot with the pen provided by filling in the oval next to your choice. If you make a mistake when voting, ask for a replacement ballot. You may receive up to two replacements, or a total of three ballots. Once you are finished marking your ballot, you will place it into a machine that reads and records your votes.

During general elections, in addition to the names printed on the ballot, a blank space shall be provided under each heading for an office for which a write-in candidate has qualified. To vote for a write-in candidate, blacken the oval and write the name on the line provided.

Voters with Disabilities
A ballot-marking device with audio capabilities will be available at each polling location for use by voters having a disability.

Provisional Ballots
If your eligibility to vote cannot be determined, or you do not have the proper identification, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. A person casting a provisional ballot has the right to present written evidence supporting his or her eligibility to vote to the Supervisor of Elections by no later than 5 p.m. on the second day following the election. If you voted a provisional ballot solely because you did not bring photo and signature identification to the polls, you do not have to present further evidence of eligibility. The local canvassing board will simply compare your signature on the provisional ballot certificate with your signature on the voter registration record. If the signatures match, your provisional ballot will count (provided you were in the proper precinct). All voters who vote provisionally, regardless of the reason, are to be given a written notice of rights.

(See Sections 101.048 and 101.043, Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S 2.037, Florida Administrative Code)

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 help you, you can designate someone of your own choice, other than an employer or an officer or agent of your union, to provide such assistance. Elections officials may also provide assistance.

(See Sections 97.061 and 101.051, Florida Statutes)

Change of Precinct or Polling Location
When a polling place is moved, the Supervisor of Elections will mail a notice of the change of polling place to each registered voter affected by the change at least 14 days prior to an election. A notice will also be posted online and in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

(See Section 101.71, Florida Statutes)

Primary Election

Florida is a closed primary state. That means that only voters who are registered members of political parties may vote for their respective party's candidates in a primary election. However, the Florida Constitution provides that if all candidates have the same party affiliation and the winner will have no opposition in the general election, all qualified voters, regardless of party affiliation, may vote in the primary election for that office. This is known as a Universal Primary Contest.

All voters, including those without party affiliation, are entitled to vote on nonpartisan judicial and school board races, nonpartisan special districts, and local referendum questions which are included in some primary elections.

(See Section 101.021, Florida Statutes)

Note: In a partisan race, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each contest in the primary election shall be declared nominated for such office. If two or more persons receive an equal and highest number of votes for the same office, they will draw lots to determine who shall receive the nomination. Names of nominated candidates with opposition from candidates of different party affiliations are placed on the general election ballot.

In nonpartisan races appearing on the primary ballot (county and circuit court judges and school board members), if more than two candidates are on the ballot and no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that office, the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed on the general election ballot. If more than two candidates receive an equal and highest number of votes, the name of each candidate receiving an equal and highest number of votes shall be placed on the general election ballot. In any contest in which there is a tie for second place and the candidate placing first did not receive a majority of the votes cast for such office, the name of the candidate placing first and the name of each candidate tying for second shall be placed on the general election ballot.

(See Sections 100. 061and 105.051, Florida Statutes)

General Election

A general election is held in November of each even-numbered year to choose a successor to any federal, state, county, or district officer whose term will expire before the next general election. All voters are eligible to vote in a general election regardless of party affiliation.

(See Sections 100. 031, Florida Statutes)

Presidential Preference Primary
A nonbinding election held every four years to give voters the chance to instruct party delegates of their nomination for President of the United States.

Nonpartisan Judicial Elections
Candidates for the Florida Supreme Court and District Courts of Appeal will appear on the ballot in the general election for a vote on their retention. Candidates for circuit and county court judge will appear on the primary ballot and on the general election ballot, if necessary.

(See Section 105.041, Florida Statutes)

Poll Watchers
Each political party, candidate, and political committee formed for the specific purpose of expressly advocating the passage or defeat of 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. Poll watchers may not interact with voters and must pose any questions regarding polling place procedures to the clerk of the polling place. 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.

(See Section 101.131, Florida Statutes)

Poll Workers
Poll clerks and inspectors are appointed by the Supervisor of Elections at least 20 days prior to an election and make up the election board. All poll workers must attend a poll worker training class. If you would like would like to work at the polls, please visit our website at www.jacksoncountysoe.org or call our office for more information.

(See Sections 102.012 and 102.014, Florida Statutes)

Vote by Mail

Who can Vote by Mail
All qualified (registered) voters are permitted to vote by mail under Florida Law.

(See Sections 97.021(1) and 101.62, Florida Statutes)

How to Vote by Mail
A voter, or if directly instructed by the voter, a member of the voter's immediate family or the voter's legal guardian, may request a vote-by-mail ballot from the Supervisor of Elections in person, by mail, by telephone, or online through the Supervisor of Elections' website. One request can cover all elections through the end of the calendar year following the second ensuing regularly scheduled general election. The person requesting a vote-by-mail ballot must disclose:

- The name of the voter for whom the ballot is requested;
- The voter's address;
- The voter's date of birth;
- The requester's name;
- If the requester is other than the voter, the following additional information must be provided:
  - *The requester's address;
  - *The requester's driver license number, if available;
  - *The requester's relationship to the voter; and
  - *The requester's signature (written request only).

A request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a voter must be received by the Supervisor of Elections no later than 5 p.m. on the sixth day before the election. Vote-by-Mail ballots will be mailed by **non-forwardable** mail to the voter's current mailing address on file with the supervisor of elections. If the ballot is requested to be mailed to an address other than the address on file, the request must be made in writing and signed by the voter.

However, voters covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) will not be required to submit a signed written request to have a vote-by-mail ballot mailed to an address that is different from the address on file. UOCAVA vote-by-mail ballots will be sent by **forwardable** mail, fax or email as specified by the voter in the request.

Instead of having the ballot mailed, a voter may pick up his or her ballot at any time after the ballots are printed but before 7 p.m. on Election Day. A designee may pick up a vote-by-mail ballot for a voter beginning the 5th day before Election Day. A designee may only pick up two vote-by-mail ballots per election, other than his or her own ballot or ballots for members of his or her immediate family. Designees must have written authorization from the voter, present a picture I.D., and sign an affidavit.

A vote-by-mail ballot may not be delivered to a voter or to a voter's immediate family member on Election Day unless there is an emergency to the extent that the elector will be unable to go to his or her assigned polling place.

Voted vote-by-mail ballots must be mailed or delivered in person reaching the Supervisor of Elections' office not later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. Do not return your voted vote-by-mail ballot to a polling place. If you have obtained a vote-by-mail ballot but want to vote in your precinct on Election Day, you should take the vote-by-mail ballot with you to the polls, whether or not it has been marked, so that it can be cancelled. If you are unable to return the vote-by-mail ballot, you may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

You may track the status of your vote-by-mail ballot at www.jacksoncountysoe.org or http://dos.myflorida.com/elections

(See Sections 101.62 and 101.69, Florida Statutes)

How to Vote by Mail Using the Optical Scan Ballot

Read the ballot carefully before marking for any candidate or issue.

Use black ink. Completely fill in the oval (●) by the candidate or issue of your choice. To vote for a write-in candidate, blacken the oval and write the name on the line provided. If you make a mistake or change your mind, contact the elections office for instructions. Fold the ballot and place in the secrecy sleeve. Place the secrecy sleeve in the certificate (return mailing) envelope. Sign and date the certificate envelope as instructed, and mail or return in person to the elections office by 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

Early Voting

A qualified voter may vote in person at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, Graceville City Hall, or Sneads City Hall. Dates and times for early voting sites will be announced prior to each election.

Jackson County uses optical scan paper ballots for Early Voting. Before being allowed to vote, you will be asked to present picture and signature identification. Upon verification of your information, an attendant will print your ballot . To vote, you simply fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate or issue of your choice. After you have finished marking your ballot, you will place it into a tabulator that reads and records your vote. A ballot-marking device with audio capabilities will be available at the early voting site for use by voters having a disability.

(See Section 101.657, Florida Statutes)

Violations

How to Report Election Law Violations

Violations of either the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, or the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), or any irregularities or fraud involving voter registration, voting, candidate petitions or issue petitions, or removal procedures 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, FL 32399-1050, (850) 245-6200. Complaint forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at: http://dos.myflorida.com/media/693271/dsde34.pdf

Violations relating to campaign financing, candidates, committees or other political activities under chapters 104 and 106, and section 105.071, Florida Statutes, should be reported by sworn written complaint to the *Florida Elections Commission*, Suite 224 Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-21050, (850) 922-4539.

The Florida Elections Commission is not affiliated with the Department of State, Division of Elections.

(See Section 106.25, Florida Statutes)

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

(See Sections 97.012(15), 97.023 and 97.028, Florida Statutes)

Jackson County Federal Officials

President (4 year term) — Next Election

Barack Obama (DEM) — 2016
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500
(202) 456-1414 Main Line
(202) 456-1111 Comment Line

Vice President (4 year term) — 2016

Joe Biden (DEM)
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C .20500
(202) 456-1414 Main Line

U.S. Senators (6 year term)

Bill Nelson (DEM) — 2018
716 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202) 224-5274

U.S. Courthouse Annex
111 N Adams Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 942-8415

Marco Rubio (REP) — 2016
284 Russell Senate Office Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202) 224-3041

402 South Monroe Street, Suite 2105E
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850)599-9100

U.S. House of Representatives (2 year term) — 2016

District 2

Gwen Graham (DEM)
1213Longworth HOB
Washington, D. C. 20515
(202) 225-5235

840 W 11th Street, Suite 2250
Panama City, FL 32401
(850) 785-0812

Jackson County State Officials

The Capitol, 400 S Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399

	Next Election
Governor (4 year term) Rick Scott (REP) (850) 488-7146	2018
Lieutenant Governor (4 year term) Carlos Lopez-Cantera (REP) (850) 717-9331	2018
Attorney General (4 year term) Pam Bondi (REP) (850) 414-3300	2018
Commissioner of Agriculture (4 year term) **and Consumer Services** Adam H. Putnam (REP) 1-800-435-7352	2018
Chief Financial Officer (4 year term) Jeff Atwater (REP) 200 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 1-877-693-5236	2018
State Attorney ,14th Circuit (4 year term) Glenn Hess (REP) P.O. Box 1040 Panama City, FL 32402 (850) 482-9555 (850) 872-4473	2016
Public Defender, 14th Circuit (4 year term) Herman Laramore (DEM) P.O. Box 636 Marianna, FL 32447 (850) 482-9366	2016
State Senator, District 2 (4 year term) (*Includes Bay, Holmes, Jackson, Walton, Washington, and part of Okaloosa Counties)* Don Gaetz (REP) 420 Senate Office Bldg 404 S Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 487-5001	2016

Jackson County State Officials

State House, District 5 (2 year term)
(Includes Holmes, Jackson, Walton, Washington, and part of Bay Counties) 2016

Brad Drake (REP)
1301The Capitol
402 S Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 717-5005

Administration Bldg, Room 186
Chipola College
3094 Indian Circle
Marianna, FL 32446
(850) 718-0047

Jackson County Constitutional Officials

Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller (4 year term) 2016
Dale R. Guthrie (DEM)
P.O. Box 510
Marianna, FL 32447
(850) 482-9552

Sheriff (4 year term) 2016
Lou Roberts (DEM)
P.O. Box 919
Marianna, FL 32447
(850) 482-9624

Property Appraiser (4 year term) 2016
Sharon D. Cox (DEM)
P.O. Box 1526
Marianna, FL 32447
(850) 482-9646

Tax Collector (4 year term) 2016
Sherry A. Brown (DEM)
P.O. Box 697
Marianna, FL 32447
(850) 482-9653 (Marianna Office)
(850) 263-3218 (Graceville Office)
(850) 593-6737 (Sneads Office)

Superintendent of Schools (4 year term) 2016
Steve Benton (DEM)
P.O. Box 5958
Marianna, FL 32447
(850) 482-1200

Supervisor of Elections (4 year term) 2016
Sylvia D. Stephens (DEM)
P.O. Box 6046
Marianna, FL 32447
(850) 482-9652

County Judge (6 year term) 2018
Douglas W. Mercer (NON)
P.O. Drawer 957
Marianna, FL 32447
(850) 482-9656

County Commissioners
(4 year term)

Administration Building
2864 Madison Street
Marianna, FL 32448

(County Commissioners must live in district
and are elected within district)

	Next Election
District 1 Willie Spires (DEM) (850) 573-1000 (850) 482-9633	2016
District 2 Clint Pate (REP) (850) 557-5218 (850) 482-9633	2018
District 3 Chuck Lockey (DEM) (850) 573-0997 (850) 482-9633	2016
District 4 Eric Hill (REP) (850) 557-5118 (850) 482-9633	2018
District 5 Kenneth Stephens (DEM) (850) 573-0998 (850) 482-9633	2016

School Board Members
(4 year term)
Nonpartisan Office

Jackson County School Board
2903 Jefferson Street
P.O. Box 5958
Marianna, FL 32447

(School Board Members must live in district
and are elected within district)

	Next Election
District 1 Terry Nichols (850) 482-1200	2018
District 2 Kenneth R. Griffin (850)482-1200	2016
District 3 Stacey B. Goodson (850) 482-1200	2016
District 4 Chris M. Johnson (850) 482-1200	2018
District 5 Charlotte M. Gardner (850) 482-1200	2018

Circuit Court Judges, 14th Judicial Circuit

(6 year term)

(Includes Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington Counties)

Nonpartisan			Next Election
Group 1	Allen L. Register	(850) 747-5341	2016
Group 2	Pete Mallory	(850) 747-5322	2016
Group 3	John L. Fishel, II	(850) 482-9659	2018
Group 4	William L. Wright	(850) 482-9078	2020
Group 5	Christopher N. Patterson	(850) 638-6255	2016
Group 6	Shonna Gay	(850) 747-5320	2018
Group 7	Hentz McClellan	(850) 747-5464	2020
Group 8	Brantley S. Clark, Jr.	(850) 747-5318	2016
Group 9	Michael C. Overstreet	(850) 747-5650	2020
Group 10	James B. Fensom	(850) 914-6485	2020
Group 11	Elijah Smiley	(850) 767-3341	2018

Special District

Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District

(4 year term)

2741 Penn Ave, Suite 6

Marianna, FL 32448

(850) 526-2610

Nonpartisan		Next Election
Group 1	Mack J. Glass	2016
Group 2	Gregory L. Hall	2018
Group 3	Thomas D. Stadsklev	2016
Group 4	Stephen Basford	2018
Group 5	Bennie E. Davis, Jr.	2016

City Election Information

Jackson County has 11 municipalities. Each municipality conducts its own elections. For information on qualifying to run for municipal office, city election dates, or polling locations for city elections, please contact the appropriate city clerk.

City Contact Information

City of Alford
(850) 579-4684

City of Bascom
(850) 569-2007

Town of Campbellton
(850) 263-4535

City of Cottondale
(850) 352-4361

City of Graceville
(850) 263-3250

Town of Grand Ridge
(850) 592-4621

Town of Greenwood
(850) 594-1216

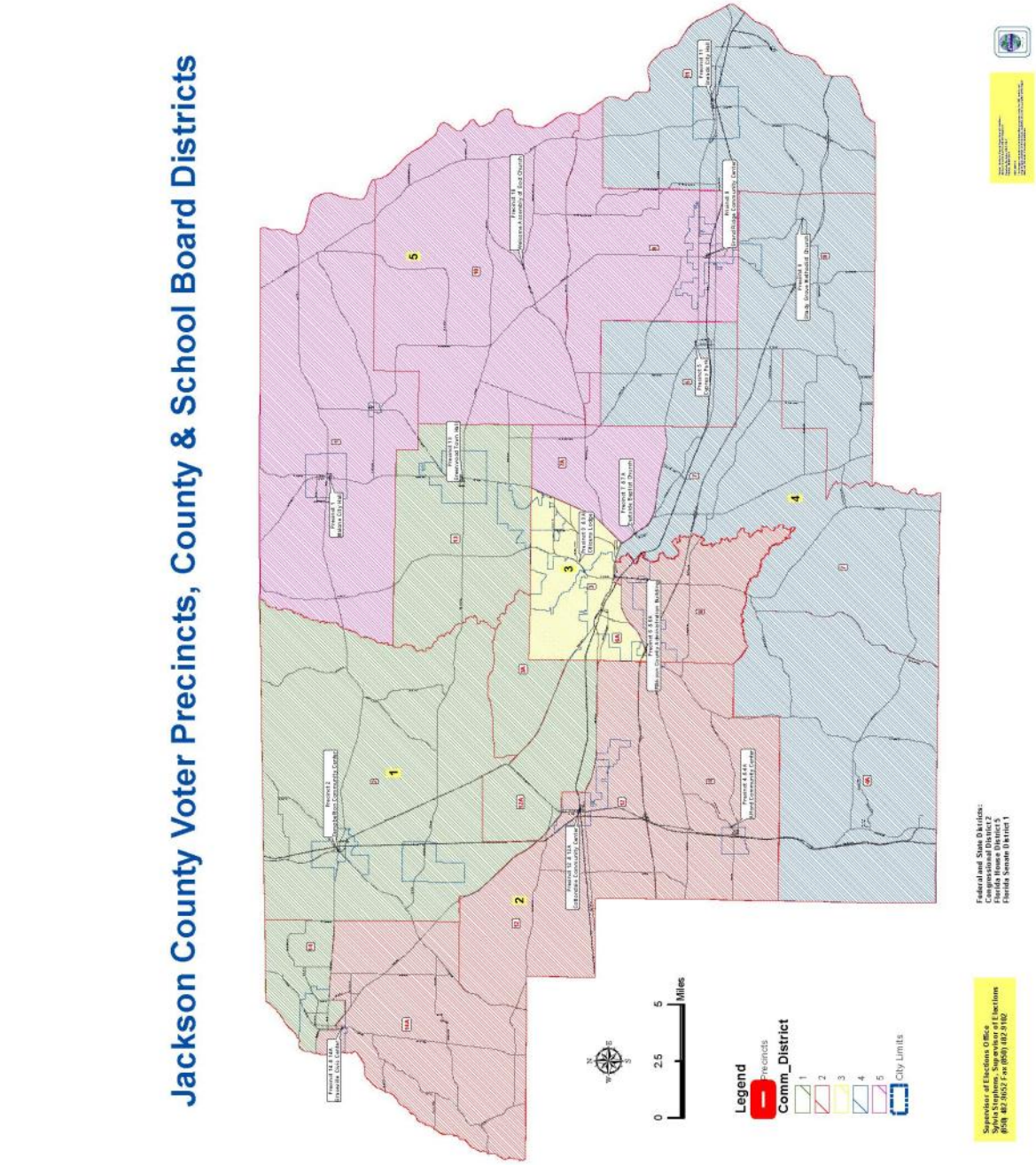
City of Jacob
(850) 263-6636

Town of Malone
(850) 569-2308

City of Marianna
(850) 482-4353

Town of Sneads
(850) 593-6636

Jackson County Precinct/District Map



Jackson County Precinct Numbers and Polling Locations

Precinct #	Polling Location
1	Malone City Hall 5182 9th Ave, Malone
2	Campbellton City Hall 2336 Hwy 2, Campbellton
3	Citizen's Lodge 4574 Lodge Drive, Marianna
4	Alford Community Center 2562 Park Ave., Alford
5	Cypress Park 6248 Hwy 90, Cypress
6	County Commissioner's Admin. Bldg 2864 Madison St., Marianna
7	Eastside Baptist Church 4785 Hwy 90, Marianna
8	Shady Grove Methodist Church 7305 Birchwood Rd., Grand Ridge
9	Grand Ridge Community Center 6910 Hall St., Grand Ridge
10	Welcome Assembly of God Church 6794 Messer Rd., Grand Ridge
11	Sneads City Hall 2028 Third Ave., Sneads
12	Cottondale Community Center 2666 Front St., Cottondale
13	Greenwood Town Hall 4207 Bryan St., Greenwood
14	Graceville Civic Center 5224 Brown St., Graceville

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.

Voter's Responsibilities

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.

NOTE TO VOTER: Failure to perform any of these responsibilities does not prohibit a voter from voting.

(See Section 101.031(2), Florida Statutes)